
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) **OCTOBER 29, 2008**

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(e). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers, Election of Directors, Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 29, 2008, the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation (“Hanmi”) received notices that the following directors were retiring from service as a directors: Dr. Won Ro. Yoon, Ki Tae Hong, and Chang Kyu Park. The retirements are effective on 11:59 p.m. on November 5, 2008. Each of the directors has also indicated they are concurrently resigning from the Board of Directors of HFC’s wholly owned subsidiary, Hanmi Bank (the “Bank”). On October 29, 2008, Mr. Stuart Ahn also tendered his notice of retirement from the Hanmi Bank Board. None of the directors is retiring because of a disagreement with Hanmi’s operations, policies, or practices. In addition, a copy of the press release announcing the retirement of the above-mentioned directors is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated November 4, 2008, issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation

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

Date: November 4, 2008

Hanmi Financial Corporation

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



HANMI FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF FOUR BOARD MEMBERS

LOS ANGELES — November 4, 2008 — **Hanmi Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: HAFC)**, the holding company of Hanmi Bank, announced that three members of its Board of Directors — Won Ro Yoon, M.D., Ki Tae Hong, and Chang Kyu Park — are retiring effective November 5, 2008. Each of the directors is concurrently retiring from the Board of Directors of Hanmi Bank. Also retiring from the Board of Directors of Hanmi Bank, effective November 5, 2008, is Stuart Ahn.

The retirements follow a recently announced informal supervisory agreement (memorandum of understanding) with regulators (the Federal reserve Bank of San Francisco and the California Department of Financial Institutions) under which the Board committed to addressing a variety of issues, including Board enhancement and succession planning.

Jay S. Yoo, President and Chief Executive Officer, thanked the retiring Board members, some of whom have been with Hanmi since its inception, for their years of service. "Hanmi has achieved remarkable growth during the tenures of these gentlemen," said Yoo, "and we wish them all the best in their retirement. In the meantime, we are working diligently to find their successors."

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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