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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM 10-K

(Mark One):

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2007

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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EMCLAIRE FINANCIAL CORP.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 25-1606091  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
organization)

612 Main Street, Emlenton, PA 16373  
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number: (724) 867-2311

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None. OTC Electronic Bulletin Board (OTCBB)  
Name of exchange on which registered

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$1.25 per share  
(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
YES  NO

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Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

YES  NO .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO .

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). YES  NO .

As of June 29, 2007, the aggregate value of the 1,267,835 shares of Common Stock of the Registrant issued and outstanding on such date, which excludes 150,422 shares held by the directors and officers of the Registrant as a group, was approximately \$28.2 million. This figure is based on the last sales price of \$25.25 per share of the Registrant's Common Stock on June 29, 2007.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

1. Portions of the Annual Report to Stockholders for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2007 (Parts I, II, and IV).
  2. Portions of the Proxy Statement for the April 23, 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Part III).
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## PART I

### Item 1. Business

#### General

Emclair Financial Corp. (the Corporation) is a Pennsylvania corporation and financial holding company that provides a full range of retail and commercial financial products and services to customers in western Pennsylvania through its wholly owned subsidiary bank, the Farmers National Bank of Emlenton (the Bank). The Bank also provides investment advisory services through its Farmers National Financial Services division.

The Bank was organized in 1900 as a national banking association and is a financial intermediary whose principal business consists of attracting deposits from the general public and investing such funds in real estate loans secured by liens on residential and commercial property, consumer loans, commercial business loans, marketable securities and interest-earning deposits. The Bank operates through a network of eleven retail branch offices in Venango, Butler, Clarion, Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson counties, Pennsylvania. The Corporation and the Bank are headquartered in Emlenton, Pennsylvania.

The Corporation and the Bank are subject to examination and comprehensive regulation by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), which is the Bank's chartering authority, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which insures customer deposits held by the Bank to the full extent provided by law. The Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (FRB) and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLB). The Corporation is a registered financial holding company pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (BHCA), as amended.

At December 31, 2007, the Corporation had \$311.7 million in total assets, \$24.7 million in stockholders' equity, \$229.8 million in loans and \$244.3 million in deposits.

#### Lending Activities

**General.** The principal lending activities of the Bank are the origination of residential mortgage, commercial mortgage, commercial business and consumer loans. Significantly all of the Bank's loans are secured by property in the Bank's primary market area.

**One-to-Four Family Mortgage Loans.** The Bank offers first mortgage loans secured by one-to-four family residences located in the Bank's primary lending area. Typically such residences are single-family owner occupied units. The Bank is an approved, qualified lender for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC). As a result, the Bank may sell loans to and service loans for the FHLMC in market conditions and circumstances where this is advantageous in managing interest rate risk.

**Home Equity Loans.** The Bank originates home equity loans secured by single-family residences. These loans may be either a single advance fixed-rate loan with a term of up to 20 years, or a variable rate revolving line of credit. These loans are made only on owner-occupied single-family residences.

**Commercial Business and Commercial Real Estate Loans.** Commercial lending constitutes a significant portion of the Bank's lending activities. Commercial business and commercial real estate loans amounted to 46.2% of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2007. Commercial real estate loans generally consist of loans granted for commercial purposes secured by commercial or other nonresidential real estate. Commercial loans consist of secured and unsecured loans for such items as capital assets, inventory, operations and other commercial purposes.

Consumer Loans. Consumer loans generally consist of fixed-rate term loans for automobile purchases, home improvements not secured by real estate, capital and other personal expenditures. The Bank also offers unsecured revolving personal lines of credit and overdraft protection.

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Loans to One Borrower. National banks are subject to limits on the amount of credit that they can extend to one borrower. Under current law, loans to one borrower are limited to an amount equal to 15% of unimpaired capital and surplus on an unsecured basis, and an additional amount equal to 10% of unimpaired capital and surplus if the loan is secured by readily marketable collateral. At December 31, 2007, the Bank's loans to one borrower limit based upon 15% of unimpaired capital was \$3.6 million. At December 31, 2007, the Bank's largest single lending relationship had an outstanding balance of \$5.2 million. Credit granted to this borrower in excess of the legal lending limit is part of the Pilot Program approved by the OCC which allows the Bank to exceed its legal lending limit within certain parameters. The Bank's next largest single lending relationship had an outstanding balance of \$4.3 million, which consisted of a loan to a municipality and was not subject to the legal lending limit. The Bank had one additional lending relationship exceeding the legal lending limit totaling \$3.8 million at December 31, 2007. Credit granted to this borrower in excess of the legal lending limit is also part of the Pilot Program. The next largest borrower had loans which totaled \$3.5 million and consisted of loans secured by commercial real estate and business property in the Bank's lending area. At December 31, 2007, all of such loans were performing in accordance with their original terms.

Loan Portfolio. The following table sets forth the composition and percentage of the Corporation's loans receivable in dollar amounts and in percentages of the portfolio as of December 31:

	2007		2006		2005		2004		2003	
	Dollar Amount	%	Dollar Amount	%	Dollar Amount	%	Dollar Amount	%	Dollar Amount	%
Mortgage loans on real estate:										
Residential first mortgages	\$ 65,706	28.3%	\$ 64,662	30.0%	\$ 66,011	34.0%	\$ 69,310	38.2%	\$ 76,396	39.7%
Home equity loans and lines of credit	49,426	21.3%	47,330	22.0%	39,933	20.5%	31,548	17.4%	30,316	15.8%
Commercial	71,599	30.9%	61,128	28.4%	52,990	27.3%	48,539	26.8%	44,935	23.4%
Total real estate loans	186,731	80.5%	173,120	80.4%	158,934	81.8%	149,397	82.4%	151,647	78.9%
Other loans:										
Commercial business	35,566	15.3%	34,588	16.0%	27,732	14.2%	23,898	13.2%	26,470	13.8%
Consumer	9,679	4.2%	7,671	3.6%	7,729	4.0%	8,090	4.4%	14,142	7.3%
Total other loans	45,245	19.5%	42,259	19.6%	35,461	18.2%	31,988	17.6%	40,612	21.1%
Total loans receivable	231,976	100.0%	215,379	100.0%	194,395	100.0%	181,385	100.0%	192,259	100.0%
Less:										

Allowance for loan losses	2,157	2,035	1,869	1,810	1,777
Net loans receivable	\$ 229,819	\$ 213,344	\$ 192,526	\$ 179,575	\$ 190,482

The following table sets forth the scheduled contractual principal repayments or interest repricing of loans in the Corporation's portfolio as of December 31, 2007. Demand loans having no stated schedule of repayment and no stated maturity are reported as due within one year.

