

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

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_)\*

**SLM CORPORATION**

(Name of Issuer)

**COMMON STOCK, \$0.20 PAR VALUE**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**78442P106**

(CUSIP Number)

**OCTOBER 27, 2008**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the *Notes*).

1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

**Highfields Capital Management LP**

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**Delaware**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

**28,490,551\***

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**28,490,551\***

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**—0—**

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

**28,490,551\***

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

**6.1%\***

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

**PN**

\* See Item 4

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**Highfields GP LLC**

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(b)

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**Delaware**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

**28,490,551\***

NUMBER OF  
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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**Highfields Associates LLC**

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(b)

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**Delaware**

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NUMBER OF  
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6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY

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**Jonathon S. Jacobson**

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

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**United States**

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NUMBER OF  
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY

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**Richard L. Grubman**

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**United States**

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**28,490,551\***

NUMBER OF  
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6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY

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**Highfields Capital I LP**

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- (a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**Delaware**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

**2,187,171\***

NUMBER OF  
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**2,187,171\***

OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**—0—**

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**Highfields Capital II LP**

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**Delaware**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

**7,661,044\***

NUMBER OF  
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**7,661,044\***

OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**—0—**

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**Highfields Capital III L.P.**

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**Cayman Islands**

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

**18,642,336\***

NUMBER OF  
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

**—0—**

BENEFICIALLY

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**18,642,336\***

OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

**—0—**

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

**PN**

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**Item 1 (a). Name of Issuer:**

SLM Corporation (the "Issuer")

**Item 1 (b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

12061 Bluemont Way, Reston, VA 20190

**Item 2 (a). Name of Person Filing:**

This statement is being filed by the following persons with respect to the shares of common stock ("Common Stock") of the Issuer directly owned by Highfields Capital I LP ("Highfields I"), Highfields Capital II LP ("Highfields II") and Highfields Capital III L.P. ("Highfields III" and, together with Highfields I and Highfields II, the "Funds"):

- (i) Highfields Capital Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Highfields Capital Management") and investment manager to each of the Funds;
- (ii) Highfields GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Highfields GP") and the General Partner of Highfields Capital Management;
- (iii) Highfields Associates LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Highfields Associates") and the General Partner of the Funds;
- (iv) Jonathon S. Jacobson, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of Highfields Associates;
- (v) Richard L. Grubman, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of Highfields Associates;
- (vi) Highfields I, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (vii) Highfields II, a Delaware limited partnership; and
- (viii) Highfields III, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Grubman, Highfields I, Highfields II and Highfields III are sometimes individually referred to herein as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons."

**Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:**

Address for Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Grubman, Highfields I and Highfields II:

c/o Highfields Capital Management LP  
John Hancock Tower  
200 Clarendon Street, 59th Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Address for Highfields III:

c/o Goldman Sachs (Cayman) Trust Limited  
Suite 3307, Gardenia Court  
45 Market Street, Camana Bay  
P.O. Box 896  
Grand Cayman KY1-1103  
Cayman Islands

**Item 2 (c). Citizenship:**

Highfields Capital Management – Delaware  
Highfields GP – Delaware  
Highfields Associates – Delaware  
Jonathon S. Jacobson – United States  
Richard L. Grubman – United States  
Highfields I – Delaware  
Highfields II – Delaware  
Highfields III – Cayman Islands

**Item 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities:**

Common Stock, \$0.20 par value

**Item 2 (e). CUSIP Number:**

78442P106

**Item 3.** Not applicable.

**Item 4. Ownership.**

For Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 28,490,551 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 6.1%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 28,490,551
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: —0—
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 28,490,551
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: —0—

For Highfields I:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 28,490,551 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 6.1%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,187,171
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: —0—
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,187,171
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: —0—

For Highfields II:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 28,490,551 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 6.1%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 7,661,044
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: —0—
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 7,661,044
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: —0—

For Highfields III:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 28,490,551 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 6.1%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 18,642,336
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: —0—
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 18,642,336
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: —0—

Each of the Reporting Persons listed above has acquired convertible preferred stock, which is convertible into shares of Common Stock. The information set forth herein includes the amount of Common Stock that the Reporting Persons are entitled to acquire.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman are directly owned by the Funds. Highfields Capital Management serves as the investment manager to each of the Funds. Each of Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman has the power to direct the dividends from or the proceeds of the sale of the shares of Common Stock owned by the Funds.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

See Exhibit 2 attached hereto.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Certification.**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not

held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

November 6, 2008

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: Highfields GP LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

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Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

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Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS GP LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

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Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS ASSOCIATES LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

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Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title

JONATHON S. JACOBSON

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

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Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

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Name/Title

RICHARD L. GRUBMAN

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

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Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title



EXHIBIT INDEX

- Exhibit 1. Joint Filing Agreement as required by Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
- Exhibit 2. List of Members of Group

## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)(1)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained herein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

November 6, 2008

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: Highfields GP LLC, its General Partner

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

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Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS GP LLC

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Signature

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Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS ASSOCIATES LLC

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Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title



RICHARD L. GRUBMAN

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL I LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL II LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL III L.P.

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

Members of Group

Highfields Capital Management LP

Highfields GP LLC

Highfields Associates LLC

Jonathon S. Jacobson

Richard L. Grubman

Highfields Capital I LP

Highfields Capital II LP

Highfields Capital III L.P.