Morningstar, Inc. Form 8-K December 29, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | |
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| FORM 8-K | | | |
| CURRENT REPORT | | | |
| 1 | Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of | | |
| tl | he Securities Exchange Act of 1934 | | |
| Date of Repo | ort (Date of earliest event reported): December | r 29, 2008 | |
| N | ORNINGSTAR, INC. | | |
| (Exa | act name of registrant as specified in its charter | r) | |
| Illinois (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 000-51280 (Commission File Number) | 36-3297908 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) | |
| 225 West Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois | | 60606 | |
| (Address of principal executive off | ices) | (Zip Code) | |

(312) 696-6000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

| | neck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of e following provisions: |
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| 0 | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |
| 0 | 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 December 29, 2008, Morningstar, Inc., an Illinois corporation, issued a press release announcing that it had completed its previously announced acquisition of the business operations of InvestData (Proprietary) Limited, a leading provider of fund information in South Africa, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Include the following information:

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued December 29, 2008.

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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 29, 2008 By: /s/ Scott Cooley

Name: Scott Cooley

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued December 29, 2008.

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