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	Due in one year or less	Due from one to five years	Due from five to ten years	Due after ten years	Total
Residential mortgages	\$ 1,142	\$ 3,829	\$ 11,487	\$ 49,248	\$ 65,706
Home equity loans and lines of credit	379	6,229	16,694	26,124	49,426
Commercial mortgages	2,758	4,487	13,306	51,048	71,599
Commercial business	4,068	9,314	4,063	18,121	35,566
Consumer	593	6,926	1,727	433	9,679
	\$ 8,940	\$ 30,785	\$ 47,277	\$ 144,974	\$ 231,976



The following table sets forth the dollar amount of the Corporation's fixed- and adjustable-rate loans with maturities greater than one year as of December 31, 2007:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	Fixed rates	Adjustable rates
Residential mortgage	\$ 52,120	\$ 13,586
Home equity loans and lines of credit	45,782	3,644
Commercial mortgage	16,260	55,339
Commercial business	14,114	21,452
Consumer	8,876	803
	\$ 137,152	\$ 94,824

Contractual maturities of loans do not reflect the actual term of the Corporation's loan portfolio. The average life of mortgage loans is substantially less than their contractual terms because of loan prepayments and enforcement of due-on-sale clauses, which give the Corporation the right to declare a loan immediately payable in the event, among other things, that the borrower sells the real property subject to the mortgage. Scheduled principal amortization also reduces the average life of the loan portfolio. The average life of mortgage loans tends to increase when current market mortgage rates substantially exceed rates on existing mortgages and conversely, decrease when rates on existing mortgages substantially exceed current market interest rates.

#### Delinquencies and Classified Assets

Delinquent Loans and Real Estate Acquired Through Foreclosure (REO). Typically, a loan is considered past due and a late charge is assessed when the borrower has not made a payment within fifteen days from the payment due date. When a borrower fails to make a required payment on a loan, the Corporation attempts to cure the deficiency by contacting the borrower. The initial contact with the borrower is made shortly after the seventeenth day following the due date for which a payment was not received. In most cases, delinquencies are cured promptly.

If the delinquency exceeds 60 days, the Corporation works with the borrower to set up a satisfactory repayment schedule. Typically loans are considered non-accruing upon reaching 90 days delinquent, although the Corporation may be receiving partial payments of interest and partial repayments of principal on such loans. When a loan is placed in non-accrual status, previously accrued but unpaid interest is deducted from interest income. The Corporation institutes foreclosure action on secured loans only if all other remedies have been exhausted. If an action to foreclose is instituted and the loan is not reinstated or paid in full, the property is sold at a judicial or trustee's sale at which the Corporation may be the buyer.

Real estate properties acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure are to be sold and are initially recorded at fair value at the date of foreclosure establishing a new cost basis. After foreclosure, management periodically performs valuations and the real estate is carried at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. Revenue and expenses from operations and changes in the valuation allowance are included in loss on foreclosed real estate. The Corporation generally attempts to sell its REO properties as soon as practical upon receipt of clear title. The original lender typically handles disposition of those REO properties resulting from loans purchased in the secondary market.

As of December 31, 2007, the Corporation's non-performing assets, which include non-accrual loans, loans delinquent due to maturity, troubled debt restructuring, repossessions and REO, amounted to \$1.1 million or 0.35% of the Corporation's total assets.



**Classified Assets.** Regulations applicable to insured institutions require the classification of problem assets as “substandard,” “doubtful,” or “loss” depending upon the existence of certain characteristics as discussed below. A category designated “special mention” must also be maintained for assets currently not requiring the above classifications but having potential weakness or risk characteristics that could result in future problems. An asset is classified as substandard if not adequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. A substandard asset is characterized by the distinct possibility that the Corporation will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as substandard. In addition, these weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable. Assets classified as loss are considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as assets is not warranted.

The Corporation’s classification of assets policy requires the establishment of valuation allowances for loan losses in an amount deemed prudent by management. Valuation allowances represent loss allowances that have been established to recognize the inherent risk associated with lending activities. When the Corporation classifies a problem asset as a loss, the portion of the asset deemed uncollectible is charged off immediately.

The Corporation regularly reviews the problem loans and other assets in its portfolio to determine whether any require classification in accordance with the Corporation’s policy and applicable regulations. As of December 31, 2007, the Corporation’s classified and criticized assets amounted to \$6.6 million with \$2.8 million classified as substandard and \$3.8 million identified as special mention.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Corporation’s non-performing assets as of December 31:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Non-performing loans	\$ 952	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,452	\$ 840	\$ 1,329
Total as a percentage of gross loans	0.41%	0.85%	0.75%	0.46%	0.69%
Repossessions	-	-	-	2	45
Real estate acquired through foreclosure	129	98	106	69	-
Total as a percentage of total assets	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%	0.03%	0.00%
Total non-performing assets	\$ 1,081	\$ 1,939	\$ 1,558	\$ 911	\$ 1,374
Total non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets	0.35%	0.65%	0.57%	0.33%	0.52%
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of non-performing loans	226.58%	110.54%	128.72%	215.48%	133.71%

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** Management establishes allowances for estimated losses on loans based upon its evaluation of the pertinent factors underlying the types and quality of loans; historical loss experience based on volume and types of loans; trend in portfolio volume and composition; level and trend on non-performing assets;

detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectibility may not be assured; determination of the existence and realizable value of the collateral and guarantees securing such loans and the current economic conditions affecting the collectibility of loans in the portfolio. The Corporation analyzes its loan portfolio each quarter for valuation purposes and to determine the adequacy of its allowance for losses. Based upon the factors discussed above, management believes that the Corporation's allowance for losses as of December 31, 2007 of \$2.2 million was adequate to cover probable losses inherent in the portfolio.

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The following table sets forth an analysis of the allowance for losses on loans receivable for the years ended December 31:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	2007		2006		2005		2004		2003	
Balance at beginning of period	\$	2,035	\$	1,869	\$	1,810	\$	1,777	\$	1,587
Provision for loan losses		256		358		205		290		330
Charge-offs:										
Mortgage loans		(82)		(154)		(46)		(165)		(25)
Commercial business loans		(22)		(18)		(60)		(36)		(26)
Consumer loans		(60)		(49)		(91)		(117)		(154)
		(164)		(221)		(197)		(318)		(205)
Recoveries:										
Mortgage loans		1		-		-		17		-
Commercial business loans		16		19		18		19		22
Consumer loans		13		10		33		25		43
		30		29		51		61		65
Balance at end of period	\$	2,157	\$	2,035	\$	1,869	\$	1,810	\$	1,777
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans outstanding		0.06%		0.09%		0.08%		0.14%		0.08%
Ratio of allowance to total loans at end of period		0.93%		0.94%		0.96%		1.00%		0.92%

The following table provides a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses by major loan category for the years ended December 31:

Loan Categories:	2007		2006		2005		2004		2003	
	Dollar Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Dollar Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Dollar Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Dollar Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans	Dollar Amount	Percent of loans in each category to total loans
	\$ 387	17.9%	\$ 532	26.1%	\$ 554	29.6%	\$ 503	27.8%	\$ 623	35.1%

Commercial, financial and agricultural										
Commercial mortgages	1,068	49.5%	820	40.3%	841	45.0%	1,137	62.8%	798	44.9%
Residential mortgages	309	14.3%	239	11.7%	211	11.3%	10	0.6%	20	1.1%
Home equity loans	368	17.1%	339	16.7%	150	8.0%	39	2.2%	68	3.8%
Consumer loans	79	3.7%	83	4.1%	106	5.7%	121	6.7%	190	10.7%
Unallocated	(54)	-2.5%	22	1.1%	7	0.4%	-	0.0%	78	4.4%
	\$ 2,157	100%	\$ 2,035	100%	\$ 1,869	100%	\$ 1,810	100%	\$ 1,777	100%

### Investment Portfolio

General. The Corporation maintains an investment portfolio of securities such as U.S. government and agency securities, state and municipal debt obligations, corporate notes and bonds, and to a lesser extent, mortgage-backed and equity securities. Management generally maintains an investment portfolio with relatively short maturities to minimize overall interest rate risk. However, at December 31, 2007 approximately \$13.7 million was invested in longer-term callable municipal securities, as part of a strategy to moderate federal income taxes. The Bank has no investment with any one issuer in an amount greater than 10% of stockholders' equity.

