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November 13, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 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.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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

Yes No

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Kookmin Bank Takes Stronger Action than Government Guidelines on Consumer Credit Quality

On November 13, 2002, Kookmin Bank announced that it would take stronger action on consumer credit quality. The following is the copy of press release.

Press Release

In connection with the Government's announcement of its strengthened prudential regulation of home equity loans made on November 11, 2002, Kookmin Bank has decided to carry out the following measures to preempt a property bubble situation starting November 13, 2002.

- [X] Strengthened prudential regulation of the loans secured by real estate properties, a shift from limited regulation of housing properties to all real estate properties. Under this initiative, loan to value ratios (the "LTV") were further reduced as a stronger measure than that required by the Government. Borrowers' proof of income requirement is now fully in place, while variance in interest rates applied in proportion to debts carried is expected.

- [X] Restricting financial support to the speculative investors, a measure far more stringent than that required by the Government. Under this initiative, a single borrower may not take out a home equity loan in excess of KRW 30 million for any property in addition to that any existing applicable for 1 housing property. Further, loans for the purposes of installment payments shall not be extended for that any existing applicable for 1 housing property for a single borrower.

- [X] Reduced LTV

Classification	LTV	Remarks on Adjustment
Houses (including APTs)	60% -> 55% (down by 5%p)	[X] Small key deposits for low value APTs included in the
APTs with rapid appreciation in value	55% -> 50% (down by 5%p)	[X] All properties over KRW 300 million value (lowest market value) shall be subject to additional adjustment (86% max.); i.e. apartment of KRW 300 million x 86% = 258 million applied.
Officetels	69% -> 55% max. (down by 14%p max.)	
Commercial buildings	71% -> 50% (down by 21%p max.)	
Lands	49% -> 40% max. (down by 9%p max.)	

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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.

Kookmin Bank

(Registrant)

Date: November 13, 2002

By: /s/ Jong-Kyoo Yoon

(Signature)

Name: Jong-Kyoo Yoon

Title: Executive Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer