SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 July 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)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
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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 <u>X</u>

2004 1st Half Operating Results

On July 23, 2004, Kookmin Bank held an earnings conference and released its operating results for the first half of 2004. Followings are the key figures released during the conference, and full presentation material is available at Kookmin Bank website(www.kbstar.com) for further information.

The figures presented in this section have not been fully reviewed by our independent auditor yet, and therefore they are subject to changes in the due course of review process.

Selected Financial Data

1. Balance sheet figures

		As of the date indicated			
(in trillions of Won)	June 30, 2004	Dec.31, 2003	% Chan	ge (YTD)	
Total Assets	184.8	184.1		0.4	
Loans in Won	125.8	123.7		1.7	
					
Total Liabilities	176.0	175.7		0.2	
Deposits in Won	131.7	134.4	Δ	2.0	
Stockholders Equity	8.8	8.4		4.8	

2. Operating results

		For the six-month period ended		
(in billions of Won)	2004	20031	% Change (YoY)	
Operating Income	337.8	Δ 253.7	N.A.	
Operating Income before Provisioning	2,752.7	2,724.5	1.0	
Non-operating Income	109.6	43.9	149.7	
Net Income	307.6	Δ 161.2	N.A.	

For the purpose of comparison, presented pro-forma figures as if the merger with Kookmin Credit Card Co. in September 30, 2003 had been completed in September 30, 2002

3. Asset Quality

As of the date indicated			
June 30, 2004	March 31, 2004	% Change (QoQ)	
141,249.7	142,972.6	Δ	1.2%
5,167.3	5,880.2	Δ	12.1%
3,844.7	4,221.1	Δ	8.9%
3.66%	4.11%	Δ	0.45%p
74.4%	71.8%		2.6%p
3.32%	3.97%	Δ	0.65%p
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¹ Applying the Financial Supervisory Service Standards

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: July 23, 2004 By: /s/ Ki Sup Shin

(Signature)

Name: Ki Sup Shin

Title: Chief Financial Officer &

Senior Executive Vice President

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