

**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) January 20, 2010**

**Hanmi Financial Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in 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 of 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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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On January 22, 2010, Hanmi Financial Corporation issued a press release addressing certain recent media reports relating to a potential transaction with Woori Finance Holdings of Seoul, Korea. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

This information set forth under “Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure,” including the Exhibits attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release Dated January 22, 2010

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 8-K report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 22, 2010

Hanmi Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Jay S. Yoo  
Jay S. Yoo  
President and Chief Executive Officer



## Hanmi Financial Corporation Responds to Recent Media Reports

**LOS ANGELES — January 22, 2010 — Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC)**, the holding company of Hanmi Bank (“Hanmi”), today responded to various reports and market rumors relating to the Company’s reported negotiations with Woori Finance Holdings of Seoul, Korea. In a telephone conversation with Cho Hwan Dong, a correspondent of The Korea Times in Los Angeles, California, that occurred on January 19, 2010, Joseph K. Rho, Chairman of the Board of Hanmi, acknowledged that he had visited Korea to speak with potential investors, including Woori Finance Holdings. The Korea Times article on January 20, 2010 regarding the above conversation contains information not discussed and is filled with inaccuracies.

While Hanmi recognizes that various media sources are circulating certain rumors relating to the specific terms and conditions of a potential transaction with Woori, such information has not been disclosed or confirmed by Hanmi nor its related parties. In an attempt to address inaccuracies in Korea Times article, on January 20, President Jay S. Yoo commented to the Korea Times and other members of the Korean press that Hanmi Bank cannot make any comments regarding its effort to raise capital at this time. Hanmi Bank also formally demanded that Korea Times retract the subject article. Hanmi maintains its policy to refrain from commenting on market rumors.

### **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 a loan production office in 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.hanmi.com](http://www.hanmi.com).

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