

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 19, 2011

Hanmi Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

000-30421
(Commission File Number)

95-4788120
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3660 Wilshire Boulevard, Ph-A
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 or 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))

Item 5.02(b) and (c). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 19, 2011, following the receipt of notices of non-disapproval from the California Department of Financial Institutions and Federal Reserve Board, the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation and Hanmi Bank (collectively "Hanmi") appointed Lonny D. Robinson, age 54, to serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hanmi effective immediately, removing the "interim" designation from Mr. Robinson's position.

Mr. Robinson had joined Hanmi on October 11, 2011, as Interim Chief Financial Officer pending final bank regulatory approval. Further information regarding Mr. Robinson is set forth under paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Item 5.02 of that Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 11, 2011, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2011, issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation relating to the appointment of Mr. Lonny Robinson as Chief Financial Officer.

SIGNATURE

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: October 20, 2011

HANMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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

 **Hanmi Financial Corp.**

Lonny Robinson Approved as Hanmi's Chief Financial Officer by the Federal Reserve Board

LOS ANGELES – October 20, 2011 – Hanmi Financial Corporation (NASDAQ: HAFC), the holding company for Hanmi Bank (collectively “Hanmi”), announced its appointment of Lonny D. Robinson, age 54, as Chief Financial Officer of Hanmi effective October 19, 2011. Hanmi received notices of non-objection from the California Department of Financial Institutions and the Federal Reserve Board to appoint Mr. Robinson to serve as the Chief Financial Officer of Hanmi. On October 11, 2011, Mr. Robinson joined Hanmi as Interim Chief Financial Officer pending final regulatory approval.

“We are extremely pleased to have Lonny join our executive team,” said Jay S. Yoo, President and Chief Executive Officer. “With his extensive experience in banking, particularly in the Korean-American banking arena, he will be a great addition to Hanmi’s executive team. His longstanding familiarity with Southern California and his understanding of its diverse ethnic communities will be invaluable as Hanmi continues to position itself for future success.”

Mr. Robinson brings over 25 years of banking experience, and has previously served as chief financial officer for a number of community banks throughout the United States, most notably as the Chief Financial Officer for Center Financial Corporation for three years. Mr. Robinson is experienced in SEC reporting for public companies, raising capital, mergers and acquisitions, FDIC-assisted transactions, investment portfolio management, enterprise risk management, and regulatory affairs. Prior to embarking on his banking career, Mr. Robinson was a CPA with Ernst & Young specializing in banks and small business audits.

As a graduate of Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania in accounting, Mr. Robinson also attended Executive Bank Management Schools at the University of Georgia and the University of Texas.

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 27 full-service offices in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Diego counties, and a loan production office in the State of 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.hanmi.com.

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