Investment decisions are made within policy guidelines established by the Board of Directors. This policy is aimed at maintaining a diversified investment portfolio, which complements the overall asset/liability and liquidity objectives of the Bank, while limiting the related credit risk to an acceptable level.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the fair value, weighted average yields and contractual maturities of the Corporation's securities as of December 31, 2007:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	Due in 1 year or less	Due from 1 to 3 years	Due from 3 to 5 years	Due from 5 to 10 years	Due after 10 years	No scheduled maturity	Total
U.S. Government securities	\$ 10,105	\$ 14,226	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,003	\$ -	\$ 29,334
Mortgage-backed securities	210	793	-	881	-	-	1,884
Municipal securities	-	-	-	1,463	12,788	-	14,251
Corporate securities	2,939	-	-	-	-	-	2,939
Equity securities	-	-	-	-	-	3,511	3,511
Estimated fair value	\$ 13,254	\$ 15,019	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,344	\$ 15,791	\$ 3,511	\$ 51,919
Weighted average yield (1)	4.44%	4.56%	4.90%	3.87%	5.08%	4.41%	4.64%

(1) Weighted average yield is calculated based upon amortized cost.

For additional information regarding the Corporation's investment portfolio see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in the Annual Report incorporated herein by reference.

#### Sources of Funds

General. Deposits are the primary source of the Bank's funds for lending and investing activities. Secondary sources of funds are derived from loan repayments and investment maturities. Loan repayments can be considered a relatively stable funding source, while deposit activity is greatly influenced by interest rates and general market conditions. The Bank also has access to funds through credit facilities available from the FHLB. In addition, the Bank can obtain advances from the FRB discount window. For a description of the Bank's sources of funds, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Annual Report incorporated herein by reference.

Deposits. The Bank offers a wide variety of retail deposit account products to both consumer and commercial deposit customers, including time deposits, non-interest bearing and interest bearing demand deposit accounts, savings deposits and money market accounts.

Deposit products are promoted in periodic newspaper and radio advertisements, along with notices provided in customer account statements. The Bank's market strategy is based on its reputation as a community bank that provides quality products and personal customer service.

The Bank pays interest rates on its interest bearing deposit products that are competitive with rates offered by other financial institutions in its market area. Management reviews interest rates on deposits weekly and considers a number of factors, including (1) the Bank's internal cost of funds; (2) rates offered by competing financial institutions; (3) investing and lending opportunities; and (4) the Bank's liquidity position.

For additional information regarding the Corporation's deposit base and borrowed funds, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in the Annual Report incorporated herein by reference.

#### Subsidiary Activity

The Corporation has one wholly owned subsidiary, the Bank, a national association. As of December 31, 2007, the Bank had no subsidiaries.



## Personnel

At December 31, 2007, the Bank had 103 full time equivalent employees. There is no collective bargaining agreement between the Bank and its employees, and the Bank believes its relationship with its employees to be satisfactory.

## Competition

The Bank competes for loans, deposits and customers with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, securities and brokerage companies, mortgage companies, insurance companies, finance companies, money market funds, credit unions and other nonbank financial service providers.

## Supervision and Regulation

**General.** Bank holding companies and banks are extensively regulated under both federal and state law. Set forth below is a summary description of certain provisions of certain laws that relate to the regulation of the Corporation and the Bank. The description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable laws and regulations.

**The Corporation.** The Corporation is a registered bank holding company, and subject to regulation and examination by the FRB under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the BHCA). The Corporation is required to file with the FRB periodic reports and such additional information as the FRB may require. Recent changes to the Bank Holding Company rating system emphasizes risk management and evaluation of the potential impact of non-depository entities on safety and soundness.

The FRB may require the Corporation to terminate an activity or terminate control of or liquidate or divest certain subsidiaries, affiliates or investments when the FRB believes the activity or the control of the subsidiary or affiliate constitutes a significant risk to the financial safety, soundness or stability of any of its banking subsidiaries. The FRB also has the authority to regulate provisions of certain bank holding company debt, including the authority to impose interest ceilings and reserve requirements on such debt. Under certain circumstances, the Corporation must file written notice and obtain FRB approval prior to purchasing or redeeming its equity securities.

Further, the Corporation is required by the FRB to maintain certain levels of capital. See "Capital Standards."

The Corporation is required to obtain prior FRB approval for the acquisition of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of any class of voting securities or substantially all of the assets of any bank or bank holding company. Prior FRB approval is also required for the merger or consolidation of the Corporation and another bank holding company.

The Corporation is prohibited by the BHCA, except in certain statutorily prescribed instances, from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the outstanding voting shares of any company that is not a bank or bank holding company and from engaging directly or indirectly in activities other than those of banking, managing or controlling banks, or furnishing services to its subsidiaries. However, subject to the prior FRB approval, the Corporation may engage in any, or acquire shares of companies engaged in, activities that the FRB deems to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto.

Under FRB regulations, the Corporation is required to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to the Corporation's subsidiary bank and may not conduct operations in an unsafe or unsound manner. In addition, it is the FRB's policy that a bank holding company should stand ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to its subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and should maintain the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks. A bank holding

company's failure to meet its obligations to serve as a source of strength to its subsidiary banks will generally be considered by the FRB to be an unsafe and unsound banking practice or a violation of FRB regulations or both. The Corporation is also a bank holding company within the meaning of the Pennsylvania Banking Code. As such, the Corporation and its subsidiaries are subject to examination by, and may be required to file reports with, the Pennsylvania Department of Banking.

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The Corporation's securities are registered with the SEC under the Exchange Act. As such, the Corporation is subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading, corporate governance, and other requirements and restrictions of the Exchange Act. The public may obtain all forms and information filed with the SEC through their website <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Bank. As a national banking association, the Bank is subject to primary supervision, examination and regulation by the OCC. The Corporation is also subject to regulations of the FDIC as administrator of the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) and the FRB. If, as a result of an examination of the Bank, the OCC should determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity or other aspects of the Corporation's operations are unsatisfactory or that the Bank is violating or has violated any law or regulation, various remedies are available to the OCC. Such remedies include the power to enjoin "unsafe or unsound practices," to require affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice, to issue an administrative order that can be judicially enforced, to direct an increase in capital, to restrict the Bank's growth, to assess civil monetary penalties, and to remove officers and directors. The FDIC has similar enforcement authority, in addition to its authority to terminate the Bank's deposit insurance in the absence of action by the OCC and upon a finding that the Bank is operating in an unsafe or unsound condition, is engaging in unsafe or unsound activities, or that the Corporation's conduct poses a risk to the deposit insurance fund or may prejudice the interest of its depositors.

A national bank may have a financial subsidiary engaged in any activity authorized for national banks directly or certain permissible activities. Generally, a financial subsidiary is permitted to engage in activities that are "financial in nature" or incidental thereto, even though they are not permissible for the national bank itself. The definition of "financial in nature" includes, among other items, underwriting, dealing in or making a market in securities, including, for example, distributing shares of mutual funds. The subsidiary may not, however, engage as principal in underwriting insurance, issue annuities or engage in real estate development or investment or merchant banking.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 addresses accounting oversight and corporate governance matters, including:

- the prohibition of accounting firms from providing various types of consulting services to public clients and requiring accounting firms to rotate partners among public client assignments every five years;
  - increased penalties for financial crimes and forfeiture of executive bonuses in certain circumstances;
    - required executive certification of financial presentations;
  - increased requirements for board audit committees and their members;
- enhanced disclosure of controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting;
  - enhanced controls on, and reporting of, insider trading; and
  - statutory separations between investment bankers and analysts.

The new legislation and its implementing regulations have resulted in increased costs of compliance, including certain outside professional costs. To date these costs have not had a material impact on the Corporation's operations.

USA PATRIOT Act of 2001. The USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and its implementing regulations significantly expanded the anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws. Under the USA PATRIOT Act, financial institutions are subject to prohibitions regarding specified financial transactions and account relationships, as well as enhanced due diligence and "know your customer" standards in their dealings with foreign financial institutions and foreign customers. For example, the enhanced due diligence policies, procedures and controls generally require financial institutions to take reasonable steps:

- To conduct enhanced scrutiny of account relationships to guard against money laundering and report any suspicious transaction,
- To ascertain the identity of the nominal and beneficial owners of, and the source of funds deposited into, each account as needed to guard against money laundering and report any suspicious transactions,
- To ascertain for any foreign bank, the shares of which are not publicly traded, the identity of the owners of the foreign bank, and the nature and extent of the ownership interest of each such owner, and
- To ascertain whether any foreign bank provides correspondent accounts to other foreign banks and, if so, the identity of those foreign banks and related due diligence information.

Under the USA PATRIOT Act, financial institutions are required to establish and maintain anti-money laundering programs which include:

- The establishment of a customer identification program,
- The development of internal policies, procedures, and controls,
  - The designation of a compliance officer,
  - An ongoing employee training program, and
  - An independent audit function to test the programs.

The Bank has implemented comprehensive policies and procedures to address the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act.

Privacy. Federal banking rules limit the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose non-public information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties. Pursuant to these rules, financial institutions must provide:

- Initial notices to customers about their privacy policies, describing the conditions under which they may disclose nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated third parties and affiliates;
  - Annual notices of their privacy policies to current customers; and
- A reasonable method for customers to “opt out” of disclosures to nonaffiliated third parties.

These privacy provisions affect how consumer information is transmitted through diversified financial companies and conveyed to outside vendors. The Corporation’s privacy policies have been implemented in accordance with the law.

Dividends and Other Transfers of Funds. Dividends from the Bank constitute the principal source of income to the Corporation. The Corporation is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank. The Bank is subject to various statutory and regulatory restrictions on its ability to pay dividends to the Corporation. In addition, the Bank’s regulators have the authority to prohibit the Bank from paying dividends, depending upon the Bank’s financial condition, if such payment is deemed to constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

Transactions with Affiliates. The Bank is subject to certain restrictions imposed by federal law on any extensions of credit to, or the issuance of a guarantee or letter of credit on behalf of, any affiliates, the purchase of, or investments in, stock or other securities thereof, the taking of such securities as collateral for loans, and the purchase of assets of any affiliates. Such restrictions prevent any affiliates from borrowing from the Bank unless the loans are secured by marketable obligations of designated amounts. Further, such secured loans and investments by the Bank to or in any affiliate are limited, individually, to 10% of the Bank’s capital and surplus (as defined by federal regulations), and such secured loans and investments are limited, in the aggregate, to 20% of the Bank’s capital and surplus. Some of the entities included in the definition of an affiliate are parent companies, sister banks, sponsored and advised companies, investment companies whereby the Bank or its affiliate serves as investment advisor, and financial subsidiaries of the bank. Additional restrictions on transactions with affiliates may be imposed on the Bank under the prompt corrective action provisions of federal law. See “Prompt Corrective Action and Other Enforcement Mechanisms.”



**Loans to One Borrower Limitations.** With certain limited exceptions, the maximum amount that a national bank may lend to any borrower (including certain related entities of the borrower) at one time may not exceed 15% of the unimpaired capital and surplus of the institution, plus an additional 10% of unimpaired capital and surplus for loans fully secured by readily marketable collateral. At December 31, 2007, the Bank's loans-to-one-borrower limit was \$3.6 million based upon the 15% of unimpaired capital and surplus measurement. At December 31, 2007, the Bank's largest single lending relationship had an outstanding balance of \$5.2 million. Credit granted to this borrower in excess of the legal lending limit is part of the Pilot Program approved by the OCC which allows the Bank to exceed its legal lending limit within certain parameters. The Bank's next largest single lending relationship had an outstanding balance of \$4.3 million, which consisted of a loan to a municipality and was not subject to the legal lending limit. The Bank had one additional lending relationship exceeding the legal lending limit totaling \$3.8 million at December 31, 2007. Credit granted to this borrower in excess of the legal lending limit is also part of the Pilot Program. The next largest borrower had loans which totaled \$3.5 million and consisted of loans secured by commercial real estate and business property in the Bank's lending area. At December 31, 2007, all of such loans were performing in accordance with their terms.

**Capital Standards.** The federal banking agencies have adopted risk-based minimum capital guidelines intended to provide a measure of capital that reflects the degree of risk associated with a banking organization's operations for both transactions reported on the balance sheet as assets and transactions which are recorded as off-balance sheet items. Under these guidelines, nominal dollar amounts of assets and credit equivalent amounts of off-balance sheet items are multiplied by one of several risk adjustment percentages, which range from 0% for assets with low credit risk, such as federal banking agencies, to 100% for assets with relatively high credit risk.

The risk-based capital ratio is determined by classifying assets and certain off-balance sheet financial instruments into weighted categories, with higher levels of capital being required for those categories perceived as representing greater risk. Under the capital guidelines, a banking organization's total capital is divided into tiers. "Tier I capital" consists of (1) common equity, (2) qualifying noncumulative perpetual preferred stock, (3) a limited amount of qualifying cumulative perpetual preferred stock and (4) minority interests in the equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries (including trust-preferred securities), less goodwill and certain other intangible assets. Not more than 25% of qualifying Tier I capital may consist of trust-preferred securities. "Tier II capital" consists of hybrid capital instruments, perpetual debt, mandatory convertible debt securities, a limited amount of subordinated debt, preferred stock that does not qualify as Tier I capital, a limited amount of the allowance for loan and lease losses and a limited amount of unrealized holding gains on equity securities. "Tier III capital" consists of qualifying unsecured subordinated debt. The sum of Tier II and Tier III capital may not exceed the amount of Tier I capital.

