

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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July 25, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) July 20, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction

1-11277
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07470
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On July 20, 2005, the Board of Directors of Valley National Bancorp approved amendments to the Valley National Bancorp 1989 Long Term Incentive Plan and the Valley National Bancorp 1999 Long Term Incentive Plan. The primary purpose of the revisions was to refine the circumstances under which acceleration of vesting occurs pursuant to termination of employment.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

- 10.1 Valley National Bancorp 1989 Long Term Incentive Plan (As Amended by Directors July 20, 2005).
- 10.2 Valley National Bancorp 1999 Long Term Incentive Plan (As Amended by Directors July 20, 2005).

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 25, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

Alan D. Eskow
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

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