

LAKELAND BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 04, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 29, 2004

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**LAKELAND BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

33-27312  
(Commission File Number)

22-2953275  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

250 Oak Ridge Road, Oak Ridge, New Jersey  
(Address of principal executive offices)

07438  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 697-2000

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 29, 2004, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California approved the Settlement Agreements with Royal Indemnity Company and the Trustee for the bankruptcy estates of Commercial Money Center, Inc. and Commercial Servicing Corporation, as described in the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 24, 2004 (the "Prior 8-K"). As a result, the Settlement Agreements described in the Prior 8-K are effective and binding on the parties. Lakeland Bank has received the sum of \$1,850,000, plus interest, and will retain payments previously paid to it by Royal Indemnity Company in the amount of \$531,275, as described in the Prior 8-K.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**LAKELAND BANCORP, INC.**

By:       /s/ Roger Bosma      

Name: Roger Bosma

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 3, 2005