# 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): July 20, 2005

Commission file number 001-16111

# GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Georgia (State or other jurisdiction of

58-2567903 (I.R.S. Employer

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incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30328-3495 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 770-829-8234

#### **NONE**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

- " Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the flowing provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
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- 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 July 19, 2005, the Board of Directors of Global Payments Inc., or the Company, approved a 2-for-1 split of its common stock, no par value, effected in the form of a stock dividend. As a result of the stock split, shareholders will receive one additional share of common stock for every share held on the record date of October 14, 2005. The additional shares will be mailed or delivered on or about October 28, 2005 by the Company s transfer agent, SunTrust Bank. On July 20, 2005, Global Payments Inc. issued a press release announcing the 2-for-1 stock split.

The press release relating to the 2-for-1 stock split is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	
Number	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated July 20, 2005

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Global Payments Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: July 20, 2005

By: /s/ James G. Kelly
James G. Kelly

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)