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GLOBAL SIGNAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2004

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 21, 2004  
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Global Signal Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-32168	65-0652634
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

301 North Cattlemen Road, Suite 300, Sarasota, Florida	34232
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (941) 364-8886  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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### ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On December 21, 2004, Fortress Investment Holdings LLC ("Fortress Holdings") informed the Registrant as follows:

"An affiliate of Fortress Holdings entered into a credit agreement, dated as of December 21, 2004, with Bank of America, N.A., Morgan Stanley Asset Funding Inc., the other lenders party thereto and Banc of America Securities LLC. Pursuant to the credit agreement, the affiliate has borrowed \$160 million from the lenders thereunder and this amount has been secured by, among other things, a pledge by the affiliate of a total of 19,162,248 shares of common stock of the Registrant owned by such affiliate. The 19,162,248 shares of common stock represents approximately 37% of the Registrant's issued and outstanding common stock as of the date hereof.

The credit agreement contains customary default provisions and also requires prepayment of a portion of the borrowings by the affiliate in the event the trading price of the common stock of the Registrant decreases below certain specified levels. In the event of a default under the credit agreement by the affiliate, the lenders thereunder may foreclose upon any and all shares of common stock pledged to them. The affiliate has agreed in the credit agreement to exercise its right to cause the Registrant to file a shelf registration statement pursuant to the Amended and Restated Investor Agreement dated as of March 31, 2004 among the Registrant, Fortress Pinnacle Acquisition LLC, Greenhill Capital Partners, L.P., and its related partnerships named therein, and Abrams Capital Partners II, L.P. and certain of its related partnerships named therein, and other parties named therein. The registration statement will cover sales by the lenders of shares of the pledged common stock in the event of a foreclosure by any of them and is required to be filed by June 6, 2005 pursuant to the credit agreement."

The Registrant is not a party to the credit agreement and has no obligations thereunder. Mr. Wesley Edens, the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of its Board of Directors owns an interest in Fortress Holdings and is the Chairman of its Management Committee.

This information shall also be deemed to be filed under Item 5.01 of Form 8-K.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL SIGNAL INC.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Greerson G. McMullen

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Greerson G. McMullen  
Executive Vice President,

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General Counsel & Secretary

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