
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549-1004**

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): **October 14, 2009**

HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

000-30421
(Commission File Number)

95-4788120
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3660 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90010
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(213) 382-2200**

Not applicable
(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02(b). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 14, 2009, John Park, Hanmi Bank's Chief Credit Officer, passed away. Mr. Park was hired as Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Hanmi Bank on August 27, 2008. Jay S. Yoo, Hanmi Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer, will perform the duties of Chief Credit Officer until an interim or permanent Chief Credit Officer is appointed.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On October 14, 2009, the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation unanimously approved an amendment to Section 3.2 of its Bylaws whereby it reduced the minimum and maximum number of directors to five (5) and eleven (11) from seven (7) and fifteen (15). This amendment is effective immediately.

Section 3.2 now reads as follows:

"Section 3.2. Number. Except as may be provided by the terms of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Corporation's Common Stock, the number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, but shall not be less than five (5) and not more than eleven (11) and the exact number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board. Commencing with the annual meeting of stockholders in 2010, the stockholders shall elect members of the Board of Directors for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders, subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Corporation's Common Stock."

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated October 15, 2009, issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation.

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: October 16, 2009

Hanmi Financial Corporation

By: /s/ JAY S. YOO

Jay S. Yoo

President and Chief Executive Officer



Hanmi Financial Corp. Announces the Death of
John Park, CCO

LOS ANGELES – October 15, 2009 – It is with great sadness that **Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC)**, the holding company of Hanmi Bank, announces the death of John Park, its Chief Credit Officer. Mr. Park, who joined Hanmi Financial Corp. in August 2008, passed away on October 14, 2009 at the age of 57.

“John brought to Hanmi a number of talents, notably a strong credit background and an expertise in risk analysis,” said Jay S. Yoo, President and Chief Executive Officer. “During his tenure at Hanmi, John established himself as a valued member of our senior management team. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones for this terrible tragedy. All of us here at Hanmi sincerely mourn his passing.”

About Hanmi Financial Corporation:

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Hanmi Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hanmi Financial Corporation, provides services to the multi-ethnic communities of California, with 27 full-service offices in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Diego counties, and two loan production offices in Virginia and Washington State. Hanmi Bank specializes in commercial, Small Business Administration (“SBA”) and trade finance lending, and is a recognized community leader. Hanmi Bank’s mission is to provide a full range of quality products and premier services to its customers and to maximize shareholder value. Additional information is available at www.hanmifinancial.com.

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