

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
July 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 July 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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

**Response To Inquiry Relating To Press Reports**

1. **Title:** Response to inquiry from the Korea Exchange relating to press reports of a tender offer to acquire Korea Exchange Bank
2. **Response:** Kookmin Bank is not currently pursuing a tender offer for shares of Korea Exchange Bank. Kookmin Bank will provide an update of any future change in the status of this matter by no later than January 16, 2009 (and, if a definitive decision regarding this matter is made by Kookmin Bank prior to such date, it will provide an update immediately upon such decision).

\* This disclosure is publicly filed in response to an official inquiry from the Korea Exchange regarding the above on July 17, 2008.

**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 17, 2008

By: /s/ Donald H. MacKenzie  
(Signature)

Name: Donald H. MacKenzie  
Title: Senior EVP / CFO  
Executive Director