

RENASANT CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 8, 2017
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

RENASANT CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi 001-13253 64-0676974
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

209 Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi 38804-4827
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (662) 680-1001

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Representatives of Renasant Corporation (“Renasant”) will be making presentations to investors during various conferences in the first quarter of 2017. A copy of the presentation materials is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

“Safe Harbor” Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Congress passed the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995 in an effort to encourage companies to provide information about their anticipated future financial performance. This act provides a safe harbor for such disclosure, which protects a company from unwarranted litigation if actual results are different from management expectations. This communication reflects the current views and estimates of future economic circumstances, industry conditions, company performance, and financial results of the management of Renasant. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties which could cause Renasant’s actual results and experience to differ from the anticipated results and expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements, and such differences may be material. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and Renasant does not assume any duty to update forward-looking statements, unless required by applicable law. Such forward-looking statements usually include words such as “expects,” “projects,” “proposes,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “intends,” “estimates,” “strategy,” “plan,” “potential,” “possible” and other similar expressions. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of Renasant’s management and are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Renasant’s control. In addition, these forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions with respect to future business strategies and decisions that are subject to change. Actual results may differ from those indicated or implied in the forward-looking statements and such differences may be material.

Important factors currently known to management that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include (1) Renasant’s ability to efficiently integrate acquisitions into its operations, retain the customers of these businesses and grow the acquired operations; (2) the effect of economic conditions and interest rates on a national, regional or international basis; (3) the timing of the implementation of changes in operations to achieve enhanced earnings or effect cost savings; (4) competitive pressures in the consumer finance, commercial finance, insurance, financial services, asset management, retail banking, mortgage lending and auto lending industries; (5) the financial resources of, and products available to, competitors; (6) changes in laws and regulations, including changes in accounting standards; (7) changes in policy by regulatory agencies; (8) changes in the securities and foreign exchange markets; (9) Renasant’s potential growth, including its entrance or expansion into new markets, and the need for sufficient capital to support that growth; (10) changes in the quality or composition of Renasant’s loan or investment portfolios, including adverse developments in borrower industries or in the repayment ability of individual borrowers; (11) an insufficient allowance for loan losses as a result of inaccurate assumptions; (12) general economic, market or business conditions; (13) changes in demand for loan products and financial services; (14) concentration of credit exposure; (15) changes or the lack of changes in interest rates, yield curves and interest rate spread relationships; and (16) other circumstances, many of which are beyond management’s control. Management undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of

unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time.

Additional Information about the Renasant/Metropolitan Transaction

Renasant and Metropolitan Bancgroup, Inc. (“Metropolitan”) jointly announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which Renasant will acquire Metropolitan, a bank holding company headquartered in

Ridgeland, Mississippi, and the parent of Metropolitan Bank, a Mississippi banking corporation, in an all-stock merger (“the Merger”). In connection with the proposed merger, Renasant intends to file a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a proxy statement of Metropolitan and a prospectus of Renasant, and Renasant will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). This release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. **BEFORE MAKING ANY INVESTMENT DECISION, METROPOLITAN INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MERGER OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RENASANT, METROPOLITAN AND THE PROPOSED MERGER.** When available, the proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of Metropolitan. Investors will also be able to obtain copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed by Renasant (when they become available) free of charge at the SEC’s website (www.sec.gov). In addition, documents filed with the SEC by Renasant will be available free of charge from Kevin Chapman, Chief Financial Officer, Renasant Corporation, 209 Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi 38804-4827, telephone: (662) 680-1450.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Investor conference presentation materials

SIGNATURES

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.

RENASANT CORPORATION

Date: February 8, 2017 By: /s/ E. Robinson McGraw

E. Robinson McGraw

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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