EXHIBIT 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

☑ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011

OR

□ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

Commission File Number 001-32502

Warner Music Group Corp.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

to

incorporation or organization) 75 Rockefeller Plaza

New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices) 13-4271875 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 10019 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 275-2000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes 🗌 No 🗵

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes 🖾 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes \Box No \boxtimes

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulations S-T (\$232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes \boxtimes No \square

Indicate by check mark if the disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendments to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer \square Non-accelerated filer \boxtimes (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes 🗆 No 🗵

There is no public market for the Registrant's common stock. As of December 8, 2011 the number of shares of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, outstanding was 1,000. All of the Registrant's common stock is owned by AI Entertainment Holdings LLC (formerly Airplanes Music LLC), which is an affiliate of Access Industries, Inc.

Music Publishing (19% of consolidated revenues, before intersegment eliminations, for the twelve months ended September 30, 2011 and 18% of consolidated revenues, before intersegment eliminations, in each of fiscal years ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009)

Where recorded music is focused on exploiting a particular recording of a song, music publishing is an intellectual property business focused on the exploitation of the song itself. In return for promoting, placing, marketing and administering the creative output of a songwriter, or engaging in those activities for other rightsholders, our music publishing business garners a share of the revenues generated from use of the song.

Our music publishing operations include Warner/Chappell, our global music publishing company headquartered in New York with operations in over 50 countries through various subsidiaries, affiliates and non-affiliated licensees. We own or control rights to more than one million musical compositions, including numerous pop hits, American standards, folk songs and motion picture and theatrical compositions. Assembled over decades, our award-winning catalog includes over 65,000 songwriters and composers and a diverse range of genres including pop, rock, jazz, country, R&B, hip-hop, rap, reggae, Latin, folk, blues, symphonic, soul, Broadway, techno, alternative, gospel and other Christian music. In January 2011, we acquired Southside Independent Music Publishing, a leading independent music publishing catalog, further adding to Warner/Chappell's catalog. Warner/Chappell also administers the music and soundtracks of several third-party television and film producers and studios, including Lucasfilm, Ltd., Hallmark Entertainment, Disney Music Publishing and Turner Music Publishing. In 2007, we entered the production music library business with the acquisition of Non-Stop Music. We have subsequently continued to expand our production music operations with the acquisitions of Groove Addicts Production Music Library and Carlin Recorded Music Library in 2010 and 615 Music in 2011.

Michelle Branch Michael Bublé Eric Clapton Bryan-Michael Cox Dido Dream Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff George and Ira Gershwin Green Day Dave Grohl Don Henley Michael Jackson Claude Kelly Lady Antebellum Led Zeppelin Lil Wayne Little Big Town Madonna Maná

1950s and Prior

Summertime Happy Birthday To You Night And Day The Lady Is A Tramp Too Marvelous For Words Dancing In The Dark Winter Wonderland Ain't She Sweet Frosty The Snowman When I Fall In Love Misty The Party's Over On The Street Where You Live Blueberry Hill Makin' Whoopee Dream A Little Dream Of Me It Had To Be You You Go To My Head As Times Go By Rhapsody In Blue Jingle Bell Rock

Music Publishing Portfolio

Representative Songwriters

James Otto Johnny Mercer George Michael Van Morrison Muse Tim Nichols Nickelback Harry Nilsson Paramore Katy Perry Plain White T's Cole Porter Radiohead The Ramones R.E.M. Damien Rice Aleiandro Sanz Stephen Sondheim Staind

Representative Songs

1960s

People

I Only Want To Be With You When A Man Loves A Woman I Got A Woman People Get Ready Love Is Blue For What It's Worth This Magic Moment Save The Last Dance For Me Viva Las Vegas Walk On By Build Me Up Buttercup Everyday People Whole Lotta Love T.I. Timbaland Van Halen Kurt Weill Barry White John Williams Lucinda Williams Rob Zombie

1970s

Behind Closed Doors Ain't No Stopping Us Now For The Love Of Money A Horse With No Name Moondance Peaceful Easy Feeling Layla Staying Alive Star Wars Theme Killing Me Softly Stairway To Heaven Hot Stuff Superfly Listen To The Music

