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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition from _____ to _____

Commission file number 0-6233

1 ST SOURCE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

35-1068133
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

100 North Michigan Street
South Bend, Indiana
(Address of principal executive
offices)

46601
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (574) 235-2000

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

Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered	Title of
value	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC	Common Stock - without par

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

Indicate by check mark 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. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2008 was \$218,217,564

The number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of stock as of February 16, 2009:
Common Stock, without par value — 24,176,342 shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the annual proxy statement for the 2009 annual meeting of shareholders to be held April 23, 2009, are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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Part I

Item 1. Business.

1st Source Corporation

1st Source Corporation, an Indiana corporation incorporated in 1971, is a bank holding company headquartered in South Bend, Indiana that provides, through our subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "1st Source"), a broad array of financial products and services. 1st Source Bank ("Bank"), our banking subsidiary, offers commercial and consumer banking services, trust and investment management services, and insurance to individual and business clients through most of our 79 banking center locations in 17 counties in Indiana and Michigan. 1st Source Bank's Specialty Finance Group, with 24 locations nationwide, offers specialized financing services for new and used private and cargo aircraft, automobiles and light trucks for leasing and rental agencies, medium and heavy duty trucks, construction equipment, and environmental equipment. While concentrated in certain equipment types, we enjoy serving a very diverse client base. We are not dependent upon any single industry or client. At December 31, 2008, we had consolidated total assets of \$4.46 billion, loans and leases of \$3.30 billion, deposits of \$3.51 billion, and total shareholders' equity of \$453.66 million.

Our principal executive office is located at 100 North Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601 and our telephone number is 574 235-2000. Access to our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports is available, free of charge, at www.1stsource.com soon after the material is electronically filed with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC). We will provide a printed copy of any of the aforementioned documents to any requesting shareholder.

1st Source Bank

1st Source Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of 1st Source Corporation that offers a broad range of consumer and commercial banking services through its lending operations, retail branches, and fee based businesses.

Commercial, Agricultural, and Real Estate Loans — 1st Source Bank provides commercial, small business, agricultural, and real estate loans to primarily privately owned business clients mainly located within our regional market area. Loans are made for a wide variety of general corporate purposes, including financing for industrial and commercial properties, financing for equipment, inventories and accounts receivable, and acquisition financing. Other services include commercial leasing and cash management services.

Consumer Services — 1st Source Bank provides a full range of consumer banking services, including checking accounts, on-line banking including bill payment, telephone banking, savings programs, installment and real estate loans, home equity loans and lines of credit, drive-through and night deposit services, safe deposit facilities, automated teller machines, overdraft facilities, debit and credit card services, financial literacy seminars and brokerage services.

Trust Services — 1st Source Bank provides a wide range of trust, investment, agency, and custodial services for individual, corporate, and not-for-profit clients. These services include the administration of estates and personal trusts, as well as the management of investment accounts for individuals, employee benefit plans, and charitable foundations.

Specialty Finance Group Services — 1st Source Bank, through its Specialty Finance Group, provides a broad range of comprehensive equipment loan and lease finance products addressing the financing needs of a broad array of companies. This group can be broken down into five areas: auto and light trucks; environmental equipment; medium and heavy duty trucks; new and used aircraft; and construction equipment.

The auto and light truck division consists of financings to automobile rental and leasing companies, and light truck rental and leasing companies. The auto and light truck finance receivables generally range from \$50,000 to \$15 million with fixed or variable interest rates and terms of two to seven years.

Environmental equipment financing handles trash and recycling equipment for municipalities and private businesses as well as equipment for landfills. Receivables generally range from \$50,000 to \$15 million with fixed or variable interest rates and terms of two to seven years.

The medium and heavy duty truck division provides financing for highway tractors and trailers and delivery trucks to the commercial trucking industry. Medium and heavy duty truck finance receivables generally range from \$50,000 to \$15 million with fixed or variable interest rates and terms of two to seven years.

Aircraft financing consists of financings for new and used general aviation aircraft for private and corporate aircraft users, aircraft distributors and dealers, air charter operators, and air cargo carriers. We have selectively entered the business aircraft markets of Brazil, Canada and Mexico on a limited basis where desirable aircraft financing opportunities exist. Aircraft finance receivables generally range from \$250,000 to \$15 million with fixed or variable interest rates and terms of two to fifteen years.

