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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 26, 2016**

**MORNINGSTAR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-51280**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3297908**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**22 West Washington Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60602**  
(Zip Code)

**(312) 696-6000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 26, 2016, Morningstar issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of 22 cents per share payable April 29, 2016, to shareholders of record as of April 8, 2016. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 26, 2016.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MORNINGSTAR, INC.

Date: February 29, 2016

By: /s/ Heidi Miller  
Name: Heidi Miller  
Title: Corporate Secretary



## News Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Morningstar, Inc. Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend of 22 Cents Per Share**

CHICAGO, Feb. 26, 2016—The board of directors of Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today declared a quarterly dividend of 22 cents per share. The dividend is payable April 29, 2016, to shareholders of record as of April 8, 2016.

#### **About Morningstar, Inc.**

Morningstar, Inc. is a leading provider of independent investment research in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. The company offers an extensive line of products and services for individual investors, financial advisors, asset managers, and retirement plan providers and sponsors. Morningstar provides data on more than 510,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles, along with real-time global market data on more than 17 million equities, indexes, futures, options, commodities, and precious metals, in addition to foreign exchange and Treasury markets. Morningstar also offers investment management

services through its investment advisory subsidiaries, with more than \$180 billion in assets under advisement and management as of Dec. 31, 2015. The company has operations in 27 countries.

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