The guidelines require a minimum ratio of qualifying total capital to risk-adjusted assets of 8% and a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-adjusted assets of 4%. In addition to the risk-based guidelines, federal banking regulators require banking organizations to maintain a minimum amount of Tier 1 capital to total assets, referred to as the leverage ratio. For a banking organization rated in the highest of the five categories used by regulators to rate banking organizations, the minimum leverage ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets must be 3%. In addition to these uniform risk-based capital guidelines and leverage ratios that apply across the industry, the regulators have the discretion to set individual minimum capital requirements for specific institutions at rates significantly above the minimum guidelines and ratios.

In addition, federal banking regulators may set capital requirements higher than the minimums described above for financial institutions whose circumstances warrant it. For example, a financial institution experiencing or anticipating significant growth may be expected to maintain capital positions substantially above the minimum supervisory levels without significant reliance on intangible assets.

**Prompt Corrective Action and Other Enforcement Mechanisms.** Federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take corrective and other supervisory action to resolve the problems of insured depository institutions, including but not limited to those institutions that fall below one or more prescribed minimum capital ratios. Each federal banking agency has promulgated regulations defining the following five categories in which an insured depository institution will be placed, based on its capital ratios: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, and critically undercapitalized. At December 31, 2007, the Bank exceeded the required ratios for classification as “well/adequately capitalized.”

An institution that, based upon its capital levels, is classified as well capitalized, adequately capitalized, or undercapitalized may be treated as though it were in the next lower capital category if the appropriate federal banking agency, after notice and opportunity for hearing, determines that an unsafe or unsound condition or an unsafe or unsound practice warrants such treatment. At each successive lower capital category, an insured depository institution is subject to more restrictions. The federal banking agencies, however, may not treat a significantly undercapitalized institution as critically undercapitalized unless its capital ratio actually warrants such treatment.

In addition to measures taken under the prompt corrective action provisions, commercial banking organizations may be subject to potential enforcement actions by the federal regulators for unsafe or unsound practices in conducting their businesses or for violations of any law, rule, regulation, or any condition imposed in writing by the agency or any written agreement with the agency. Finally, pursuant to an interagency agreement, the FDIC can examine any institution that has a substandard regulatory examination score or is considered undercapitalized – without the express permission of the institution’s primary regulator.

**Safety and Soundness Standards.** The federal banking agencies have adopted guidelines designed to assist the federal banking agencies in identifying and addressing potential safety and soundness concerns before capital becomes impaired. The guidelines set forth operational and managerial standards relating to: (i) internal controls, information systems and internal audit systems, (ii) loan documentation, (iii) credit underwriting, (iv) asset growth, (v) earnings, and (vi) compensation, fees and benefits. In addition, the federal banking agencies have also adopted safety and soundness guidelines with respect to asset quality and earnings standards. These guidelines provide six standards for establishing and maintaining a system to identify problem assets and prevent those assets from deteriorating. Under these standards, an insured depository institution should: (i) conduct periodic asset quality reviews to identify problem assets, (ii) estimate the inherent losses in problem assets and establish reserves that are sufficient to absorb estimated losses, (iii) compare problem asset totals to capital, (iv) take appropriate corrective action to resolve problem assets, (v) consider the size and potential risks of material asset concentrations, and (vi) provide periodic asset quality reports with adequate information for management and the board of directors to assess the level of asset risk. These guidelines also set forth standards for evaluating and monitoring earnings and for ensuring that earnings are sufficient for the maintenance of adequate capital and reserves.

**Insurance of Accounts.** The deposits of the Bank are insured to the maximum extent permitted by the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) and are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. As insurer, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is authorized to conduct examinations of, and to require reporting by, insured institutions. It also may prohibit any insured institution from engaging in any activity determined by regulation or order to pose a serious threat to the FDIC.

Each FDIC insured institution is assigned to one of three capital groups which are based solely on the level of an institution's capital— “well capitalized,” “adequately capitalized,” and “undercapitalized.” These capital levels are defined in the same manner as under the prompt corrective action system discussed above. These three groups are then divided into three subgroups which reflect varying levels of supervisory concern, from those which are considered to be healthy to those which are considered to be of substantial supervisory concern. Assessment rates for insured institutions are determined semi-annually by the FDIC and currently range from zero basis points for well-capitalized healthy institutions, such as the Bank, to 27 basis points for undercapitalized institutions with substantial supervisory

concern.

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In addition, all institutions with deposits insured by the FDIC are required to pay assessments to fund interest payments on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation, a mixed-ownership government corporation established to recapitalize the predecessor to the DIF. The annual assessment rate set for the third quarter of 2007 was 0.00285% of insured deposits and is adjusted quarterly. These assessments will continue until the Financing Corporation bonds mature in 2019.

The FDIC may terminate the deposit insurance of any insured depository institution, including the Bank, if it determines after a hearing that the institution has engaged or is engaging in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations, or has violated any applicable law, regulation, order or any condition imposed by an agreement with the FDIC. It also may suspend deposit insurance temporarily during the hearing process for the permanent termination of insurance, if the institution has no tangible capital. If insurance of accounts is terminated, the accounts at the institution at the time of the termination, less subsequent withdrawals, shall continue to be insured for a period of six months to two years, as determined by the FDIC. Management is aware of no existing circumstances which would result in termination of the Bank's deposit insurance.

On February 8, 2006, President George W. Bush signed into law legislation that merged the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF) and the Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF) to form the DIF, eliminated any disparities in bank and thrift risk-based premium assessments, reduced the administrative burden of maintaining and operating two separate funds and established certain new insurance coverage limits and a mechanism for possible periodic increases. The legislation also gave the FDIC greater discretion to identify the relative risks all institutions present to the DIF and set risk-based premiums.

Major provisions in the legislation include:

- Merging the SAIF and BIF, which became effective March 31, 2006.
- Maintaining basic deposit and municipal account insurance coverage at \$100,000 but providing for a new basic insurance coverage for retirement accounts of \$250,000. Insurance coverage for basic deposit and retirement accounts could be increased for inflation every five years in \$10,000 increments beginning in 2011.
- Providing the FDIC with the ability to set the designated reserve ratio within a range of between 1.15% and 1.50%, rather than maintaining 1.25% at all times regardless of prevailing economic conditions.
- Providing a one-time assessment credit of \$4.7 billion to banks and savings associations in existence on December 31, 1996. The institutions qualifying for the credit may use it to offset future premiums with certain limitations.
- Requiring the payment of dividends of 100% of the amount that the insurance fund exceeds 1.5% of the estimated insured deposits and the payment of 50% of the amount that the insurance fund exceeds 1.35% of the estimated insured deposits (when the reserve is greater than 1.35% but no more than 1.5%).

**Interstate Banking and Branching.** Banks have the ability, subject to certain State restrictions, to acquire, by acquisition or merger, branches outside its home state. The establishment of new interstate branches is also possible in those states with laws that expressly permit it. Interstate branches are subject to certain laws of the states in which they are located. Competition may increase further as banks branch across state lines and enter new markets.

