

KOOKMIN BANK
Form 6-K
July 31, 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 July 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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Yes No

2006 First Half Operating Results

On July 31, 2006, Kookmin Bank held an earnings conference and released its operating results for the first half of 2006. The following tables reflect the key figures released during the conference, and full presentation material is available at the Kookmin Bank website (www.kbstar.com) for further information.

The figures for the first half of 2006 presented herein are currently being reviewed by our independent auditor, and such figures are subject to change.

From the end of 2005, income from credit card-related fees was reclassified as interest income. However, from the first half of 2006, Kookmin Bank reversed such reclassification with respect to the check card portion of credit card-related fees, so that such fees were classified as fee income. The related figures in the financial statements for periods prior to the first half of 2006 were adjusted in line with such reversal.

Selected Financial Data

1. Balance sheet figures

| (Won in trillions) | As of the date indicated | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | June 30, 2006 | December 31, 2005 | % Change (YTD) |
| Total Assets | 192.0 | 179.6 | 6.9 |
| Loans in Won¹ | 126.2 | 122.3 | 3.2 |
| Total Liabilities | 178.2 | 167.2 | 6.6 |
| Deposits in Won | 131.2 | 131.6 | -0.3 |
| Stockholders Equity | 13.8 | 12.4 | 11.3 |

2. Operating results

| (Won in billions) | For the six-month period ended | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | June 30, 2006 | June 30, 2005 | % Change (YoY) |
| Operating Income | 1,917.1 | 1,237.1 | 55.0 |
| Non-Operating Income | 264.8 | 73.0 | 262.7 |
| Net Income | 1,580.0 | 890.0 | 77.5 |

¹ Including Private Placement Bonds

3. Asset Quality

| (Won in billions) | June 30, 2006 | As of the date indicated December 31, 2005 | % Change (YTD) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| Total Loans for NPL Management | 142,713.4 | 137,521.5 | 3.8 |
| Substandard & Below Loans | 1,980.4 | 2,338.0 | -15.3 |
| Loan Loss Reserves | 2,256.3 | 2,468.4 | -8.6 |
| NPL Ratio | 1.39% | 1.70% | -0.31%p |
| NPL Coverage Ratio | 113.9% | 105.6% | 8.3%p |
| Delinquency Ratio² | 1.29% | 1.70% | -0.41%p |

² Applying the Financial Supervisory Service Standards

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Kookmin Bank
(Registrant)

Date: July 31, 2006

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