

Morningstar, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**



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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 29, 2010**

**MORNINGSTAR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**

**000-51280**

**36-3297908**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**22 West Washington Street**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**60602**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On January 29, 2010, Morningstar, Inc. issued a press release announcing that Hugh Zentmyer, the former executive vice president of Illinois Tool Works Inc., was appointed to serve on its board of directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information set forth in Exhibit 99.1 is hereby incorporated by reference in Item 5.02(d).

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

Include the following information:

(d) Exhibits:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued January 29, 2010.

**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 1, 2010

By: /s/ Richard Robbins  
Name: Richard Robbins  
Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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