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

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

MOODY S CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3998945
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Moody's Corporation

7 WTC at 250 Greenwich Street

New York, New York 10007

(Address, including zip code, of Registrant's principal executive office)

Amended and Restated 2001 Moody's Corporation Key Employees

Stock Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

John J. Goggins, Esq.

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Moody's Corporation

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New York, New York 10007

(212) 553-0300

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's agent for service)

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Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller reporting company ☐

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of	Amount	Proposed	Proposed	Amount of
		Maximum		
Securities to be Registered	to be	Offering Price	Maximum	Registration Fee
	Registered(a)	Per Share(b)	Offering Price(b)	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	7,000,000	\$27.09	\$189,595,000	\$13,519

- (a) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this registration statement covers any additional securities which become issuable under the Amended and Restated 2001 Moody's Corporation Key Employees Stock Incentive Plan as a result of any stock split, stock dividend or similar transactions effected without receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding.
- (b) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h)(1) under the Securities Act, the proposed maximum offering price per share, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price and the amount of registration fee have been computed on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on November 17, 2010.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is filed by Moody's Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company or the Registrant), in order to register 7,000,000 additional shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), for issuance pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2001 Moody's Corporation Key Employees Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan). This Plan was described in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and was approved at this meeting on April 20, 2010. In accordance with the instructional Note to Part I of Form S-8 as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission), the information specified by Part I of Form S-8 has been omitted from this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents filed by Moody's Corporation (the Company or the Registrant) with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K filed pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or latest prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that contains audited financial statements for the Registrant's latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed;
- (b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Registrant's latest Annual Report or prospectus referred to in (a) above;
- (c) The description of the Company's capital stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 10/A-2 filed on June 18, 1998, including any amendment or report updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that the documents listed above or subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act in each year during which the offering made by this Registration Statement is in effect prior to the filing with the Commission of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K covering such year shall cease to be Incorporated Documents or be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement from and after the filing of such Annual Reports. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless specifically stated to the contrary, none of the information that the Company discloses under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K that it may from time to time furnish to the Commission will be incorporated by reference into, or otherwise included in, this Registration Statement.

Any statement, including financial statements, contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or therein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

The Company's Exchange Act file number with the Commission is 001-14037.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not required.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

John J. Goggins, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Company, has rendered an opinion as to the validity of the Common Stock offered hereby. As of November 19, 2010, Mr. Goggins owned 44,152 shares of Common Stock (including 42,408 shares of restricted stock) and held options to purchase 396,902 shares of Common Stock.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware empowers a Delaware corporation to indemnify any persons who are, or are threatened to be made, parties to any threatened, pending or completed legal action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided that such officer, director, employee or agent acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, and, for criminal proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. A Delaware corporation may indemnify officers and directors in an action by or in the right of the corporation under the same conditions, except that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer or director is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him against the expenses which such officer or director actually and reasonably incurred.

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that the Company shall indemnify directors and officers made party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including appeals, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware. Such indemnification shall continue after an individual ceases to be an officer or director and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation also provides that a director of the Company shall not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as the same exists or may hereafter be amended.

The indemnification rights conferred by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company are not exclusive of any other right to which a person seeking indemnification may otherwise be entitled. The Company will also provide liability insurance for the directors and officers for certain losses arising from claims or charges made against them while acting in their capacities as directors or officers.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Registration Statement:

Exhibit

No.	Description
4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended effective June 30, 1998, and as further amended effective October 1, 2000 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2000) and effective April 26, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 27, 2005).

4.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 25, 2008).
5.1	Opinion of John Goggins, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel.
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP.
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
23.3	Consent of John J. Goggins (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page).
99.1	The Amended and Restated Moody's Corporation 2001 Key Employees' Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Form 8-K filed on April 26, 2010).

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales of the securities registered hereby are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof; and

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities: The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are

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offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser: (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant; (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(b) That, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions and arrangements that exist whereby the Registrant may indemnify such persons against liabilities arising under the Securities Act, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on this 19th day of November, 2010.

MOODY S CORPORATION

By: /s/ JOHN J. GOGGINS
John J. Goggins
 Senior Vice President and General Counsel

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Moody s Corporation, do hereby constitute and appoint John J. Goggins and Linda S. Huber, and each of them acting alone, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents may deem necessary or advisable to enable said Registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in connection with this Registration Statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) and supplements hereto and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents shall do or cause to be done or have done or caused to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ RAYMOND W. MCDANIEL, JR. Raymond W. McDaniel, Jr.	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	November 19, 2010
/s/ LINDA S. HUBER Linda S. Huber	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	November 19, 2010
/s/ JOSEPH McCABE Joseph McCabe	Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller (principal accounting officer)	November 19, 2010
/s/ BASIL L. ANDERSON Basil L. Anderson	Director	November 19, 2010
/s/ DARRELL DUFFIE Darrell Duffie	Director	November 19, 2010
/s/ ROBERT R. GLAUBER Robert R. Glauber	Director	November 19, 2010
/s/ EWALD KIST Ewald Kist	Director	November 19, 2010
/s/ CONNIE MACK Connie Mack	Director	November 19, 2010

/s/ HENRY A. MCKINNELL, JR.
Henry A. McKinnell, Jr.

Director

November 19, 2010

/s/ NANCY S. NEWCOMB
Nancy S. Newcomb

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/s/ JOHN K. WULFF
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Director

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