

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
March 17, 2008

# **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 March 2008**

## **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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Yes        No   X

**Acquisition of Shares of Joint Stock Company Bank CenterCredit**

On March 14, 2008, the board of directors of Kookmin Bank ( Kookmin ) passed a resolution to approve the acquisition of shares of Joint Stock Company Bank CenterCredit ( CenterCredit ), a Kazakhstan bank. Details of the acquisition are as follows:

Number of shares to be acquired: 44,136,675 shares (representing 29.99% of CenterCredit's outstanding shares).

Purchase price: Won 621,342,689,028.

Total number of shares of CenterCredit to be owned by Kookmin following the acquisition: 44,136,675 shares.

Method of acquisition: Purchase of the shares through the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange pursuant to a share purchase agreement.

Purpose of acquisition: To secure new overseas growth opportunities by entering the Commonwealth of Independent States market through the acquisition of an equity stake in CenterCredit.

Key consolidated financial data of CenterCredit:

<i>Date (as of)</i>	<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>Total liabilities</i>	<i>Total Stockholders Equity (in millions of Won)</i>	<i>Capital Stock</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Net income</i>
September 30, 2007	7,423,208	6,884,585	538,623	294,843	629,501	84,170
December 31, 2006	4,659,763	4,329,767	329,996	172,081	482,230	81,676
December 31, 2005	2,691,534	2,477,902	213,632	133,667	260,660	38,829

Other relevant information:

Kookmin Bank plans to increase its equity stake in CenterCredit to 50.1% or more within 30 months from the closing date of this acquisition.

The closing of Kookmin's initial acquisition of shares of CenterCredit will occur after the receipt of regulatory approvals from the Financial Services Commission of the Republic of Korea, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance of the Republic of Korea and the relevant authorities in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and therefore the closing date has not yet been determined.

The amounts stated above have been converted from Kazakhstan Tenge to U.S. dollar using the exchange rate in effect on December 31, 2007 (US\$1.00 = KZT 120.30), and from U.S. dollar to Korean Won using the exchange rate in effect on March 14, 2008 (U.S.\$1.00 = Won 980.50).

**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: March 17, 2008

By: /s/ Donald H. MacKenzie  
(Signature)  
Name: Donald H. MacKenzie  
Title: Senior EVP / CFO