

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 *
CROCITTO PETER P

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)
02/12/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
401K COMMON STK.					2,486	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2008		A ⁽¹⁾	9,625 A \$ 0	113,105 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					10,432 ⁽³⁾	I	CUSTODIAN/CHILD
Common Stock					35,527	I	WIFE

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 14.6286					11/23/2000 11/23/2009	Common Stock 17,500
Stock Option	\$ 14.7333					10/23/1999 10/23/2008	Common Stock 18,500
Stock Option	\$ 16.7143					11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock 18,500
Stock Option	\$ 19.7214					11/27/2003 11/27/2011	Common Stock 5,400
Stock Option	\$ 20.6371					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock 15,500
Stock Option	\$ 22.3855					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock 15,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.0665					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock 14,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.1615					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock 13,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.4857					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock 17,500
Stock Option	\$ 18.7	02/12/2008		A ⁽⁴⁾	16,500	02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock 16,500
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 19.7214					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock 12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROCITTO PETER P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

PETERPCROCITTO 02/13/2008

 **Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 11, 2007, payable May 25, 2007 to shareholders of record on May 11, 2007.
- (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.
- (1) Restricted shares granted under the 1999 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with five-year equal vesting beginning at grant date.
- (4) 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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