

LAKELAND BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 02, 2008

**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): September 29, 2008**

**LAKELAND BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**New Jersey**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**33-27312**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-2953275**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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

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

07438  
(Zip Code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) and (e)

On September 29, 2008, Lakeland Bancorp, Inc. ( Lakeland Bancorp or the Holding Company ), Lakeland Bank (the Bank and, with the Holding Company, the Company ) and Steven Schachtel executed a Separation and General Release Agreement (the Separation Agreement ). Mr. Schachtel had served as the President of the Bank s Equipment Leasing Division. Pursuant to the Separation Agreement, Mr. Schachtel s Change in Control, Severance and Employment Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2006 (the Employment Agreement ), terminated on September 12, 2008 (except for certain confidentiality and nonsolicitation provisions). Mr. Schachtel will remain an employee of the Company until the earlier of December 31, 2008 or the date of Mr. Schachtel s earlier resignation (the Separation Date ). Robert Ingram will succeed Mr. Schachtel as head of the Bank s leasing division.

From September 13, 2008 through the Separation Date (the Transition Period ), Mr. Schachtel is required to be available via telephone and/or e-mail to respond to inquiries from Company management and to perform such other duties as are reasonably requested by Company management to transition his services. During the Transition Period, Mr. Schachtel will continue to be paid his salary at his current base salary rate of \$200,000 per year, be entitled to participate in the Bank s benefit plans (excluding commission, bonus, equity compensation and severance plans, if any) and be provided with continued use of the Company-owned automobile that was provided to him prior to the Transition Period.

In the event that Mr. Schachtel has not been employed on a full time basis as of January 1, 2009 (provided the Separation Date occurred on December 31, 2008, and not on Mr. Schachtel s earlier resignation), he will continue to be paid his bi-weekly base salary for the period beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending on the earlier of February 27, 2009 or the date on which he begins employment with a new employer on a full time basis. The Separation Agreement also provides that all stock options held by Mr. Schachtel that are fully vested as of the Separation Date will remain exercisable after that date until the earlier of 90 days following the Separation Date or the original expiration date of the options. The Separation Agreement also contains mutual releases by the parties.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Separation Agreement, dated as of September 29, 2008, between Steven Schachtel, Lakeland Bancorp, Inc. and Lakeland Bank.

**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/ Thomas J. Shara

Name: Thomas J. Shara

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 2, 2008

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