

Gallaher Timothy J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Gallaher Timothy J		(Month/Day/Year)	MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		08/17/2006		
1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP, Investor Relations	
MINNEAPOLIS,Â MNÂ 55416			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	875	I	By 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	05/01/2006	05/01/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 15.0759	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	02/18/2011	Common Stock	1,300	\$ 19.3208	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	02/16/2015	Common Stock	3,100	\$ 20.51	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	02/15/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 27.245	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gallaher Timothy J 1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416	Â	Â	Â VP, Investor Relations	Â

Signatures

Teresa H. Johnson on behalf of Timothy J.
Gallaher

08/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 18, 2005.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 16, 2006.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2007.

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