

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 \*  
GOULD ERIC W

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)  
09/22/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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)

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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	09/22/2008		M		1,005	A	\$ 18.32 98,966 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	09/22/2008		F		7,680	D	\$ 24 91,286 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	09/22/2008		M		4,020	A	\$ 18.32 95,306 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	09/22/2008		M		4,692	A	\$ 19.66 99,998 D
Common Stock							17,042 I By Trust

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Common Stock	536	I	Custodian For Minor Child
Common Stock (401k Plan)	1,367	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 (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/NQ	\$ 18.32	09/22/2008		M	1,005	11/07/2004 11/07/2011		Common Stock	1,005
Stock Option	\$ 18.32	09/22/2008		M	4,020	11/07/2002 11/07/2011		Common Stock	4,020
Stock Option	\$ 19.66	09/22/2008		M	4,692	11/18/2003 11/18/2012		Common Stock	4,692
Stock Option	\$ 22.92					11/17/2004 11/17/2013		Common Stock	4,468
Stock Option	\$ 21.31					11/14/2006 11/14/2015		Common Stock	4,631
Stock Option	\$ 23.01					11/16/2005 11/16/2014		Common Stock	4,255
Stock Option	\$ 18.15					11/14/2008 11/14/2017		Common Stock	3,360
Stock Option	\$ 23.32					11/13/2007 11/13/2016		Common Stock	4,410

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOULD ERIC W 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			First Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ ERIC W.  
GOULD

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% stock dividend on April 7, 2008, payable May 23, 2008 to shareholders of record on May 9, 2008.

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