Construction equipment financing includes financing of equipment (i.e., asphalt and concrete plants, bulldozers, excavators, cranes, and loaders, etc.) to the construction industry. Construction equipment finance receivables generally range from \$100,000 to \$15 million with fixed or variable interest rates and terms of three to seven years.

We also generate equipment rental income through the leasing of construction equipment, various trucks, and other equipment to clients through operating leases.

Specialty Finance Group Subsidiaries

The Specialty Finance Group also consists of separate wholly owned subsidiaries of 1st Source Bank which include: Michigan Transportation Finance Corporation, 1st Source Specialty Finance, Inc., SFG Equipment Leasing, Inc., 1st Source Intermediate Holding, LLC, 1st Source Commercial Aircraft Leasing, Inc., and SFG Equipment Leasing Corporation I.

First National Bank, Valparaiso

First National Bank, Valparaiso (First National) was a wholly owned subsidiary of 1st Source Corporation that was acquired on May 31, 2007. On June 9, 2008, First National was merged with 1st Source Bank.

Trustcorp Mortgage Company

Trustcorp Mortgage Company (Trustcorp) is a mortgage banking company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of 1st Source Corporation. During 2007, its mortgage activity was merged with 1st Source Bank.

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1st Source Insurance, Inc.

1st Source Insurance, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of 1st Source Bank that provides insurance products and services to individuals and businesses covering corporate and personal property, casualty insurance, and individual and group health and life insurance. 1st Source Insurance, Inc. has seven offices.

1st Source Corporation Investment Advisors, Inc.

1st Source Corporation Investment Advisors, Inc. (Investment Advisors) is a wholly owned subsidiary of 1st Source Bank that provides investment advisory services to trust and investment clients of 1st Source Bank. Investment Advisors is registered as an investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Investment Advisors serves strictly in an advisory capacity and, as such, does not hold any client securities.

Other Consolidated Subsidiaries

We have other subsidiaries that are not significant to the consolidated entity.

1st Source Capital Trust IV and 1st Source Master Trust

Our unconsolidated subsidiaries include 1st Source Capital Trust IV and 1st Source Master Trust. These subsidiaries were created for the purposes of issuing \$30.00 million and \$57.00 million of trust preferred securities, respectively, and lending the proceeds to 1st Source. We guarantee, on a limited basis, payments of distributions on the trust preferred securities and payments on redemption of the trust preferred securities. 1st Source Capital Trust II and 1st Source Capital Trust III were dissolved during 2008.

Competition

The activities in which we and the Bank engage in are highly competitive. Our businesses and the geographic markets we serve match us against other banks, some of which are affiliated with large bank holding companies headquartered outside of our principal market. We generally compete on the basis of client service and responsiveness to client needs, available loan and deposit products, the rates of interest charged on loans and leases, the rates of interest paid for funds, other credit and service charges, the quality of services rendered, the convenience of banking facilities, and in the case of loans and leases to large commercial borrowers, relative lending limits.

In addition to competing with other banks within our primary service areas, the Bank also competes with other financial service companies, such as credit unions, industrial loan associations, securities firms, insurance companies, small loan companies, finance companies, mortgage companies, real estate investment trusts, certain governmental agencies, credit organizations, and other enterprises.

Additional competition for depositors' funds comes from United States Government securities, private issuers of debt obligations, and suppliers of other investment alternatives for depositors. Many of our non-bank competitors are not subject to the same extensive Federal regulations that govern bank holding companies and banks. Such non-bank competitors may, as a result, have certain advantages over us in providing some services.

We compete against these financial institutions by being convenient to do business with, and by taking the time to listen and understand our clients needs. We deliver personalized, one on one banking through knowledgeable local members of the community, offering a full array of products and highly personalized services. We rely on our history and our reputation in northern Indiana dating back to 1863.

Employees

At December 31, 2008, we had approximately 1,280 employees on a full-time equivalent basis. We provide a wide range of employee benefits and consider employee relations to be good.

Regulation and Supervision

General — 1st Source and the Bank are extensively regulated under Federal and State law. To the extent that the following information describes statutory or regulatory provisions, it is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory and regulatory provisions. Any change in applicable laws or regulations may have a material effect on our business and our prospective business. Our operations may be affected by legislative changes and by the policies of various regulatory authorities. We are unable to predict the nature or the extent of the effects on our business and earnings that fiscal or monetary policies, economic controls, or new Federal or State legislation may have in the future.

We are a registered bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (BHCA) and, as such, we are subject to regulation, supervision, and examination by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve). We are required to file annual reports with the Federal Reserve and to provide the Federal Reserve such additional information as it may require.

1st Source Bank, as an Indiana state bank and member of the Federal Reserve System, is supervised by the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) and the Federal Reserve. As such, 1st Source Bank is regularly examined by and subject to regulations promulgated by the DFI and the Federal Reserve. Because the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) provides deposit insurance to 1st Source Bank, we are also subject to supervision and regulation by the FDIC (even though the FDIC is not our primary Federal regulator).

Bank Holding Company Act — Under the BHCA, as amended, our activities are limited to business so closely related to banking, managing, or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. We are also subject to capital requirements applied on a consolidated basis in a form substantially similar to those required of the Bank. The BHCA also requires a bank holding company to obtain approval from the Federal Reserve before (i) acquiring, or holding more than 5% voting interest in any bank or bank holding company, (ii) acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of another bank or bank holding company, or (iii) merging or consolidating with another bank holding company.

The BHCA also restricts non-bank activities to those which, by statute or by Federal Reserve regulation or order, have been identified as activities closely related to the business of banking or of managing or controlling banks. As discussed below, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which was enacted in 1999, established a new type of bank holding company known as a "financial holding company" that has powers that are not otherwise available to bank holding companies.

Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 — The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) reorganized and reformed the regulatory structure applicable to financial institutions generally.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 — The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA) was adopted to supervise and regulate a wide variety of banking issues. In general, FDICIA provides for the recapitalization of the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF), deposit

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insurance reform, including the implementation of risk-based deposit insurance premiums, the establishment of five capital levels for financial institutions ("well capitalized," "adequately capitalized," "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized," and "critically undercapitalized") that would impose more scrutiny and restrictions on less capitalized institutions, along with a number of other supervisory and regulatory issues. At December 31, 2008, the Bank was categorized as "well capitalized," meaning that our total risk-based capital ratio exceeded 10.00%, our Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio exceeded 6.00%, our leverage ratio exceeded 5.00%, and we are not subject to a regulatory order, agreement, or directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure.

Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act — On February 1, 2006, Congress approved the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (FDIRA). Among other things, the FDIRA provides for the merger of the Bank Insurance Fund with the Savings Association Insurance Fund and for an immediate increase in Federal deposit insurance for certain retirement accounts up to \$250,000. The statute further provides for the indexing of the maximum deposit insurance coverage for all types of deposit accounts in the future to account for inflation. The FDIRA also requires the FDIC to provide certain banks and thrifts that were in existence prior to December 31, 1996 with one-time credits against future premiums based on the amount of their payments to the Bank Insurance Fund or Savings Association Insurance Fund prior to that date.

FDIC Deposit Insurance Assessments — On October 16, 2008, in response to the recent problems facing the financial markets and the economy, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation published a restoration plan designed to replenish the Deposit Insurance Fund over a period of five years and to increase the deposit insurance reserve ratio. On December 16, 2008, the FDIC adopted a final rule increasing risk-based assessment rates uniformly by 7 basis points, on an annual basis, for the first quarter 2009. The FDIC indicated that it will issue another final rule early in 2009, to take effect on April 1, 2009, to change the way that the FDIC's assessment system differentiates for risk, make corresponding changes to assessment rates beginning with the second quarter of 2009, and make certain technical and other changes to the assessment rules.

Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program — On November 21, 2008, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a final rule implementing the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (TLG Program). The TLG Program consists of two basic components: a guarantee of newly issued senior unsecured debt of banks, thrifts, and certain holding companies (the debt guarantee program) and full guarantee of non-interest bearing deposit transaction accounts, such as business payroll accounts, regardless of dollar amount (the transaction account guarantee program). The purpose of the guarantee of transaction accounts and the debt guarantee is to reduce funding costs and allow banks and thrifts to increase lending to consumers and businesses. All insured depository institutions were automatically enrolled in both programs unless they elected to opt out by a specified date. 1st Source did not elect to opt out and thus participates in both programs.

Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 — On October 3, 2008, President George W. Bush signed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA). This Act temporarily raises the basic limit on federal deposit insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor effective immediately. This temporary increase in the deposit insurance limit expires on December 31, 2009.

Under the Troubled Asset Relief Program established by EESA, the U.S. Treasury Department announced a Capital Purchase Program (CPP). CPP is designed to encourage U.S. financial institutions to build capital to increase the flow of financing to U.S. businesses and consumers and support the U.S. economy. Under the program, Treasury will purchase up to \$250 billion of senior preferred shares on standardized terms as described in the program's term sheet. The program is available to qualifying U.S. controlled banks, savings associations, and certain bank and savings and loan holding companies engaged only in financial activities that elect submitted applications to Treasury by November 14, 2008. EESA provides for Treasury to determine an applicant's eligibility to participate in the CPP after consulting with the appropriate federal banking agency.

1st Source submitted an application to participate in the CPP and obtained Treasury approval on December 11, 2008. On January 23, 2009, 1st Source issued preferred stock valued at \$111.00 million and a warrant to acquire 837,947 shares of its common stock to Treasury pursuant to the CPP. The warrant is exercisable at any time during the ten-year period following issuance at an exercise price of \$19.87.

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and The Nasdaq Stock Market (Nasdaq) — We are under the jurisdiction of the SEC and certain state securities commissions for matters relating to the offering and sale of our securities and our investment advisory services. We are subject to the disclosure and regulatory requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as administered by the SEC. We are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the trading symbol "SRCE," and we are subject to the rules of Nasdaq for listed companies.

Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 — Congress enacted the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (Interstate Act) in September 1994. Beginning in September 1995, bank holding companies have the right to expand, by acquiring existing banks, into all states, even those which had theretofore restricted entry. The legislation also provides that, subject to future action by individual states, a holding company has the right to convert the banks which it owns in different states to branches of a single bank. The states of Indiana and Michigan have adopted the interstate branching provisions of the Interstate Act.

Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 — The Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 (EGRPRA) was signed into law on September 30, 1996. Among other things, EGRPRA streamlined the non-banking activities application process for well-capitalized and well-managed bank holding companies.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 — The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (GLBA) is intended to modernize the banking industry by removing barriers to affiliation among banks, insurance companies, the securities industry, and other financial service providers. It provides financial organizations with the flexibility of structuring such affiliations through a holding company structure or through a financial subsidiary of a bank, subject to certain limitations. The GLBA establishes a new type of bank holding company, known as a financial holding company, which may engage in an expanded list of activities that are "financial in nature," which include securities and insurance brokerage, securities underwriting, insurance underwriting, and merchant banking. The GLBA also sets forth a system of functional regulation that makes the Federal Reserve the "umbrella supervisor" for holding companies, while providing for the supervision of the holding company's subsidiaries by other Federal and state agencies. A bank holding company may not become a financial holding company if any of its subsidiary financial institutions are not well-capitalized or well-managed. Further, each bank subsidiary of the holding company must have received at least a satisfactory Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rating. The GLBA also expands the types of financial activities a national bank may conduct through a financial subsidiary, addresses state regulation of insurance, generally prohibits unitary thrift holding companies organized after May 4, 1999 from participating in new activities that are not financial in nature, provides privacy protection for nonpublic customer information of financial institutions, modernizes the Federal Home Loan Bank system, and makes miscellaneous regulatory improvements. The Federal Reserve and the Secretary of the Treasury must coordinate their supervision regarding approval of new financial activities to be conducted through a financial holding company or through a financial subsidiary of a bank. While the provisions of the GLBA regarding activities that may be conducted through a financial subsidiary directly apply only to national banks, those provisions indirectly apply to state-

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chartered banks. In addition, the Bank is subject to other provisions of the GLBA, including those relating to CRA and privacy, regardless of whether we elect to become a financial holding company or to conduct activities through a financial subsidiary. We do not, however, currently intend to file notice with the Board to become a financial holding company or to engage in expanded financial activities through a financial subsidiary.

Financial Privacy — In accordance with the GLBA, Federal banking regulators adopted rules that limit the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose non-public information about customers to nonaffiliated third parties. These limitations require disclosure of privacy policies to consumers and, in some circumstances, allow consumers to prevent disclosure of certain personal information to a nonaffiliated third party. The privacy provisions of the GLBA affect how consumer information is transmitted through diversified financial companies and conveyed to outside vendors.

USA Patriot Act of 2001 — The USA Patriot Act of 2001 (USA Patriot Act) was signed into law following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The USA Patriot Act is comprehensive anti-terrorism legislation that, among other things, substantially broadened the scope of anti-money laundering laws and regulations by imposing significant new compliance and due diligence obligations on financial institutions.

The regulations adopted by the United States Treasury Department under the USA Patriot Act impose new obligations on financial institutions to maintain appropriate policies, procedures and controls to detect, prevent and report money laundering, and terrorist financing. Additionally, the regulations require that we, upon request from the appropriate Federal regulatory agency, provide records related to anti-money laundering, perform due diligence of private banking and correspondent accounts, establish standards for verifying customer identity, and perform other related duties.

Failure of a financial institution to comply with the USA Patriot Act's requirements could have serious legal and reputational consequences for the institution.

Regulations Governing Capital Adequacy — The Federal bank regulatory agencies use capital adequacy guidelines in their examination and regulation of bank holding companies and banks. If capital falls below the minimum levels established by these guidelines, a bank holding company or bank will be required to submit an acceptable plan for achieving compliance with the capital guidelines and will be subject to denial of applications and appropriate supervisory enforcement actions. The various regulatory capital requirements that we are subject to are disclosed in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data — Note R of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Our management believes that the risk-weighting of assets and the risk-based capital guidelines do not have a material adverse impact on our operations or on the operations of the Bank.

Community Reinvestment Act — The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 requires that, in connection with examinations of financial institutions within their jurisdiction, the Federal banking regulators must evaluate the record of the financial institutions in meeting the credit needs of their local communities, including low and moderate income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operation of those banks. Federal banking regulators are required to consider a financial institution's performance in these areas as they review applications filed by the institution to engage in mergers or acquisitions or to open a branch or facility.

Regulations Governing Extensions of Credit — 1st Source Bank is subject to certain restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act on extensions of credit to 1st Source or our subsidiaries, or investments in our securities and on the use of our securities as collateral for loans to any borrowers. These regulations and restrictions may limit our ability to obtain funds from the Bank for our cash needs, including funds for acquisitions and for payment of dividends, interest and operating expenses. Further, the BHCA, certain regulations of the Federal Reserve, state laws and many other Federal laws govern the extensions of credit and generally prohibit a bank from extending credit, engaging in a lease or sale of property, or furnishing services to a customer on the condition that the customer obtain additional services from the

bank's holding company or from one of its subsidiaries.

1st Source Bank is also subject to certain restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act on extensions of credit to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders, or any related interest of such persons. Extensions of credit (i) must be made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, and subject to credit underwriting procedures that are at least as stringent as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with non affiliates, and (ii) must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features. The Bank is also subject to certain lending limits and restrictions on overdrafts to such persons.

Reserve Requirements — The Federal Reserve requires all depository institutions to maintain reserves against their transaction account deposits. The Bank must maintain reserves of 3.00% against net transaction accounts greater than \$10.30 million and up to \$44.40 million (subject to adjustment by the Federal Reserve) and reserves of 10.00% must be maintained against that portion of net transaction accounts in excess of \$44.40 million.

Dividends — The ability of the Bank to pay dividends is limited by state and Federal Regulations that require 1st Source Bank to obtain the prior approval of the DFI before paying a dividend that, together with other dividends it has paid during a calendar year, would exceed the sum of its retained net income for the year to date combined with its retained net income for the previous two years. The amount of dividends the Bank may pay may also be limited by certain covenant agreements and by the principles of prudent bank management. See Part II, Item 5, Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities for further discussion of dividend limitations.

