SUNGARD DATA SYSTEMS INC Form 8-A12B/A March 28, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A/A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

SunGard Data Systems Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation or organization)

51-0267091 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

680 East Swedesford Road

Wayne, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

19087 (Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

Preferred Share Purchase Rights

New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. x

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to
General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. "
Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-116617 (if applicable)
Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
Preferred Share Purchase Rights
Title of Class

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM 8-A

This Amendment No. 1 amends and supplements the Registration Statement on Form 8-A (the Form 8-A) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 21, 2000 by SunGard Data Systems Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), as set forth below.

Item 1. Description of Registrant s Securities to Be Registered.

The Company announced that it has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 27, 2005 (the Merger Agreement), with Solar Capital Corp., a Delaware corporation (Merger Co), pursuant to which Merger Co will merge with and into the Company (the Merger), with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation.

Immediately prior to the execution of the Merger Agreement, the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the Rights Agent) entered into an amendment (the Rights Agreement Amendment) to the Rights Agreement dated as of July 18, 2000 (the Rights Agreement), which provides that neither the execution of the Merger Agreement nor the consummation of the Merger will trigger the provisions of the Rights Agreement.

In particular, the Rights Agreement Amendment provides that neither Merger Co nor any of its affiliates (the Exempted Persons) shall be deemed to be an Acquiring Person, and neither a Distribution Date nor a Shares Acquisition Date shall be deemed to have occurred, in each case solely by virtue of or as a result of (i) any agreements, arrangements or understandings among the Exempted Persons in connection with the Merger Agreement or the Merger, (ii) the execution and delivery of the Merger Agreement or (iii) the acquisition of any Shares pursuant to the Merger Agreement or the consummation of the Merger. The Rights Agreement Amendment also redefines Expiration Date to include a potential earlier date and time at which the Merger becomes effective.

The foregoing description of the Rights Agreement Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Rights Agreement Amendment, which is filed as an exhibit hereto, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

4.1 Amendment No. 1, dated as of March 27, 2005, to the Rights Agreement dated as of July 18, 2000 between SunGard Data Systems Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as rights agent (incorporated by reference to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 28, 2005).

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

SUNGARD DATA SYSTEMS INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Ruane Name: Michael J. Ruane

Title: Senior Vice President-Finance and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 28, 2005