**Consumer Protection Laws and Regulations.** The bank regulatory agencies are focusing greater attention on compliance with consumer protection laws and their implementing regulations. Examination and enforcement have become more intense in nature, and insured institutions have been advised to monitor carefully compliance with such laws and regulations. The Bank is subject to many federal consumer protection statutes and regulations, some of which are discussed below.

The Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) is intended to encourage insured depository institutions, while operating safely and soundly, to help meet the credit needs of their communities. The CRA specifically directs the federal regulatory agencies, in examining insured depository institutions, to assess a bank's record of helping meet the credit

needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The CRA further requires the agencies to take a financial institution's record of meeting its community credit needs into account when evaluating applications for, among other things, domestic branches, mergers or acquisitions, or holding company formations. The agencies use the CRA assessment factors in order to provide a rating to the financial institution. The ratings range from a high of "outstanding" to a low of "substantial noncompliance." In its last examination for CRA compliance, as of May 5, 2004, the Bank was rated "satisfactory."

On September 1, 2005, the federal banking agencies amended the CRA regulations to:

- establish the definition of “Intermediate Small Bank” as an institution with total assets of \$250 million to \$1 billion, without regard to any holding company; and
  - take into account abusive lending practices by a bank or its affiliates in determining a bank’s CRA rating.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act, as amended by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACT) requires financial firms to help deter identity theft, including developing appropriate fraud response programs, and give consumers more control of their credit data. It also reauthorizes a federal ban on state laws that interfere with corporate credit granting and marketing practices. In connection with FACT, financial institution regulatory agencies proposed rules that would prohibit an institution from using certain information about a consumer it received from an affiliate to make a solicitation to the consumer, unless the consumer has been notified and given a chance to opt out of such solicitations. A consumer’s election to opt out would be applicable for at least five years.

The Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (Check 21) facilitates check truncation and electronic check exchange by authorizing a new negotiable instrument called a “substitute check,” which is the legal equivalent of an original check. Check 21, effective October 28, 2004, does not require banks to create substitute checks or accept checks electronically; however, it does require banks to accept a legally equivalent substitute check in place of an original.

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) generally prohibits discrimination in any credit transaction, whether for consumer or business purposes, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age (except in limited circumstances), receipt of income from public assistance programs, or good faith exercise of any rights under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

The Truth in Lending Act (TILA) is designed to ensure that credit terms are disclosed in a meaningful way so that consumers may compare credit terms more readily and knowledgeably. As a result of the TILA, all creditors must use the same credit terminology to express rates and payments, including the annual percentage rate, the finance charge, the amount financed, the total of payments and the payment schedule, among other things.

The Fair Housing Act (FH Act) regulates many practices, including making it unlawful for any lender to discriminate in its housing-related lending activities against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap or familial status. A number of lending practices have been found by the courts to be, or may be considered, illegal under the FH Act, including some that are not specifically mentioned in the FH Act itself.

The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) grew out of public concern over credit shortages in certain urban neighborhoods and provides public information that will help show whether financial institutions are serving the housing credit needs of the neighborhoods and communities in which they are located. The HMDA also includes a “fair lending” aspect that requires the collection and disclosure of data about applicant and borrower characteristics as a way of identifying possible discriminatory lending patterns and enforcing anti-discrimination statutes.

The term “predatory lending,” much like the terms “safety and soundness” and “unfair and deceptive practices,” is far-reaching and covers a potentially broad range of behavior. As such, it does not lend itself to a concise or a comprehensive definition. But typically predatory lending involves at least one, and perhaps all three, of the following elements:

- making unaffordable loans based on the assets of the borrower rather than on the borrower’s ability to repay an obligation (“asset-based lending”)
- inducing a borrower to refinance a loan repeatedly in order to charge high points and fees each time the loan is refinanced (“loan flipping”)
- engaging in fraud or deception to conceal the true nature of the loan obligation from an unsuspecting or unsophisticated borrower.

FRB regulations aimed at curbing such lending significantly widen the pool of high-cost home-secured loans covered by the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994, a federal law that requires extra disclosures and consumer protections to borrowers. Lenders that violate the rules face cancellation of loans and penalties equal to the finance charges paid.

Effective April 8, 2005, OCC guidelines require national banks and their operating subsidiaries to comply with certain standards when making or purchasing loans to avoid predatory or abusive residential mortgage lending practices. Failure to comply with the guidelines could be deemed an unsafe and unsound or unfair or deceptive practice, subjecting the bank to supervisory enforcement actions.

Finally, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) requires lenders to provide borrowers with disclosures regarding the nature and cost of real estate settlements. Also, RESPA prohibits certain abusive practices, such as kickbacks, and places limitations on the amount of escrow accounts. Penalties under the above laws may include fines, reimbursements and other penalties. Due to heightened regulatory concern related to compliance with the CRA, TILA, FH Act, ECOA, HMDA and RESPA generally, the Bank may incur additional compliance costs or be required to expend additional funds for investments in its local community.

**Federal Home Loan Bank System.** The Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. Among other benefits, each FHLB serves as a reserve or central bank for its members within its assigned region. Each FHLB is financed primarily from the sale of consolidated obligations of the FHLB system. Each FHLB makes available loans or advances to its members in compliance with the policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors of the individual FHLB. As an FHLB member, the Bank is required to own a certain amount of capital stock in the FHLB. At December 31, 2007, the Bank was in compliance with the stock requirements.

**Federal Reserve System.** The FRB requires all depository institutions to maintain non-interest bearing reserves at specified levels against their transaction accounts (primarily checking, NOW, and Super NOW checking accounts) and non-personal time deposits. At December 31, 2007, the Bank was in compliance with these requirements.

## Forward Looking Statements

Discussions of certain matters in this Form 10-K and other related year end documents may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and as such, may involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies, and expectations, are generally identifiable by the use of words or phrases such as “believe”, “plan”, “expect”, “intend”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “project”, “forecast”, “may increase”, “may fluctuate”, “may improve” and similar expressions, and future or conditional verbs such as “will”, “should”, “would”, and “could”. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which the Corporation operates, projections of future performance, potential future credit experience, perceived opportunities in the market and statements regarding the Corporation’s mission and vision. The Corporation’s actual results, performance and achievements may differ materially from the results, performance, and achievements expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements due to a wide range of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, the local economy, the demand for the Corporation’s products and services, accounting principles or guidelines, legislative and regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, U.S. Treasury, and Federal Reserve, real estate markets, competition in the financial services industry, attracting and retaining key personnel, performance of new employees, regulatory actions, changes in and utilization of new technologies and other risks detailed in the Corporation’s reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from time to time. These factors and those discussed under “Risk Factors” should be considered in evaluating the forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. The Corporation does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to update any forward-looking statements to reflect occurrences or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following discusses certain factors that may affect the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations and should be considered in analyzing whether to make or continue an investment in our common stock.