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- 1980s
- Eye Of The Tiger Slow Hand The Wind Beneath My Wings Endless Love Morning Train Beat It Jump We Are the World Indiana Jones Theme Celebration Like A Prayer Flashdance

1990s

Creep Macarena Sunny Came Home Amazed This Kiss Believe Smooth Livin' La Vida Loca Losing My Religion Gonna Make You Sweat All Star

2000 and After It's Been Awhile Photograph Complicated U Got It Bad Crazy In Love Cry Me A River White Flag Dilemma Work It Miss You Burn American Idiot Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy) We Belong Together Promiscuous Crazy Gold Digger Hey There Delilah Sexy Back Whatever You Like 1 Kissed A Girl All Summer Long Gotta Be Somebody Single Ladies Blame It Touch My Body Rockstar **Misery Business** 4 Minutes Home Let It Rock Circus Take Me There

Music Publishing Royalties

Warner/Chappell, as a copyright owner and/or administrator of copyrighted musical compositions, is entitled to receive royalties for the exploitation of musical compositions. We continually add new musical compositions to our catalog, and seek to acquire rights in songs that will generate substantial revenue over long periods of time.

Music publishers generally receive royalties pursuant to mechanical, public performance, synchronization and other licenses. In the U.S., music publishers collect and administer mechanical royalties, and statutory rates are established by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, for the royalty rates applicable to musical compositions for sales of recordings embodying those musical compositions. In the U.S., public performance royalties are typically administered and collected by performing rights organizations and in most countries outside the U.S., collection, administration and allocation of both mechanical and performance income are undertaken and regulated by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities. Throughout the world, each synchronization license is generally subject to negotiation with a prospective licensee and, by contract, music publishers pay a contractually required percentage of synchronization income to the songwriters or their heirs and to any co-publishers.

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Warner/Chappell acquires copyrights or portions of copyrights and/or administration rights from songwriters or other third-party holders of rights in compositions. Typically, in either case, the grantor of rights retains a right to receive a percentage of revenues collected by Warner/Chappell. As an owner and/or administrator of compositions, we promote the use of those compositions by others. For example, we encourage recording artists to record and include our songs on their albums, offer opportunities to include our compositions in filmed entertainment, advertisements and digital media and advocate for the use of our compositions in live stage productions. Examples of music uses that generate publishing revenues include:

Mechanical: sale of recorded music in various physical formats

• Physical recordings (e.g., CDs and DVDs)

Performance: performance of the song to the general public

- Broadcast of music on television, radio, cable and satellite
- · Live performance at a concert or other venue (e.g., arena concerts, nightclubs)
- · Broadcast of music at sporting events, restaurants or bars
- · Performance of music in staged theatrical productions

Synchronization: use of the song in combination with visual images

- Films or television programs
- Television commercials
- Videogames
- Merchandising, toys or novelty items
- Digital:
- Internet and mobile downloads
- Mobile ringtones
- Online and mobile streaming

Other:

· Licensing of copyrights for use in sheet music

Composers' and Lyricists' Contracts

Warner/Chappell derives its rights through contracts with composers and lyricists (songwriters) or their heirs, and with third-party music publishers. In some instances, those contracts grant either 100% or some lesser percentage of copyright ownership in musical compositions and/or administration rights. In other instances, those contracts only convey to Warner/Chappell rights to administer musical compositions for a period of time without conveying a copyright ownership interest. Our contracts grant us exclusive exploitation rights in the territories concerned excepting any pre-existing arrangements. Many of our contracts grant us rights on a worldwide basis. Contracts typically cover the entire work product of the writer or composer for the duration of the contract. As a result, Warner/Chappell customarily possesses administration rights for every musical composition created by the writer or composer during the duration of the contract.

While the duration of the contract may vary, many of our contracts grant us ownership and/or administration rights for the duration of copyright. See "Intellectual Property-Copyrights". U.S. copyright law permits authors or their estates to terminate an assignment or license of copyright (for the U.S. only) after a set period of time.



Marketing and Promotion

We actively seek, develop and maintain relationships with songwriters. We actively market our copyrights to licensees such as recorded music companies (including our Recorded Music business), filmed entertainment, television and other media companies, advertising and media agencies, event planners and organizers, computer and video game companies and other multimedia producers. We also market our musical compositions for use in live stage productions and merchandising. In addition, we actively seek new and emerging outlets for the exploitation of songs such as ringtones for mobile phones, new wireless and online uses and webcasting.

