

HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION
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Securities and Exchange Commission

450 Fifth Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Application for Withdrawal
Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on
Form S-3 to Form S-4, filed on July 29,
2004
File No. 333-112606**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hanmi Financial Corporation (the "Company"), pursuant to Rule 477 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, hereby requests that the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") consent to the withdrawal of the Company's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-3 to Form S-4, filed on July 29, 2004, together with all exhibits thereto (the "Registration Statement").

Pursuant to the Registration Statement, the Company proposed to register shares of its Common Stock (the "Shares") for sale by certain selling shareholders. The Registration Statement has not been declared effective, and none of the Shares have been sold pursuant to the Registration Statement.

Accordingly, we request an order granting the withdrawal of the Registration Statement to be issued by the Commission as soon as possible. Please provide a copy of the order granting the withdrawal of the Registration Statement to the undersigned via facsimile at (213) 368-3239, with a copy to Lee Meyerson of Simpson of Thacher & Bartlett LLP, via facsimile at (212) 455-2500 and Thomas Wuchenich of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, via facsimile at (310) 407-7502.

If you have any questions or comments or require further information regarding this application of withdrawal of the Registration Statement, please do not hesitate to call Thomas Wuchenich of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP at (310) 407-7505.

Sincerely,
Hanmi Financial Corporation
/s/ Jae Whan Yoo
By: Jae Whan Yoo President and Chief Executive Officer

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