**Economic Conditions and Geographic Concentration.** The Corporation's operations are located in western Pennsylvania and are concentrated in Venango, Clarion and Butler Counties, Pennsylvania. Although management has diversified the Corporation's loan portfolio into other Pennsylvania counties, and to a very limited extent, into other states, the vast majority of the Corporation's credits remain concentrated in the three primary counties. As a result of this geographic concentration, the Corporation's results depend largely upon economic and real estate market conditions in these areas. Deterioration in economic or real estate market conditions in the Corporation's primary market areas could have a material adverse impact on the quality of the Corporation's loan portfolio, the demand for its products and services, and its financial condition and results of operations.

**Interest Rates.** By nature, all financial institutions are impacted by changing interest rates. Among other issues, changes in interest rates may affect the following:

- § the demand for new loans;
- § the value of our interest-earning assets;
- § prepayment speeds experienced on various asset classes, particularly residential mortgage loans;
- § credit profiles of existing borrowers;
- § rates received on loans and securities;
- § our ability to obtain and retain deposits in connection with other available investment alternatives; and
- § rates paid on deposits and borrowings.

As presented previously, the Corporation is financially exposed to parallel shifts in general market interest rates, changes in the relative pricing of the term structure of general market interest rates, and relative credit spreads. Therefore, significant fluctuations in interest rates may have an adverse effect upon the Corporation's financial condition and results of operations.

**Credit Quality.** A significant source of risk arises from the possibility that losses will be sustained because borrowers, guarantors, and related parties may fail to perform in accordance with the terms of their loans. The Corporation has adopted underwriting and credit monitoring procedures and credit policies, including the establishment and review of the allowance for loan losses, that management believes are appropriate to control this risk by assessing the likelihood of non-performance, tracking loan performance, and diversifying the credit portfolio. Such policies and procedures may not, however, prevent unexpected losses that could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial condition or results of operations. Unexpected losses may arise from a wide variety of specific or systemic factors, many of which are beyond the Corporation's ability to predict, influence, or control.

There are increased risks involved with commercial real estate and commercial business and consumer lending activities. Our lending activities include loans secured by commercial real estate. Commercial real estate lending generally is considered to involve a higher degree of risk than single-family residential lending due to a variety of factors, including generally larger loan balances and the dependency on successful operation of the project for repayment. Our lending activities also include commercial business loans to small to medium business, which generally are secured by various equipment, machinery and other corporate assets, and a wide variety of consumer loans, including home equity and second mortgage loans, automobile loans and unsecured loans. Although commercial business loans and consumer loans generally have shorter terms and higher interest rates than mortgage loans, they generally involve more risk than mortgage loans because of the nature of, or in certain cases the absence of, the collateral which secures such loans.

Our allowance for loan losses on loans may not be adequate to cover probable losses. We have established an allowance for loan losses which we believe is adequate to offset probable losses on our existing loans. There can be no assurance that any future declines in real estate market conditions, general economic conditions or changes in regulatory policies will not require us to increase our allowance for loan losses, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Other Risks. From time to time, the Corporation details other risks with respect to its business and financial results in its filings with the SEC.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

#### Item 2. Properties

The Corporation owns no real property but utilizes the main office of the Bank. The Corporation's and the Bank's executive offices are located at 612 Main Street, Emlenton, Pennsylvania. The Corporation pays no rent or other form of consideration for the use of this facility. The following table sets forth information with respect to the Bank's offices at December 31, 2007:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)		Owned or Leased	Lease Expiration Date (1)	Net Book Value or Annual Rent	Deposits at 12/31/2007
Location	County				
Corporate and Bank Main Offices:					
Headquarters and Main Office 612 Main Street, Emlenton, Pennsylvania 16373	Venango	Owned	--	\$ 1,880	\$ 44,238
Data Center 708 Main Street, Emlenton, Pennsylvania 16373	Venango	Owned	--	1,041	--
Bank Branch Offices					
Bon Aire Office 1101 North Main Street, Butler, Pennsylvania 16003	Butler	Leased	May 2011	40	38,347
Brookville Office 263 Main Street, Brookville, Pennsylvania 15825	Jefferson	Owned	--	692	21,988
Clarion Office Sixth & Wood Street, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214	Clarion	Owned	--	310	34,973
Cranberry Office	Venango	Owned	--	1,198	6,325



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DuBois Office 861 Beaver Drive, Dubois, Pennsylvania 15801	Clearfield	Leased	June 2010	21	15,755
East Brady Office 323 Kelly's Way, East Brady, Pennsylvania 16028	Clarion	Owned	--	47	18,833
Eau Claire Office 207 Washington Street, Eau Claire, Pennsylvania 16030	Butler	Owned	--	149	15,815
Grove City Office (2) 1319 West Main Street, Grove City, Pennsylvania 16127	Mercer	Owned	--	688	--
Knox Office Route 338 South, Knox, Pennsylvania 16232	Clarion	Leased	December 2011	28	29,955
Meridian Office 101 Meridian Road, Butler, Pennsylvania 16003	Butler	Leased	December 2012	26	7,798
Ridgway Office 173 Main Street, Ridgway, Pennsylvania 15853	Elk	Owned	--	149	10,235
					\$ 244,262

- (1) Lease agreements for leased offices typically include renewal options.
- (2) Branch office expected to open in early 2008.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Neither the Bank nor the Corporation is involved in any material legal proceedings. The Bank, from time to time, is party to litigation that arises in the ordinary course of business, such as claims to enforce liens, claims involving the origination and servicing of loans, and other issues related to the business of the Bank. In the opinion of management, the resolution of any such issues would not have a material adverse impact on the financial position, results of operation, or liquidity of the Bank or the Corporation.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to stockholders for a vote during the quarter ended December 31, 2007.

PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

(a) The information is contained under the section captioned "Stock and Dividend Information" in the Corporation's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, and is incorporated herein by reference. For information with respect to equity compensation plans, see "Item 12 – Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters." There were no sales of the Corporation's unregistered securities during the period covered by this report.

Set forth below is a graph comparing the yearly percentage change in the cumulative total shareholder return on the Corporation's common stock against the cumulative total return of NASDAQ Composite and SNL \$250 million to \$500 million Bank Index for the five year period beginning December 31, 2002 and ending December 31, 2007. Each assumes an investment of \$100 on December 31, 2002 and reinvestment of dividends when paid. The graph is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities. The Corporation did not repurchase any of its equity securities in the year ended December 31, 2007.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The required information is contained in the section captioned “Selected Consolidated Financial Data” in the Corporation’s Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The required information is contained in the section captioned “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in the Corporation’s Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk for the Corporation is comprised primarily from interest rate risk exposure and liquidity risk. Since virtually all of the interest-earning assets and paying liabilities are at the Bank, virtually all of the interest rate risk and liquidity risk lies at the Bank level. The Bank is not subject to currency exchange risk or commodity price risk, and has no trading portfolio, and therefore, is not subject to any trading risk. In addition, the Bank does not participate in hedging transactions such as interest rate swaps and caps. Changes in interest rates will impact both income and expense recorded and also the market value of long-term interest-earning assets. Interest rate risk and liquidity risk management is performed at the Bank level. Although the Bank has a diversified loan portfolio, loans outstanding to individuals and businesses depend upon the local economic conditions in the immediate trade area.

