

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 \*  
NIEWENHUIS GARRET

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)  
11/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 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)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
401K	11/13/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V Amount \$ 0	1,155 A \$ 0	1,815	D
Common Stock	11/13/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>	V Amount \$ 0	1,200 A \$ 0	20,257 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006		G	V Amount \$ 0	150 D \$ 0	20,107 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	D
Common Stock						11,753	I SPOUSE

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 20.1995					11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	912
Stock Option	\$ 21.669					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	1,702
Stock Option	\$ 23.5048					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	4,200
Stock Option	\$ 25.2698					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	4,052
Stock Option	\$ 25.3696					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,859
Stock Option	\$ 25.71	11/13/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>	4,000	11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

NIEWENHUIS GARRET  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

First Senior Vice President

## Signatures

GARRET G  
NIEUWENHUIS

11/15/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (3) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
  - (1) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match
  - (4) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 5, 2006, payable May 22, 2006 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2006.
  - (2) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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