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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

☒ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

Or

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-31240

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN OF NEWMONT

(Title of Plan)

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

NEWMONT MINING CORPORATION

(Issuer of Securities)

6363 South Fiddler s Green Circle

Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

(Principal Executive Office)

Newmont

Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont

Financial Statements at December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and Supplemental Schedule at December 31, 2011.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrator of the

Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont (the Plan) at December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Causey Demgen & Moore Inc.

Causey Demgen & Moore Inc.

Denver, Colorado

June 20, 2012

Newmont

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	At December 31,	
	2011	2010
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in registered investment companies	\$ 295,087,578	\$ 286,075,027
Investments in employer stock	74,076,482	70,054,822
Total investments, at fair value	369,164,060	356,129,849
Notes receivable from participants	12,251,995	10,412,376
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 381,416,055	\$ 366,542,225

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Newmont*Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont***Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
(Deductions from) Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income		
Dividend income, common stock	\$ 1,207,507	\$ 566,902
Dividend income, registered investment companies	6,111,581	4,528,108
Net (depreciation) appreciation in the fair value of investments (Notes 2 and 3)	(10,728,700)	38,698,776
Other additions	7,770	40,272
Net investment (loss) income	(3,401,842)	43,834,058
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	522,123	534,299
Contributions (Note 1)		
Employer, net of forfeitures applied	17,244,855	15,632,207
Participant	24,552,685	22,361,047
Rollover	3,245,949	1,096,705
Total contributions	45,043,489	39,089,959
Total additions	42,163,770	83,458,316
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Payment of benefits	(28,540,584)	(25,934,869)
Administrative and other expenses	(181,682)	(182,197)
Total deductions	(28,722,266)	(26,117,066)
Increase in net assets before net transfers	13,441,504	57,341,250
Transfers		
Transfers in from Retirement Savings Plan for Hourly-Rated Employees of Newmont	1,565,782	4,040,490
Transfers out to Retirement Savings Plan for Hourly-Rated Employees of Newmont	(133,456)	(227,494)
Net transfers	1,432,326	3,812,996
Increase in net assets	14,873,830	61,154,246
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	366,542,225	305,387,979
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ 381,416,055	\$ 366,542,225

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2011 and 2010

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

The Plan was established effective July 1, 1973 by Newmont Mining Corporation and its affiliates (the Company) to qualify as a defined contribution, profit sharing plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company. Effective January 1, 2009, the Plan was amended and restated. The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). Benefits under the plan are not subject to guarantee by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Administration

Trustee, record keeping and investment management services are performed by The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, a member of the Vanguard Group, Inc.

The Plan is administered by the Administration Committee. The Administration Committee may retain independent advisors and consultants, and is responsible for administration and for managing the Plan's activities. Newmont USA Limited, a delegate of the Company, appoints members of the Investment Committee and the Investment Committee reviews and selects the investment fund options offered under the Plan.

Eligibility and Contributions

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after performing one hour of service. Participants may elect to contribute to the Plan, on a pre-tax or after-tax basis or combination thereof, from 1% to 100% of the Plan eligible compensation to a maximum of \$16,500 on a pre-tax basis for the 2011 and 2010 Plan years. The Plan allows for Roth contributions, which are after-tax contributions tracked in a separate account, but subject to the same limitations set forth above.

The Company's matching contribution for each eligible active participant, is limited to 6% of his or her compensation. Participant's contributions are matched by the Company in Company common stock. The number of Company shares contributed is based on the market price at the date of contribution. Total matching contributions were limited to a maximum of \$12,000 per participant for 2011 and 2010. Participants are allowed to divest their Company common stock at any time.

All employees who are eligible to make elective deferrals under this Plan and who have attained age 50 before the close of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions beyond the pre-tax limit to catch-up retirement savings. The limit for catch-up contribution in the Plan for 2011 and 2010 was \$5,500.

In addition, the maximum contributions and other additions (including all other defined contribution plans sponsored by the Company) for the plan year of a participant under the Plan may not exceed the lesser of \$49,000 in 2011 and 2010 or 100% of the eligible compensation paid to the participant by the Company in such plan year. Annual additions are defined to include participant's contributions, the Company's matching contributions and retirement contributions.

Hourly non-union employees receive an additional retirement Company contribution to the participant's Retirement Contribution Account equal to an amount determined by the Company. Retirement contributions are subject to and included with the contribution limit, as described above. Retirement contributions are participant directed.

The Plan also allows rollover contributions of part or all of an eligible rollover distribution received by a participant from a qualified plan of a previous employer.

