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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Rueda Maria Issuer Symbol HEARTLAND PAYMENT (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [HPY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT 04/18/2013 Chief Financial Officer SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PRINCETON, NJ 08542 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common Stock, par value 04/18/2013 M 12,500 \$0 17,277 D Α \$0.001 per share Common Stock, par D $F^{(1)}$ 4,224 04/18/2013 13,053 D value \$0.001 per

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Common

Stock, par

 $S^{(2)}$ 30.82 4,777 D value 04/18/2013 8,276 D (3)

\$0.001 per share

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (4)	\$ 0	04/18/2013		M		12,500	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	12,500

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

> > Chief Financial Officer

Rueda Maria

C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.

90 NASSAU STREET

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

# **Signatures**

/s/ Maria Rueda 04/19/2013 \*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

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Shares were withheld from the reporting person, in an exempt transaction under Rule 16b-3, solely to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of the restricted stock described in this Form 4.

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 12, 2012.
- This price is the weighted average price of the 8,276 shares sold. The prices of the shares of the common stock of Heartland Payment

  Systems, Inc. (the "Issuer") sold ranged from \$30.69 to \$31.09. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the SEC Staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range of prices actually sold.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- On April 18, 2011, the restricted stock units were granted with vesting in four equal annual installments over a four year period. As of the date of this filing, 12,500 of the restricted stock units have vested and 37,500 restricted stock units remain unvested. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.

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