Competition

In both Recorded Music and Music Publishing we compete based on price (to retailers in recorded music and to various end users in music publishing), on marketing and promotion (including both how we allocate our marketing and promotion resources as well as how much we spend on a dollar basis) and on artist signings. We believe we currently compete favorably in these areas.

Our Recorded Music business is also dependent on technological development, including access to, selection and viability of new technologies, and is subject to potential pressure from competitors as a result of their technological developments. In recent years, due to the growth in piracy, we have been forced to compete with illegal channels such as unauthorized, online, peer-to-peer filesharing and CD-R activity. See "Industry Overview—Recorded Music—Piracy." Additionally, we compete, to a lesser extent, for disposable consumer income with alternative forms of entertainment, content and leisure activities, such as cable and satellite television, pre-recorded films on DVD, the Internet, computers, mobile applications and videogames.

The recorded music industry is highly competitive based on consumer preferences, and is rapidly changing. At its core, the recorded music business relies on the exploitation of artistic talent. As such, competitive strength is predicated upon the ability to continually develop and market new artists whose work gains commercial acceptance. According to Music and Copyright, in 2010, the four largest major record companies were Universal, Sony Music Entertainment ("Sony"), WMG and EMI Music ("EMI"), which collectively accounted for approximately 77% of worldwide recorded music sales. There are many mid-sized and smaller players in the industry that accounted for the remaining 23%, including independent music companies. Universal was the market leader with a 29% worldwide market share in 2010, followed by Sony with a 23% share. WMG and EMI held a 15% and 11% share of worldwide recorded music sales, respectively.

The music publishing business is also highly competitive. The top four music publishers collectively account for approximately 69% of the market. Based on Music & Copyright's most recent estimates published in March 2011, Universal Music Publishing Group, having acquired BMG Music Publishing Group in 2007, was the market leader in music publishing in 2010, holding a 23% global share. EMI Music Publishing was the second largest music publisher with a 20% share, followed by WMG (Warner/Chappell) at 14% and Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC ("Sony/ATV") at 13%. Independent music publishers represent the balance of the market, as well as many individual songwriters who publish their own works.

In November 2011, Universal announced it had signed an agreement to acquire EMI's recorded music division and a group including Sony Corporation of America (an affiliate of Sony/ATV) announced they had signed an agreement to acquire EMI Music Publishing. Both transactions remain subject to a number of conditions, including regulatory approvals. The sale of EMI's recorded music business may affect the competitive landscape and relative market share of the major record companies going forward. The sale of EMI Music Publishing may affect the competitive landscape and relative market share of the major music publishers going forward.

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Commission File Number 001-32502

Warner Music Group Corp.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

to

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

75 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices) 13-4271875 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 10019 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 275-2000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes 🗆 No 🗵

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes 🗵 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes \Box No \boxtimes

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Large accelerated filer \Box Non-accelerated filer \boxtimes (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes 🗆 No 🗵

There is no public market for the Registrant's common stock. As of December 13, 2012 the number of shares of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, outstanding was 1,000. All of the Registrant's common stock is owned by affiliates of Access Industries, Inc. The Registrant has filed all Exchange Act reports for the preceding 12 months.

Music Publishing (19%, 19% and 18% of consolidated revenues, before intersegment eliminations, for fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, twelve months ended September 30, 2011 and fiscal year ended September 30, 2010)

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Our music publishing operations include Warner/Chappell, our global music publishing company headquartered in Los Angeles with operations in over 50 countries through various subsidiaries, affiliates and non-affiliated licensees. We own or control rights to more than one million musical compositions, including numerous pop hits, American standards, folk songs and motion picture and theatrical compositions. Assembled over decades, our award-winning catalog includes over 65,000 songwriters and composers and a diverse range of genres including pop, rock, jazz, country, R&B, hip-hop, rap, reggae, Latin, folk, blues, symphonic, soul, Broadway, techno, alternative, gospel and other Christian music. In January 2011, the Company acquired Southside Independent Music Publishing, a leading independent music publishing company, further adding to its catalog. Warner/Chappell also administers the music and soundtracks of several third-party television and film producers and studios, including Lucasfilm, Ltd., Hallmark Entertainment and Disney Music Publishing. In July 2012, we announced that Warner/Chappell had acquired the master and publishing rights with respect to film music owned by Miramax, which contains the film scores and certain masters from numerous critically acclaimed films. Our production music library business includes Non-Stop Music, Groove Addicts Production Music Library, Carlin Recorded Music Library and 615 Music, collectively branded as Warner/Chappell Production Music.