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Vesting

Participants are fully vested in their contributions and are vested in employer matching contributions and, with respect to hourly non-union employees, retirement contributions 20% after one year of service, 40% after two years of service, 60% after three years of service and 100% after four years of service. Additionally, participants become fully vested in Company contributions upon death, disability or retirement. Terminated participants are subject to the vesting schedule in place at the time of their termination of employment with the Company.

Non-vested balances of employees who terminate are forfeited and used to reduce subsequent Company contributions to the Plan and pay administrative expenses of the Plan. Unallocated forfeited balances amounted to \$1,358,849 and \$1,082,839 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Participant Accounts

Separate accounts are maintained for each participant and are credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions and rollover contributions, if any, including the allocations of earnings and losses to these accounts calculated daily based on participant account balances. Participants direct their investments by electing the percentages of their accounts and contributions to be allocated between investment fund alternatives. Participants may make unlimited changes in their future investment allocations or make transfers of existing balances between investment fund alternatives. With respect to participant contributions, participants may not elect to increase their investments in Company stock in excess of 20% of an individual participant's account balance.

Payment of Benefits, Withdrawals and Transfers

At the time of a participant's retirement, death or disability, the vested balances in all of his or her accounts will be paid in a lump sum. Upon termination of employment for reasons other than retirement, death or disability, participants are entitled to receive a lump sum payment for the value of the non-forfeitable portion of their account. Such lump sum payments may result in adverse tax consequences for the participant. Participants with vested account balances of \$1,000 or less are required to roll their account balances into an IRA rollover account or another qualified benefit plan or receive a lump sum distribution. Participants with account balances in excess of \$1,000 may choose to leave their account balances in the Plan.

In order to facilitate efficient Plan administration and disclosure, the Plan permits the automatic transfer of accounts held under the Plan to the Retirement Savings Plan for Hourly Rated Employees of Newmont and any other defined contribution plan maintained by the Company or its controlled group members when a participant becomes an active participant in such other plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their individual plan account, with a minimum amount of \$1,000 and a maximum amount equal to the lesser of 50% of such participant's vested balance or \$50,000. The interest rate on such loans is the prime rate in effect at the time the loan is taken plus one percent and is fixed over the term of the loan. The repayment period may be up to five years for a general loan, or up to 15 years for the purchase of a principal residence.

Plan Termination

Although the Company expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, the Company has the right under the Plan document to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan (full termination) subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of full termination or termination with respect to a group or class of participants (partial termination), the unvested portion of Company contributions for participants subject to such full termination or partial termination will become fully vested and non-forfeitable.

2. Significant Accounting Principles
Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America on the accrual basis of accounting. Trades are recorded on the trade date. Interest is accrued when earned and dividends are accrued when declared.

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Valuation of Investments

All of the Plan's investments are maintained in mutual funds and a Company stock fund, which are valued using quoted market prices from the respective securities' principal active exchange. The net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments for the period is included in the determination of net investment gain (loss) as reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent loans are treated as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document. These notes have interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50% and mature from January 2012 through October 2021.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options in a combination of mutual funds and Company stock. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Payments of Benefits

Payments of benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

Administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan are paid through the use of forfeitures and by the Company.

Administrative expenses include recordkeeping fees, trustee fees, audit fees, account maintenance fees and legal fees. Participant loan origination fees are excluded from administrative expenses and deducted from participants' accounts as they are paid directly by the participants to the trustee.

Plan-related expenses of \$24,564 and \$36,130 were paid by the Company for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

3. Investments

Plan participants have the following investment options: Templeton Developing Markets Trust - Class A, Vanguard Institutional Index Fund, Vanguard Capital Opportunity Fund Admiral Shares, Vanguard Explorer Fund Investor Shares, Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund Investor Shares, Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares, Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Investor Shares, Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund, Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Investor Shares, Vanguard Target Retirement 2005 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund, Vanguard Target

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Retirement 2030 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund, Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Institutional Shares, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares, Vanguard Windsor II Fund Admiral Shares, and Newmont Mining Stock Fund. Participants are able to allocate and reallocate account balances among these funds on a daily basis. All investments are participant directed.

Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont**Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2011 and 2010**

The fair value of individual investments that represented 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were as follows:

	2011	2010
Investment Funds		
Vanguard 500 Index Fund Investor Shares	\$*	\$ 40,485,610
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	41,517,793	*
Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth Fund	*	21,511,168
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	57,004,924	53,299,778
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Investor Shares	*	24,236,130
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Institutional Shares	28,602,622	*
Newmont Mining Stock Fund	74,076,482	70,054,822

* The fair value of these investments represents less than 5% of the Plan's net assets at December 31.

