

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 06, 2006

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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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

June 29, 2006

New Century Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-32314

56-2451736

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

18400 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000,  
Irvine, California

92612

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(949) 440-7030

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of New Century Financial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), amended the restricted stock and stock option grants previously awarded by the Company to each person who, on that date, was a director of, but was not employed by, the Company (Marilyn A. Alexander, Harold A. Black, David Einhorn, Fredric J. Forster, Donald E. Lange, Michael M. Sachs and Richard A. Zona). Pursuant to the amendment, each such award will become fully vested to the extent that it remains outstanding but is not otherwise vested immediately prior to the occurrence of a change in control of the Company.

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**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.

New Century Financial Corporation

*July 6, 2006*

By: */s/ Brad A. Morrice*

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*Name: Brad A. Morrice*

*Title: Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President*