

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
June 12, 2006

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## Form 6-K

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

For the month of June 2006

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## Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

(Address of principal executive office)

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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  X

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**Additional Acquisition of Shares of Korea Exchange Bank**

On June 12, 2006, Kookmin Bank received an official notice from LSF-KEB Holdings SCA that Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) had made a decision to exercise its tag-along option, requiring Kookmin Bank to purchase Korea Exchange Bank (KEB) shares owned by KEXIM. The details are as follows:

- n Number of shares to be acquired: 40,314,387 shares, or 6.25% of KEB s outstanding shares
  
  - n Purchase price: 612,778,682,400 Won
  
  - n Total number of shares of KEB owned by Kookmin Bank after the acquisition: 457,064,387 shares, or 70.87% of KEB s outstanding shares
  
  - n Method of acquisition: Transaction with a major shareholder of KEB
  
  - n Purpose of acquisition: Through its acquisition of KEB, Kookmin Bank seeks to enhance shareholder value by strengthening its financial services and recognizing significant synergies.
- The closing date for the acquisition is not yet fixed. The closing is conditioned upon the satisfaction of certain closing conditions and shall occur at the latter of 45 days after the contract date and five business days after completion of the government approval process.

**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: June 12, 2006

By: /s/ Kap Shin  
(Signature)  
Name: Kap Shin  
Title: CFO / Senior EVP  
Executive Director