

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 \*  
GARBER RICHARD 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)  
09/19/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
First Senior Vice President

WAYNE, NJ 07470-  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D) Code V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	09/19/2008		M	4,936	A	\$ 14.58	38,899	D
Common Stock	09/19/2008		F	3,002	D	\$ 23.98	35,897	D
Common Stock (401k Plan)							2,580	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 14.585	09/19/2008		M	4,936	11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	4,936
Stock Option	\$ 21.3195					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	8,104
Stock Option	\$ 16.2721					11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	8,794
Stock Option	\$ 18.3215					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	5,966
Stock Option	\$ 19.6544					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,504
Stock Option	\$ 23.011					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	7,293
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 18.3215					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,410
Stock Option	\$ 23.3197					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	7,718
Stock Option	\$ 18.1524					11/14/2008	11/14/2017	Common Stock	3,780
Stock Option	\$ 22.9205					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	7,658

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARBER RICHARD P			First Senior Vice President	

1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

## Signatures

/s/ RICHARD P.  
GARBER

09/23/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## 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).

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