

Morningstar, Inc.
Form 8-K
December 07, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 4, 2015**

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)

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(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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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On December 4, 2015, Morningstar, Inc. issued a press release announcing that Robin Diamonte, vice president and chief investment officer for United Technologies Corp., was appointed to serve on its board of directors. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. The information set forth in Exhibit 99.1 is hereby incorporated by reference in Item 5.02(d).

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 4, 2015, Morningstar issued a press release announcing that its board of directors has approved a quarterly cash dividend of 22 cents per share payable January 29, 2016 to shareholders of record as of January 8, 2016 and an increase to the company's share repurchase authorization from \$700 million to \$1.0 billion. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Include the following information:

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued December 4, 2015 regarding Robin Diamonte. |
| 99.2 | Press Release issued December 4, 2015 regarding quarterly dividend and share repurchase program. |

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: December 7, 2015

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