

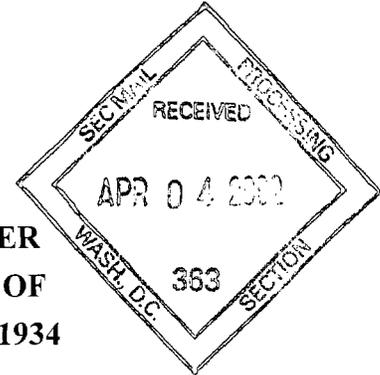
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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 April 2002

Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703

(Address of principal executive office)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No

(If "yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-)

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Strategic Alliance Between Kookmin Bank and ING Group

On March 30, 2002, Kookmin Bank and ING Group jointly released the following announcement with regard to maintaining the strategic alliance.

Press Announcement

Kookmin Bank and ING intend to maintain the strategic alliance.

Kookmin Bank and ING have agreed to make a decision regarding ING's additional investment in Kookmin Bank when the detailed guidelines regarding the deregulations of the bancassurance business in Korea become clear.

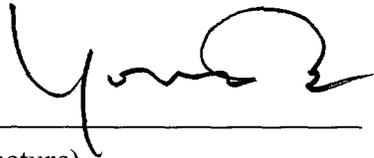
Accordingly, both parties have also agreed to continue discussion for the formulation of a mutually beneficial strategic alliance structure by the end of May 2002.

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.

Kookmin Bank
(Registrant)

Date: April 1, 2002

By: 
(Signature)

Name: Jong-Kyoo Yoon
Title: Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer