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Form 6-K January 19, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of January 2005

SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO., LTD. (Translation of registrant's name into English)

120, 2-Ga, Taepyung-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul 100-102, Korea (Address of principal executive offices)

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DEBT TO EQUITY SWAP AND LIQUIDITY SUPPORT TO LG CARD BY SHINHAN BANK AND CHOHUNG BANK

On January 18, 2005, and January 19, 2005, Shinhan Bank ("SHB") and Chohung Bank ("CHB"), our major bank subsidiaries, respectively held a meeting of board of directors to approve the participation in the creditor banks' additional capital injection in LG Card.

Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank resolved to conduct debt-to-equity swap amounting to KRW 11.0 billion and KRW 10.0 billion from previous loans respectively. SHB and CHB also resolved to provide liquidity support amounting to KRW 14.3 billion and KRW 12.0 billion each by subscribing common shares newly issued by LG Card. The detailed schedule for the debt-to-equity swap and liquidity support will be disclosed when the final agreement is reached among creditor banks.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO., LTD.

By /s/ Byung Jae Cho

Name: Byung Jae Cho

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 19, 2005