Monetary Policy and Economic Control — The commercial banking business in which we engage is affected not only by general economic conditions, but also by the monetary policies of the Federal Reserve. Changes in the discount rate on member bank borrowing, availability of borrowing at the "discount window," open market operations, the imposition of changes in reserve requirements against member banks deposits and assets of foreign branches, and the imposition of, and changes in, reserve requirements against certain borrowings by banks and their affiliates are some of the instruments of monetary policy available to the Federal Reserve. These monetary policies are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth and distributions of bank loans, investments, and deposits, and such use may affect interest rates charged on loans and leases or paid on deposits. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks and are expected to do so in the future. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve are influenced by various factors, including inflation, unemployment, short-term and long-term changes in the international trade balance, and in the fiscal policies of the U.S. Government. Future monetary policies and the effect of such policies on our future business and earnings, and the effect on the future business and earnings of the Bank cannot be predicted.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 — On July 30, 2002, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOA) was signed into law. The SOA's stated goals include enhancing corporate responsibility, increasing penalties for accounting and auditing improprieties at publicly traded companies and protecting investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures pursuant to the securities laws. The SOA generally applies to all companies that file or are required to file periodic reports with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act.)

Among other things, the SOA creates the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board as an independent body subject to SEC supervision with responsibility for setting auditing, quality control, and ethical standards for auditors of public companies. The SOA also requires public companies to make faster and more-extensive financial disclosures, requires the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of public companies to provide signed certifications as to the accuracy and completeness of financial information filed with the SEC, and provides enhanced criminal and civil penalties for violations of the Federal securities laws.

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The SOA also addresses functions and responsibilities of audit committees of public companies. The statute, by mandating certain stock exchange listing rules, makes the audit committee directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of the work of the company's outside auditor, and requires the auditor to report directly to the audit committee. The SOA authorizes each audit committee to engage independent counsel and other advisors, and requires a public company to provide the appropriate funding, as determined by its audit committee, to pay the company's auditors and any advisors that its audit committee retains. The SOA also requires public companies to prepare an internal control report and assessment by management, along with an attestation to this report prepared by the company's registered public accounting firm, in their annual reports to stockholders.

Pending Legislation — Because of concerns relating to competitiveness and the safety and soundness of the banking industry, Congress often considers a number of wide-ranging proposals for altering the structure, regulation, and competitive relationships of the nation's financial institutions. We cannot predict whether or in what form any proposals will be adopted or the extent to which our business may be affected thereby.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

An investment in our common stock is subject to risks inherent to our business. The material risks and uncertainties that we believe affect us are described below. See "Forward Looking Statements" under Item 7 of this report for a discussion of other important factors that can affect our business.

Fluctuations in interest rates could reduce our profitability and affect the value of our assets — Like other financial institutions, we are subject to interest rate risk. Our primary source of income is net interest income, which is the difference between interest earned on loans and leases and investments, and interest paid on deposits and borrowings. We expect that we will periodically experience imbalances in the interest rate sensitivities of our assets and liabilities and the relationships of various interest rates to each other. Over any defined period of time, our interest-earning assets may be more sensitive to changes in market interest rates than our interest-bearing liabilities, or vice-versa. In addition, the individual market interest rates underlying our loan and lease and deposit products may not change to the same degree over a given time period. In any event, if market interest rates should move contrary to our position, earnings may be negatively affected. In addition, loan and lease volume and quality and deposit volume and mix can be affected by market interest rates as can the businesses of our clients. Changes in levels of market interest rates could have a material adverse affect on our net interest spread, asset quality, origination volume, and overall profitability.

Market interest rates are beyond our control, and they fluctuate in response to general economic conditions and the policies of various governmental and regulatory agencies, in particular, the Federal Reserve Board. Changes in monetary policy, including changes in interest rates, may negatively affect our ability to originate loans and leases, the value of our assets and our ability to realize gains from the sale of our assets, all of which ultimately could affect our earnings.

Future expansion involves risks — In the future, we may acquire all or part of other financial institutions and we may establish de novo branch offices. There could be considerable costs involved in executin