

MULLIGAN ROBERT J
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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 *
 MULLIGAN ROBERT J

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)
 11/15/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 11/15/2010 ⁽³⁾ | | A | 5,971 A \$ 0 | 57,921 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 322 | I | Children's Ownership |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,100 | I | Ira/wife |

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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 (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/NQ | \$ 13.13 | 11/15/2010 | | A | 7,452 <u>(1)</u> | 11/15/2011 | 11/15/2020 | Common Stock | 7,452 |
| Stock Option/NQ | \$ 16.67 | | | | | 11/07/2001 | 11/07/2011 | Common Stock | 332 |
| Stock Options | \$ 16.67 | | | | | 11/07/2002 | 11/07/2011 | Common Stock | 8,901 |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.83 | | | | | 11/18/2003 | 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 8,276 |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.79 | | | | | 11/17/2004 | 11/17/2013 | Common Stock | 8,443 |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.87 | | | | | 11/16/2005 | 11/16/2014 | Common Stock | 8,040 |
| Stock Options | \$ 19.33 | | | | | 11/14/2006 | 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 7,658 |
| Stock Options | \$ 21.15 | | | | | 11/13/2007 | 11/13/2016 | Common Stock | 8,508 |
| Stock Options | \$ 16.15 | | | | | 02/12/2009 | 02/12/2018 | Common Stock | 4,631 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MULLIGAN ROBERT J 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470- | | | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT | |

Signatures

/s/ ROBERT J.
MULLIGAN

11/16/2010

__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).
- (1) ISOs granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (2) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 14, 2010, to be issued May 21, 2010 to shareholders of record on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Restricted shares granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.

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