One of the primary functions of the Corporation’s asset/liability management committee is to monitor the level to which the balance sheet is subject to interest rate risk. The goal of the asset/liability committee is to manage the relationship between interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities, thereby minimizing the fluctuations in the net interest margin, which achieves consistent growth of net interest income during periods of changing interest rates.

Interest rate sensitivity is the result of differences in the amounts and repricing dates of the Bank’s rate sensitive assets and rate sensitive liabilities. These differences, or interest rate repricing “gap”, provide an indication of the extent that the Corporation’s net interest income is affected by future changes in interest rates. A gap is considered positive when the amount of interest-rate sensitive assets exceeds the amount of interest rate-sensitive liabilities and is considered negative when the amount of interest rate-sensitive liabilities exceeds the amount of interest rate-sensitive assets. Generally, during a period of rising interest rates, a negative gap would adversely affect net interest income while a positive gap would result in an increase in net interest income. Conversely, during a period of falling interest rates, a negative gap would result in an increase in net interest income and a positive gap would adversely affect net interest income. The closer to zero that gap is maintained, generally, the lesser the impact of market interest rate changes on net interest income.

Based on certain assumptions by a federal regulatory agency, which management believes most accurately represents the sensitivity of the Corporation’s assets and liabilities to interest rate changes, at December 31, 2007, the Corporation’s interest-earning assets maturing or repricing within one year totaled \$72.7 million while the Corporation’s interest-bearing liabilities maturing or repricing within one-year totaled \$93.2 million, providing an excess of interest-bearing liabilities over interest-earning assets of \$20.5 million or a negative 6.6% of total assets. At December 31, 2007, the percentage of the Corporation’s assets to liabilities maturing or repricing within one year was 78.1%.

For more information, see “Market Risk Management” in the Corporation’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.



Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The Corporation's consolidated financial statements required herein are contained in the Corporation's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A (T). Controls and Procedures.

The Corporation maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Corporation's reports in compliance with the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's Management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure based closely on the definition of "disclosure controls and procedures" in Rule 13a-14(c) promulgated under the Exchange Act. As of December 31, 2007, the Corporation carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Corporation's Management, including the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on the foregoing, the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007, there were no significant changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to the date of the evaluation referenced above.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined under Exchange Act Rules 13a – 15(f). The Corporation's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance to its management and board of directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under that framework, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2007.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Corporation's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. The Corporation's internal control over financial reporting was not subject to attestation by the Corporation's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Corporation to provide only management's report in this annual report.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

### PART III

#### Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information contained under the sections captioned “Principal Beneficial Owners of the Corporation’s Common Stock”, “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” and “Information With Respect to Nominees For Director, Continuing Director and Executive Officers” is incorporated herein by reference to the Corporation’s definitive proxy statement for the Corporation’s Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on April 23, 2008 (the Proxy Statement) which will be filed no later than 120 days following the Corporation’s fiscal year end.

The Corporation maintains a Code of Personal and Business Conduct and Ethics (the Code) that applies to all employees, including the CEO and the CFO. A copy of the Code has previously been filed with the SEC and is posted on our website at [www.farmersnb.com](http://www.farmersnb.com). Any waiver of the Code with respect to the CEO and the CFO will be publicly disclosed in accordance with applicable regulations.

#### Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information contained under the section captioned “Executive Compensation” in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned “Principal Beneficial Owners of the Corporation’s Common Stock” in the Proxy Statement.

#### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned “Information With Respect to Nominees For Director, Continuing Directors and Executive Officers” and “Executive Compensation” in the Proxy Statement.

#### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned “Relationship With Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” in the Proxy Statement.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1)-(2) Financial Statements and Schedules:

(i) Financial statements and schedules included in Exhibit 13 to this Form 10-K are filed as part of this report.

(ii) All other financial statement schedules are omitted because the required information is not applicable, or because the information required is included in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

(3) Management Contracts or  
Compensatory Plans:

(i) Exhibits 10.1-10.3 listed below in (b) below identify management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements required to be filed as exhibits to this report, and such listing is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Exhibits are either attached  
as part of this Report or  
incorporated herein by  
reference.

3.1 Articles of Incorporation of Emclaire Financial Corp. (1)

3.2 Bylaws of Emclaire Financial Corp. (1)

4 Specimen Stock Certificate of Emclaire Financial Corp. (2)

10.1 Employment Agreement between Emclaire Financial Corp., the Farmers  
National bank of Emlenton and David L. Cox, dated as of July 1, 2007. (3)

10.2 Employment Agreement between Emclaire Financial Corp., the Farmers  
National bank of Emlenton and William C. Marsh, dated as of July 1, 2007.  
(3)

10.3 Change in Control Agreement between Emclaire Financial Corp., the  
Farmers National bank of Emlenton and Raymond M. Lawton, dated as of  
July 1, 2007. (3)

10.4 Change in Control Agreement between Emclaire Financial Corp., the  
Farmers National bank of Emlenton and Kathleen L. Buzzard, dated as of July  
1, 2007. (3)

10.5 Form of Group Term Carve-Out Plan between the Farmers National  
Bank of Emlenton and 20 Officers and Employees. (5)



10.6 Form of Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Agreement between the Farmers National Bank of Emlenton and Six Officers. (5)

11 Statement regarding computation of earnings per share (see Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Annual Report).

13 Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

14 Code of Personal and Business Conduct and Ethics. (6)

16 Letter regarding change in certifying accountant

20 Emclaire Financial Corp. Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.(4)

21 Subsidiaries of the Registrant (see information contained herein under “Item 1. Description of Business - Subsidiary Activity”).

31.1 CEO 302 Certification.

31.2 CFO 302 Certification.

32.1 Chief Executive Officer 906 Certification.

32.2 CFO 906 Certification.

(1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form SB-2, as amended, (File No. 333-11773) declared effective by the SEC on October 25, 1996.

(2) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997.

(3) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 21, 2007.

(4) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

(5) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(6) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

EMCLAIRE FINANCIAL CORP.

Dated: March  
24, 2008

By:

/s/ David L. Cox

David L. Cox  
President, Chief Executive  
Officer, and Director  
(Duly Authorized  
Representative)

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ David L. Cox  
David L. Cox  
President  
Chairman of the Board  
Chief Executive Officer  
Director  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ William C. Marsh  
William C. Marsh  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
Director  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: March 24, 2008

Date: March 24, 2008

By: /s/ Ronald L. Ashbaugh  
Ronald L. Ashbaugh  
Director

By: /s/ Brian C. McCarrier  
Brian C. McCarrier  
Director

Date: March 24, 2008

Date: March 24, 2008

By: /s/ James M. Crooks  
James M. Crooks  
Director

By: /s/ George W. Freeman  
George W. Freeman  
Director

Date: March 24, 2008

Date: March 24, 2008

By: /s/ Mark A. Freemer  
Mark A. Freemer  
Director

By: /s/ Robert L. Hunter  
Robert L. Hunter  
Director

Date: March 24, 2008

Date: March 24, 2008

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By: /s/ J. Michael King  
J. Michael King  
Director

By: /s/ John B. Mason  
John B. Mason  
Director

Date: March 24, 2008

Date: March 24, 2008