The reconciliation of net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of the Plan's investments at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were as follows:

	2011	2010
Net realized (loss) gain on sale of assets, common stock	\$ (17,274)	\$ 2,213,884
Net realized (loss) gain on sale of registered investment companies	(3,447,874)	728,707
Unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of assets, common stock	(1,241,502)	13,780,170
Unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of registered investment companies	(6,022,050)	21,976,015
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of the Plan's investments	\$ (10,728,700)	\$ 38,698,776

4. Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont**Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2011 and 2010**

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Investments in registered investment companies: Valued at its year end quoted market price.

Investments in employer stock: Valued at its year-end unit closing price (comprised of year-end market price reported on the active market plus uninvested cash position).

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value at December 31, 2011:

	Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies:				
Large cap blend funds	\$ 41,517,793	\$	\$	\$ 41,517,793
Mid cap blend funds	9,465,390			9,465,390
Small cap blend funds	10,569,987			10,569,987
International blend funds	5,294,932			5,294,932
Large cap growth funds	8,413,062			8,413,062
Mid cap growth funds	14,672,076			14,672,076
International growth funds	21,948,415			21,948,415
Large cap value funds	10,034,321			10,034,321
Balanced funds	87,564,056			87,564,056
Money market funds	57,004,924			57,004,924
Intermediate term bond funds	28,602,622			28,602,622
Total registered investment companies	295,087,578			295,087,578
Employer stock	74,076,482			74,076,482
	\$ 369,164,060	\$	\$	\$ 369,164,060

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value at December 31, 2010:

	Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2010			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies:				
Large cap blend funds	\$ 40,485,611	\$	\$	\$ 40,485,611

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Mid cap blend funds	9,530,861	9,530,861
Small cap blend funds	10,688,415	10,688,415
International blend funds	5,772,636	5,772,636
Large cap growth funds	8,635,928	8,635,928
Mid cap growth funds	16,349,100	16,349,100
International growth funds	27,076,372	27,076,372
Large cap value funds	10,029,126	10,029,126
Balanced funds	79,971,070	79,971,070
Money market funds	53,299,778	53,299,778
Intermediate term bond funds	24,236,130	24,236,130
Total registered investment companies	286,075,027	286,075,027
Employer stock	70,054,822	70,054,822
	\$ 356,129,849	\$ \$ 356,129,849

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5. Tax Status of the Plan

The Plan received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as to the qualified status of the Plan on May 13, 2009. Although the Plan has been amended since receipt of the determination letter, the Plan remains a qualified plan and is not subject to tax. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been recorded.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the plan and has concluded that at December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for the years prior to 2008.

6. Related Party Transactions

The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company acts as trustee for only those investments as defined in the Plan. Also, certain Plan assets are invested in shares of Company stock. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions that are exempt from prohibited transaction rules as defined by ERISA. Administrative fees paid by the Trust for Trustee services were \$144,036 and \$145,733 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

7. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2011. There have been no material events noted which would impact the results reflected in this report, the Plan's results going forward or require additional disclosure.

Newmont

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Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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	Cost	Current Value Year Ended December 31, 2011
Investment Funds:		
Templeton Developing Markets Trust Class A	**	\$ 9,609,834
*Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	**	41,517,793
*Vanguard Capital Opportunity Fund Admiral Shares	**	14,672,076
*Vanguard Explorer Fund Investor Shares	**	3,945,578
*Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund Investor Shares	**	9,465,390
*Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	**	12,338,581
*Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Investor Shares	**	8,413,062
*Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	**	57,004,924
*Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Investor Shares	**	6,624,409
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2005 Fund	**	647,350
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund	**	4,348,801
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	**	9,149,104
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	**	14,979,363
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	**	14,431,402
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	**	9,761,513
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	**	5,358,478
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	**	3,760,436
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	**	3,030,845
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	**	2,249,393
*Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	**	112,828
*Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	**	1,697,957
*Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Institutional Shares	**	28,602,622
*Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	**	5,294,932
*Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	**	18,036,586
*Vanguard Windsor II Fund Admiral Shares	**	10,034,321
		295,087,578
Employer Stock:		
*Newmont Mining Stock Fund	**	74,076,482
*Participant Loans (a):		
Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, maturing from January 2012 through October 2021.		12,251,995
Total		\$ 381,416,055

* Represents a party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant-directed investments.

(a) The interest rates on loans are determined by the Trustee based on commercial lending rates at the date of the loan.

SIGNATURE

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Retirement Savings Plan of Newmont

Date: June 20, 2012

/s/ David Ottewell

David Ottewell, Vice President and Controller

EXHIBIT INDEX

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23 Consent of Causey Demgen & Moore Inc.

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