

KOOKMIN BANK
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of September 2004

Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes _____ No X

Official Notification by the Securities and Futures Commission of

Its Audit Review of Kookmin Bank

On September 1, 2004, the Kookmin Bank announced that the Securities and Futures Commission officially notified it of the Commission's conclusions as a result of its audit review of the Bank as follows. These conclusions were also disclosed in the prior release by the Korea Stock Exchange on August 25, 2004.

1. Findings

A. Violations of Korean accounting principles in connection with the merger with Kookmin Credit Card

In connection with Kookmin Bank's merger with Kookmin Credit Card (KCC), the provisioning of Won 1,656.4 billion in connection with such merger was made after instead of prior to the merger. This constituted a violation of Korean accounting principles.

Accordingly, instead of treating it as equity method evaluation gain/loss, it was incorrectly stated as loan loss provisions related with the merger (Won 1,230.2 billion), and therefore the capital surplus was over-stated by Won 309.6 billion

Mistakes with respect to financial footnotes

B. Under-statement of provisions (Won 213.2 billion) relating to guarantees (contingent liabilities)

In connection with issuance of ABSs, Kookmin Bank under-estimated the future contingent losses from its credit facility of Won 750.0 billion provided to its special purpose vehicles. As a result, Kookmin Bank under-accrued Won 213.2 billion in its other provisions (provisions for contingent liabilities).

C. Accounting errors relating to swap-termination losses (Won 27.2 billion)

Prior to the merger with Kookmin Bank, KCC misstated its swap-termination losses as ABS prepaid asset following the prepayment of the related ABS issued by its special purpose vehicle. Kookmin Bank, at the time of the merger, did not adjust the entries correctly and instead recorded it as a decrease in its liabilities. This resulted in the under-statement of its net loss and certain other accounts by Won 27.2 billion.

2. Measures

A. Fines of Won 2 billion

B. Restriction with respect to auditor appointment for two years

C. Corrections pursuant to the above findings of B and C

<Effects on financial statements>

If above findings of B and C are reflected in our Korean GAAP financial statements, this will result in a KRW 240.4 billion increase in net loss before income taxes for 2003 to KRW 1,386.8 billion, and a KRW 240.4 billion increase in net income before income taxes for 2004 due to the reversal of these amounts during the first half of 2004.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Kookmin Bank
(Registrant)

Date: September 1, 2004

By: /s/ Ki Sup Shin

(Signature)

Name: Ki Sup Shin

Title: Senior Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer