

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  
[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)  
11/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
401K					2,266	D	
COMMON					12,104	D	
Stock	11/13/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000 A \$ 0	91,716 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common					7,580	I	CUSTODIAN/CHILD
Stock					35,448	I	WIFE
Common							
Stock							

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 15.08					11/18/1998	11/18/2007	Common Stock	21,900
Stock Option	\$ 15.36					11/23/2000	11/23/2009	Common Stock	16,500
Stock Option	\$ 15.47					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Option	\$ 17.55					11/28/2001	11/28/2010	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Option	\$ 20.7075					11/27/2003	11/27/2011	Common Stock	5,100
Stock Option	\$ 21.669					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	14,500
Stock Option	\$ 23.5048					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	15,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.2698					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.3696					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Option	\$ 25.71	11/13/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	16,500	11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	16,500
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 20.7075					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	11,500

## 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

PETER P  
CROCITTO                      11/15/2006

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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).
- (2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (1) Granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, exercisable in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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