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HANMI FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K November 04, 2008

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)

Delaware000-3042195-4788120(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3660 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles California

90010

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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 appreciate 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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

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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