Music Publishing Portfolio

Representative Songwriters

Michelle Branch Michael Bublé Eric Clapton Bryan-Michael Cox Dido Dream Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff George and Ira Gershwin Green Day Dave Grohl Don Henley Claude Kelly Lady Antebellum Led Zeppelin Lil Wayne Little Big Town Madonna Maná James Otto

Johnny Mercer George Michael Van Morrison Muse **Tim Nichols** Nickelback Harry Nilsson Paramore Katy Perry Plain White T's Cole Porter Radiohead The Ramones R.E.M. Damien Rice Alejandro Sanz Stephen Sondheim Staind T.I.

Timbaland Van Halen Kurt Wei**ll** Barry White John Williams Lucinda Williams Rob Zombie

1950s and Prior

Summertime Happy Birthday To You Night And Day The Lady Is A Tramp Too Marvelous For Words Dancing In The Dark Winter Wonderland Ain't She Sweet Frosty The Snowman When I Fall In Love Misty The Party's Over On The Street Where You Live Blueberry Hill Makin' Whoopee Dream A Little Dream Of Me It Had To Be You You Go To My Head As Time Goes By Rhapsody In Blue Jingle Bell Rock

Representative Songs

People

I Only Want To Be With You When A Man Loves A Woman I Got A Woman People Get Ready Love Is Blue For What It's Worth This Magic Moment Save The Last Dance For Me Viva Las Vegas Walk On By Build Me Up Buttercup Everyday People Whole Lotta Love

1960s

1970s Behind Closed Doors Ain't No Stopping Us Now For The Love Of Money A Horse With No Name Moondance Peaceful Easy Feeling Layla Staying Alive Star Wars Theme Killing Me Softly Stairway To Heaven Hot Stuff Superfly Listen To The Music

1980s Eye Of The Tiger Slow Hand The Wind Beneath My Wings Endless Love Morning Train Jump Indiana Jones Theme Celebration Like A Prayer Flashdance 1990s Creep Macarena Sunny Came Home Amazed This Kiss Believe Smooth Livin' La Vida Loca Losing My Religion Gonna Make You Sweat All Star

20005 It's Been Awhile Photograph Complicated U Got It Bad Crazy In Love Cry Me A River White Flag Dilemma Work It Miss You Burn American Idiot Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy) We Belong Together Promiscuous Crazy Gold Digger Hey There Delilah Sexy Back Whatever You Like 1 Kissed A Girl All Summer Long Gotta Be Somebody Single Ladies Blame It Touch My Body Rockstar Misery Business 4 Minutes Home Let It Rock Circus Take Me There

2010 and after

Black & Yellow Firework Grenade Just The Way You Are Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.) Lighters No Hands Rocketeer Somebody That I Used To Know We Are Young

Music Publishing Royalties

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Music publishers generally receive royalties pursuant to mechanical, public performance, synchronization and other licenses. In the U.S., music publishers collect and administer mechanical royalties, and statutory rates are established by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, for the royalty rates applicable to musical compositions for sales of recordings embodying those musical compositions. In the U.S., public performance royalties are typically administered and collected by performing rights organizations and in most countries outside the U.S., collection, administration and allocation of both mechanical and performance income are undertaken and regulated by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities. Throughout the world, each synchronization license is generally subject to negotiation with a prospective licensee and, by contract, music publishers pay a contractually required percentage of synchronization income to the songwriters or their heirs and to any co-publishers.

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In 2012, Universal closed its acquisition of EMI's recorded music division and a group including Sony Corporation of America (an affiliate of Sony/ATV) closed its acquisition of EMI's music publishing division, each of which were contingent upon the divesture of certain assets. The sale of EMI's recorded music division may affect the competitive landscape among the major record companies going forward. The sale of EMI's music publishing division may affect the competitive landscape among the major music publishers going forward. See "Risk Factors—Consolidation in our industry may materially and adversely affect our ability to compete."