

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KAMINSKI ROBERT B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/25/2008

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 COO, Exec. V.P., Secretary

(Street)
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 11/25/2008 | | A | 1,910 A \$ 0 | 15,571 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,560 ⁽¹⁾ | I | 401(k) plan |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.21 | 11/25/2008 | | A | 7,240 | 11/25/2010 11/24/2015 | Common Stock 7,240 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KAMINSKI ROBERT B MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504 | | | COO, Exec. V.P., Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Jerome M. Schwartz
Attorney-in-fact

11/25/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Includes shares Mr. Kaminski acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since Mr. Kaminski's last report of common stock ownership.

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