

MEDIA GENERAL INC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD.  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED, THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL (Street)  DUBLIN, L2 0000 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/16/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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)
Class A Common Stock	2,705,647 <u>(1)</u> <u>(6)</u>	D	^
Class A Common Stock	2,705,647 <u>(2)</u> <u>(6)</u>	I	By Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd.
Class A Common Stock	1,352,807 <u>(3)</u> <u>(6)</u>	D	^
Class A Common Stock	1,352,807 <u>(4)</u> <u>(6)</u>	I	By Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P.
Class A Common Stock	1,000 <u>(5)</u> <u>(6)</u>	D	^

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

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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 (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LIMITED THIRD FL, BISHOP'S SQUARE REDMOND'S HILL DUBLIN, L2 0000	^	^ X	^	^
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS OFFSHORE MANAGER, L.L.C. ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	^	^ X	^	^
HMC INVESTORS, L.L.C. ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	^	^ X	^	^
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS GP, LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
HMC - NEW YORK, INC. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
HARBERT MANAGEMENT CORP ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	^	^ X	^	^

FALCONE PHILIP  
555 MADISON AVE  
16TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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HARBERT RAYMOND J  
ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244

^ ^ X ^ ^

LUCE MICHAEL D  
ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244

^ ^ X ^ ^

## Signatures

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd.(+), By: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

HMC Investors, L.L.C., By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., By: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, By: HMC-New York, Inc., Managing Member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, By: /s/ HMC-New York, Inc., Managing member, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

HMC-New York, Inc., By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Harbert Management Corporation, By: /s/ William R. Lucas, Jr. 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Philip Falcone 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Raymond J. Harbert 01/28/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Michael D. Luce 01/28/2008

\_\_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) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.

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(2) These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("Harbinger Management"), the investment manager of the Master Fund, HMC Investors, L.L.C., its managing member ("HMC Investors"), Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), the managing member of HMC Investors, Philip Falcone, a shareholder of HMC and the portfolio manager of the Master Fund, Raymond J. Harbert, a shareholder of HMC, and Michael D. Luce, a shareholder of HMC. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

(3) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (the "Special Situations Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.

(4) These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC ("HCPSS"), HMC-New York, Inc. ("HMCNY"), HMC, Philip Falcone, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael Luce. HCPSS is the general partner of the Special Situations Fund. HMCNY is the managing member of HCPSS. HMC wholly owns HMCNY. Philip Falcone is the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund and is a shareholder of HMC. Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce are shareholders of HMC. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

(5) The securities are owned by F. Jack Liebau, Jr. ("Mr. Liebau"), a Reporting Person. They are held in an account jointly owned by Mr. Liebau and his spouse.

(6) As a result of Mr. Liebau's nomination for election as a director of the Issuer and other relationship as described in the Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 2, filed on January 25, 2008, the Reporting Persons may each be deemed to be the beneficial owners of all of the Shares beneficially owned by each of the other Reporting Persons.

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#### Remarks:

(+)Â Â GivenÂ thatÂ theÂ EDGARÂ systemÂ limitsÂ itsÂ filersÂ toÂ aÂ maximumÂ ofÂ tenÂ insiderÂ CIKsÂ onÂ aÂ f  
Â LiebauÂ hasÂ reportedÂ hisÂ insiderÂ statusÂ onÂ aÂ separateÂ FormÂ 3.

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