
**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): **January 14, 2005**

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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 - 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

Effective January 13, 2005, Mr. Dong Il Kim, Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Hanmi Financial Corporation's wholly owned subsidiary, Hanmi Bank, resigned from his position. A copy of the press release regarding his resignation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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: January 18, 2005

Hanmi Financial Corporation

By: /s/ SUNG WON SOHN

Sung Won Sohn

President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press release dated January 7, 2005, issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation



HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES
DEPARTURE OF CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

LOS ANGELES – January 7, 2005 – Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC), the holding company for Hanmi Bank, announced that Dong Il Kim, the bank’s chief credit officer, has submitted his resignation, to be effective January 13, 2005.

Mr. Kim, previously CCO of Pacific Union Bank, joined Hanmi as senior vice president and CCO at the time of the merger with Pacific Union Bank in April 2004. Hanmi’s senior credit officer, Cliff Sung, who served as interim CCO prior to the merger, will again assume the role of interim CCO.

“As chief credit officer, Mr. Kim has done a fine job of maintaining our credit quality during the consolidation of the two banks, and we wish him well in his future endeavors,” said Dr. Sung Won Sohn, president and chief executive officer of Hanmi Financial Corporation and Hanmi Bank.

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 23 full-service offices in Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Diego counties. Hanmi Bank specializes in commercial, SBA, trade finance and consumer lending, and is a recognized community leader. Hanmi Bank’s mission is to provide varied 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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