

WOORI FINANCE HOLDINGS CO LTD

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of August 2004

Woori Finance Holdings Co., Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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1. Setting management targets for subsidiaries and approving subsidiary business plans of subsidiaries
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(2) Corporate Management Support Activities

1. Funding of Affiliates (in this provision and hereinafter, includes direct and indirect subsidiaries)
2. Capital investment in subsidiaries or procurement of funds for funding of Affiliates
3. Development and sale of products jointly with Affiliates and administrative support for joint use of facilities and computer systems with Affiliates
4. Activities ancillary to the activities in the above items, for which the authorization, permission or approval is not required under the relevant laws and regulations

(3) All businesses or activities directly or indirectly related to the businesses listed above

b. Scope of Business of Subsidiaries

(1) **Woori Bank**

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Ancillary business activities

2. Supplementary Businesses

Trust business activities

Credit card business activities

Other authorized business activities

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1. Primary Businesses

Banking business activities

Ancillary business activities

2. Supplementary Businesses

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Credit card business activities

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(3) **Kwangju Bank**

1. Primary Businesses

Banking business activities

Ancillary business activities

2. Supplementary Businesses

Trust business activities

Credit card business activities

Other authorized business activities

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- 2) Consulting services in computer implementation and usage
- 3) Distribution, mediation and lease of computer systems
- 4) Maintenance of computer related equipment

- 5) Publish and distribution of IT-related reports and books
- 6) Educational services related to computer usage
- 7) Research on information technology and training outsourcing
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- 9) Information communication, telecommunications and information distribution services
- 10) Manufacturing and distribution of audio-visual media
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- 12) All businesses or activities directly or indirectly related to the businesses listed above

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(8) **Woori LB Second Asset Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd.**

- 1) Transfer, management and disposition of all rights related to securities and other assets (hereinafter securitized assets) of Woori Bank (formerly known as Hanvit Bank) and Kwangju Bank under the Asset Securitization Law
- 2) Issue and redemption of securitized assets
- 3) Preparing and registering of the asset securitization plan to the Financial Supervisory Service

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- 1) Transfer, management and disposition of all rights related to securitized assets of Woori Bank, Kyongnam Bank and Woori Credit Card under the Asset Securitization Law
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December 30, 2000	KDIC invested public funds of 8.5 trillion won in Hanvit Bank, Peace Bank, Kwangju Bank, Kyongnam Bank and Hanaro Merchant Bank
March 14, 2001	Filed for establishment approval of Woori Finance Holdings
March 24, 2001	Official approval from the Financial Supervising Service for Woori Finance Holdings
March 27, 2001	Incorporated as Woori Finance Holdings, Co. Ltd (Total Capital: 3.6 trillion won)
April 2, 2001	Official launch of Woori Finance Holdings
July 16, 2001	Issued bond with warrants
September 29, 2001	Woori Finance Information System incorporated as a subsidiary
December 3, 2001	Woori Asset Management incorporated as a subsidiary
December 3, 2001	Woori First Asset Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd. incorporated as a subsidiary
December 26, 2001	Woori Second Asset Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd. incorporated as a subsidiary
December 31, 2001	Spin-off and merger of Peace Bank; Launch of Woori Credit Card
March 15, 2002	Woori Third Asset Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd. incorporated as a subsidiary
March 29, 2002	Woori Investment Trust Management incorporated as subsidiary
June 11, 2002	Capital increase through public offering (Total capital: 3.8 trillion won)
June 24, 2002	Listed on the Korea Stock Exchange
July 29, 2002	Woori Securities as incorporated as subsidiary
September 5, 2002	Consummated strategic investment agreement with Lehman Brothers with respect to managing distressed assets
December 23, 2002	Purchase and Acquisition contract with credit card division of Kwangju Bank
December 31, 2002	IT outsourcing contract with Kwangju Bank and Kyongnam Bank
March 10, 2003	Integrated IT platform with Kyongnam Bank
August 1, 2003	Woori Merchant Bank merged into Woori Bank
August 15, 2003	Integration of Kwangju Bank IT platform
September 3, 2003	Launching of bancassurance business
September 29, 2003	Listing on New York Stock Exchange
December 11, 2003	Liquidation of Woori LB First Asset Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd.
December 12, 2003	Announcement of merger between Woori Card and Woori Bank
March 30, 2004	Appointment of new management
June 18, 2004	Woori Securities becomes a wholly owned subsidiary

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