

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
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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)
12/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/12/2008	12/17/2008	S	2,500 D \$ 17.1	34,699	I	Wife
Common Stock	12/12/2008	12/17/2008	S	1,500 D \$ 16.8403	12,103	I	Custodian/child
Common Stock	12/12/2008	12/17/2008	S	6,983 D \$ 16.9256	117,642	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2008	12/17/2008	S	1,150 D \$ 16.91	10,953	I	Custodian/child
Common Stock					13,344	D	

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Common
Stock
(401k
Plan)

2,610 D

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.77					11/27/2002 11/27/2011	Common Stock	12,697
Stock Options	\$ 15.91					11/28/2001 11/28/2010	Common Stock	19,346
Stock Options	\$ 19.66					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	16,082
Stock Options	\$ 18.77					11/27/2003 11/27/2011	Common Stock	5,729
Stock Options	\$ 22.92					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	15,316
Stock Options	\$ 23.01					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	14,587
Stock Options	\$ 21.31					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	16,785
Stock Options	\$ 23.32					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	18,191
Stock Options	\$ 17.81					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock	17,325

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

/s/ PETER
CROCITTO 12/16/2008

 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).

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