

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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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 *
 MULLIGAN ROBERT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
 [VLY]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/15/2006		A ⁽¹⁾	500 A	\$ 0 50,233 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					1,909	D	
Common Stock					755	I	CHILDREN'S OWNERSHIP
Common Stock					805	I	IRA/WIFE
					145	I	

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Common
Stock

Partner - Pende
Investors

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	5,025
Stock Option	\$ 16.5905					11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	4,787
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	4,559
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	6,973
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	6,483
Stock Option	\$ 24.68					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	6,615
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	6,300
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.2095					11/07/2001	11/07/2011	COMMON STK.	263

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MULLIGAN ROBERT J 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

ROBERT J MULLIGAN	02/16/2006
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
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- (3) Includes shares held in an IRA plan with a dividend reinvest plan

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