

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 *
ENGEL ALBERT L

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)
09/19/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
Executive 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)	(A) or (D)	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	Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2008		M		6,658	\$ 18.32	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2008		F		28,152	\$ 23.98	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2008		M		3,396	\$ 18.32	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2008		M		10,552	\$ 16.28	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2008		M		9,381	\$ 19.66	D	

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Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2008	M	9,236	A	\$ 14.58	70,364	D
Common Stock (401k Plan)						2,464	D

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 18.3215	09/19/2008		M	6,658	11/07/2002 11/07/2011		Common Stock	6,658
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.3215	09/19/2008		M	3,396	11/07/2002 11/07/2011		Common Stock	3,396
Stock Option	\$ 16.2721	09/19/2008		M	10,552	11/15/2001 11/15/2010		Common Stock	10,552
Stock Option	\$ 19.6544	09/19/2008		M	9,381	11/18/2003 11/18/2012		Common Stock	9,381
Stock Option	\$ 14.585	09/19/2008		M	9,236	11/12/2000 11/12/2009		Common Stock	9,236
Stock Option	\$ 17.8095					02/12/2009 02/12/2018		Common Stock	17,321
Stock Option	\$ 21.3195					11/14/2006 11/14/2015		Common Stock	16,781
Stock Option	\$ 23.011					11/16/2005 11/16/2014		Common Stock	12,151
Stock Option	\$ 23.3197					11/13/2007 11/13/2016		Common Stock	18,191

Stock Option	\$ 22.9205	11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	8,934
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ENGEL ALBERT L 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ ALBERT L.
ENGEL

09/23/2008

**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).

(1) Valley declared a 5 percent stock dividend on April 9, 2003, payable May 16, 2003 to stockholders of record on May 2, 2003.

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