

KOOKMIN BANK
Form 6-K
March 20, 2008

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 March 2008

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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Application for Preliminary Authorization to Establish a Financial

Holding Company

On March 20, 2008, the board of directors of Kookmin Bank passed a resolution to approve the application for preliminary authorization to establish a financial holding company, tentatively to be called KB Financial Group Co., Ltd. On the same day, Kookmin Bank submitted such application to the Financial Services Commission.

The establishment of the financial holding company is expected to occur in or around September 2008, after receipt of final approval from the Financial Services Commission.

Kookmin Bank plans to explore a spin-off of its credit card division within 1 year from the establishment of the financial holding company. Further disclosures will be made upon a final decision on the matter.

The stock transfer ratio for each subsidiary in connection with the establishment of the financial holding company is expected to be determined around the end of April 2008.

Expected affiliated companies under the financial holding company: Kookmin Bank, KB Real Estate Trust Co., Ltd., KB Investment Co., Ltd., KB Data System Co., Ltd., KB Credit Information Co., Ltd., KB Asset Management Co., Ltd., KB Futures Co., Ltd. and KB Investment & Securities Co., Ltd.

Forward-Looking Statements

The material above contains forward-looking information and statements about Kookmin Bank and the financial holding company to be established. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. These statements include financial projections and estimates and their underlying assumptions, statements regarding plans, objectives and expectations with respect to future operations, products and services, and statements regarding future performance. Forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 are generally identified by the words believe, expect, anticipate, target or similar expressions. Although Kookmin Bank management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, investors are cautioned that forward-looking information and statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond the control of Kookmin Bank, that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, the forward-looking information and statements. These risks and uncertainties include those discussed or identified in the public filings with the SEC made by Kookmin Bank, including on Form 20-F and on the Form F-4 that Kookmin Bank will file with the SEC. Kookmin Bank undertakes no obligation to publicly update its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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: March 20, 2008

By: /s/ Donald H. MacKenzie
(Signature)
Name: Donald H. MacKenzie
Title: Senior EVP / CFO
Executive Director