
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) February 18, 2009

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(a) and (d). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers, Election of Directors, Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 18, 2009, the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation (“HFC”) appointed Mr. Paul Seon-Hong Kim to the HFC and Hanmi Bank Boards following receipt of notice of non-disapproval from the California Department of Financial Institutions and Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Kim will be appointed as a Class III director and his term will expire in 2011. Mr. Kim, who began his career in 1971, was most recently president and CEO of Uniti Financial Corporation in Buena Park; prior to that he spent nine years as president and CEO of Center Financial Corporation; and from 1986 to 1998 he served at Hanmi Financial in various capacities, including chief marketing officer, chief credit officer, and chief financial officer. On February 18, 2009, the HFC and HB Boards also assigned Mr. Kim to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Audit Committee, member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, and Planning Committee for Hanmi Financial Corporation and as Chairperson of the Loan and Credit Management Committee of Hanmi Bank.

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

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Kim’s nomination and is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated February 18, 2009, issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation

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: February 18, 2009

Hanmi Financial Corporation

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



Hanmi Financial Corp. Appoints
Paul Kim to its Board of Directors

LOS ANGELES — February 18, 2009 — Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC), the holding company of Hanmi Bank, announced that Paul Seon-Hong Kim has been appointed to the Company's Board of Directors and to the Board of Directors of Hanmi Bank.

Mr. Kim, who began his banking career in 1971 with the Korea Long Term Credit Bank, was most recently president and chief executive officer of Unifi Financial Corporation in Buena Park; prior to that he spent nine years as president and CEO of Center Financial Corporation; and from 1986 to 1998 he served at Hanmi Financial in various capacities, including chief marketing officer, chief credit officer, and chief financial officer.

"We are delighted to welcome Mr. Kim to the Board," said Jay S. Yoo, Hanmi's president and CEO. "With a career that spans almost four decades, he possesses a wealth of experience in commercial banking and is thoroughly familiar with the Southern California marketplace, notably the Korean-American community. He has also acquired a deep understanding of regulatory issues facing community banks like Hanmi."

Mr. Kim has a B.S. in engineering from Seoul National University and an M.B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley.

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 26 full-service offices in Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Diego counties, and six loan production offices in Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Texas, Virginia and Washington. Hanmi Bank specializes in commercial, 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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