#### MEDIA GENERAL INC

Form 4

November 12, 2008

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SITUATIONS FUND, L.P.

MEDIA GENERAL INC [MEG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Zin)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director Officer (give title

\_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_X\_ Other (specify

555 MADISON AVENUE, 16TH

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 11/10/2008

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) below) See Remarks

**FLOOR** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)

Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City)	(State)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/10/2008		S	3,000	D	\$ 6.5	1,349,807	D (1) (5) (6) (7)	
Common Stock	11/10/2008		S	14,350	D	\$ 6.4572	1,335,457	D (1) (5) (6) (7)	
Common Stock	11/10/2008		S	3,200	D	\$ 6.2094	1,332,257	D (1) (5) (6) (7)	
Common Stock	11/11/2008		S	45,000	D	\$ 5.5683	1,287,257	D (1) (5) (6) (7)	
Common Stock	11/11/2008		S	200	D	\$ 5.6225	1,287,057	$D_{\underbrace{(7)}}{(5)} \underbrace{(6)}_{\underbrace{(7)}}$	

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Common Stock	11/11/2008	S	4,400	D	\$ 5.602	1,282,657	D (1) (5) (6) (7)	
Common Stock						2,705,647	I	See Footnote (1) (2) (3) (4)

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)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code \	/ (A) (D)	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 SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		See Remarks	
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS GP, LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		See Remarks	
HMC - NEW YORK, INC. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR		X		See Remarks	

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NEW	YORK.	NY	10022

HARBERT MANAGEMENT CORP 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	See Remarks
FALCONE PHILIP 555 MADISON AVE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	See Remarks
HARBERT RAYMOND J 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	See Remarks
LUCE MICHAEL D 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	See Remarks
Signatures	
Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (+), By: Harbinger Capital Partner Special Situations GP, LLC (+), By: HMC-New York, Inc., By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick	rs 11/12/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC (+), By: HMC-New York, Inc., By:	11/12/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

11/12/2008

HMC-New York, Inc.(+), By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick

/s/ Joel B. Piassick

By: /s/ Philip Falcone (+)

11/12/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date 11/12/2008

Harbert Management Corporation(+), By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

11/12/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: /s/ Raymond J. Harbert (+)

11/12/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: /s/ Michael D. Luce (+)

11/12/2008 Date

# **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).
- (1) IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SECURITIES SET FORTH IN THIS REPORT ARE DIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. AND/OR HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. (COLLECTIVELY, THE "FUNDS"). ALL OTHER ENTITIES AND PERSONS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS REPORT DUE TO THEIR AFFILIATION WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THE FUNDS.
- (2) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the "Master Fund").

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- These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following persons: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore

  Manager, L.L.C. ("Harbinger Manager"), the investment manager of the Master Fund, HMC Investors, L.L.C., the managing member of Harbinger Manager ("HMC Investors"), Philip Falcone, the portfolio manager of the Master Fund and a member of HMC Investors, Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC Investors.
- Each entity or person listed in Footnotes 2 and 3 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 entity or 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) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (the "Special Situations Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.
  - These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following, each of whom is a Reporting Person: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC ("HCPSS"), the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, HMC-New York, Inc.
- (6) ("HMCNY"), the managing member of HCPSS, Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), the parent of HMCNY, Philip Falcone, the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund and a shareholder of HMC, Raymond J. Harbert, a shareholder of HMC, and Michael Luce, a shareholder of HMC.
- Each Reporting Person listed in Footnotes 5 and 6 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.

### **Remarks:**

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