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**HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

In connection with Hanmi Financial Corporation's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Hanmi sent the following letter to Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. on May 14, 2009.

## COMPANY LETTER

May 14, 2009

### VIA ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc.  
Kathy Cohen  
RiskMetrics Group  
2099 Gaither Road, Suite 501  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Ms. Cohen:

In connection with your report regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Hanmi Financial Corp. ("Hanmi"), we would like to inform you that Mr. I Joon Ahn has no operating involvement in Hanmi Bank or Hanmi, other than in his capacity as a director of Hanmi Bank and Hanmi. Mr. Ahn has never been an employee of Hanmi or Hanmi Bank, and is an "independent director" for purposes of the Nasdaq marketplace rules.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Ahn and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Ahn was appointed as director. There are no transactions in which Mr. Ahn has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Judith J. Kim

Judith J. Kim  
HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
Corporate Secretary

### Additional information and where to find it.

In connection with the solicitation of proxies, Hanmi Financial Corporation has filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Hanmi Financial Corporation stockholders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement carefully because it contains important information about Hanmi Financial Corporation and the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Stockholders are able to obtain a copy of the proxy statement and other documents containing information about Hanmi Financial Corporation, free of charge, at the SEC's web site [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, copies of the proxy statement are available free of charge on the investor relations portion of the Hanmi Financial Corporation website, [www.hanmi.com](http://www.hanmi.com), and may also be obtained by contacting Stephanie Yoon, Investor Relations Manager, Hanmi Financial Corporation, 3660 Wilshire Boulevard, Penthouse Suite A, Los Angeles, California 90010, (213) 382-2200