

KOOKMIN BANK
Form 6-K
October 27, 2006

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 October 2006

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

Grant of Stock Option

On October 27, 2006, the board of directors of Kookmin Bank approved and ratified stock option grants to Mr. Dong-Hyun Ji, the Head of Research Center.

Pursuant to Article 13 of the Articles of Incorporation, the board of directors' resolution of granting stock options is subject to approval and ratification at the first-coming shareholders' meeting after the date of grant.

The purpose of these stock option grants is to motivate our management towards maximizing management performance through active management participation. The methods through which we may grant these stock options are provided in more detail below.

1. Grant Date: October 27, 2006

2. Number of Stock Options: 20,000 shares (granted over 2 years)

3. Exercise Price (Index-Linked Stock Option)

Exercise price = (76,600) Won x (1 + TRS of the three major competitors x 0.4)

- (1) Rounded up to the nearest 100 Won.
- (2) (76,600) Won is the arithmetic mean of the following three numbers: the sum of the daily closing price multiplied by the daily trading volume divided by the daily trading volume for the common shares during each of the following periods: (i) two months prior to, but excluding, the grant date; (ii) one month prior to, but excluding, the grant date; and (iii) one week prior to, but excluding, the grant date.
- (3) TRS of the three major competitors shall mean (the sum of each of the three major competitor's Total Market Cap at the expected exercise price confirmation date *less* the sum of each of the three major competitor's Total Market Cap at the grant date) divided by the sum of each of the three major competitor's Total Market Cap at the grant date.

Total Market Cap at the expected exercise price confirmation date shall mean the expected exercise price confirmation date closing price multiplied by the number of outstanding shares as of the expected exercise price confirmation date. The expected exercise price confirmation date closing price shall be the arithmetic mean of the following three numbers: the sum of the daily closing price multiplied by the daily trading volume divided by the daily trading volume for the common shares during each of the following periods: (i) two months prior to, but excluding, the expected exercise price confirmation date; (ii) one month prior to, but excluding, the expected exercise price confirmation date; and (iii) one week prior to, but excluding, the expected exercise price confirmation date.

Total Market Cap at the grant date shall mean the grant date closing price multiplied by the number of outstanding shares as of the grant date. The grant date closing price shall be the arithmetic mean of the following three numbers: the sum of the daily closing price multiplied by the daily trading volume divided by the daily trading volume for the common shares during each of the following periods: (i) two months prior to, but excluding, the grant date; (ii) one month prior to, but excluding, the grant date; and (iii) one week prior to, but excluding, the grant date.

- (4) Three major competitors shall mean the Shinhan Financial Group, Hana Financial Group and Woori Financial Group.

(5) In the event of (i) a grantee's early retirement, the day before such retirement date and (ii) the expected exercise price confirmation date falling on a holiday, the day before such holiday, each such day shall be deemed the expected exercise price confirmation date.

(6) If the growth rate of the three major competitors' Total Market Cap is negative, the exercise price shall be (76,600) Won.

4. Method of Exercise

Kookmin Bank may grant shares to a grantee who exercised his or her stock option by:

- issuing new common shares,
- delivering treasury shares (which will be common shares), or
- giving grantees of the stock options cash or treasury shares the value of which is equivalent to the difference between the exercise price and the market price.

5. Exercise Period: From October 28, 2009 to October 27, 2014

6. Adjustment to Exercise Price and Number of Stock Options

In the event that there is a capital increase, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, merger or consolidation, or a decrease in number of outstanding shares due to capital reduction, redemption of stock using retained earnings or redemption of redeemable stocks, and such event requires an adjustment in the exercise price or number of exercisable shares pursuant to these stock option grants, then such adjustment shall be made in accordance with a resolution passed by our board of directors.

7. Adjustment Following Resignation

If any grantee resigns or ceases his/her office within 2 years after the grant of stock option and the conditions for exercising his/her stock options have been satisfied, such grantee may exercise his/her options, adjusted pursuant to the formula below and rounded down to the nearest whole share.

Formula

Exercisable number of shares shall mean the number of shares granted by the stock option grant multiplied by the number of days at work after the stock option grant divided by the number of days in the two years.

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: October 27, 2006

By: /s/ Kap Shin
(Signature)
Name: Kap Shin
Title: CFO / Senior EVP

Executive Director