

LAKELAND BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 07, 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): April 2, 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)

**07438**  
(Zip Code)

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

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), (c) and (d)

Effective April 2, 2008, Thomas J. Shara was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Lakeland Bancorp, Inc. (the Company or Lakeland Bancorp ) and Lakeland Bank and a director of both the Company and Lakeland Bank. The Company s Board of Directors also nominated Mr. Shara to stand for election for a two year term at the Company s 2008 annual meeting of shareholders.

Roger Bosma retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Lakeland Bank effective April 2, 2008. He will continue to serve as a director of the Company and Lakeland Bank.

Mr. Shara s business experience is described in the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2008. Mr. Shara and the Company are negotiating the terms of an employment agreement.

**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: April 7, 2008