

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
November 22, 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 November 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 the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

*Note:* Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1) only permits the submission in paper of a Form 6-K if submitted solely to provide an attached annual report to security holders.

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registrant's security holders, and if discussing a material event, has already been the subject of a Form 6-K submission or other Commission filing on EDGAR.

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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**CHANGE OF  
DEPOSITARY BANK OF ADR**

Kookmin Bank has changed the depositary bank of its ADR to Citibank, N.A. from the Bank of New York, effective as of November 21, 2006 as Citibank's notice below attached.

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**NOTICE OF  
SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY  
FOR  
KOOKMIN BANK**

**ADSs:** American Depositary Shares ( ADSs ) representing the Deposited Securities.

**ADS CUSIP No.:** 50049M 10 9.

**Effective Date:** November 21, 2006.

**Deposited Securities:** Common shares, par value Won 5,000 per share ( Shares ), of Kookmin Bank, a company organized under the laws of the Republic of Korea (the Company ).

**ADS Ratio:** 1 Share to 1 ADS.

**Depository:** Citibank, N.A., as successor depository.

**Custodian of Deposited Securities:** Korea Securities Depository.

**Original Deposit Agreement:** Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2001, by and among The Bank of New York, the Company, and all owners and beneficial owners from time to time of American depository receipts issued thereunder.

**Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement:** Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement, dated as of November 21, 2006, by and among the Depository, the Company, and all Holders and Beneficial Owners of ADSs issued thereunder.

**Deposit Agreement:**

The Depository, on behalf of the Company, hereby notifies all Holders of the Company's outstanding American depository shares issued in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Original Deposit Agreement, that (i) the Company has appointed Citibank, N.A., as successor depository (the Depository ) for the issuance of ADSs representing common shares of the Company, effective as of the Effective Date set forth above and (ii) for such purpose the Depository and the Company have entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement, dated as of November 21, 2006.

Each Holder and each Beneficial Owner is hereby advised that, by continuing to hold, from and after the date hereof, any outstanding American depository share(s) issued under the Original Deposit Agreement, such Holder or Beneficial Owner, as the case may be, shall be deemed for all purposes to be a party to, and bound by the terms of, the Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement and the applicable ADR(s).

Any provisions of the Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement that shall (i) impose fees or charges not stated in the Original Deposit Agreement, (ii) increase any fees or charges stated in the Original Deposit Agreement or (iii) prejudice any substantial existing rights of the owners under the Original Deposit Agreement, shall not become effective until the expiration of thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice.

A copy of the form of Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement has been filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) under cover of Registration Statement on Form F-6 (Reg No. 333-138347), may be obtained from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and is available for inspection and copying at the public reference facilities maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. A copy of the signed Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement may be inspected and obtained from the Principal Office of the Depository, located at 388 Greenwich Street, Depository Receipts Services, New York, NY 10013. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the same respective meanings assigned to them in the Second Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement.

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If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact Citibank, N.A. - ADR Shareholder Services at 1-877-CITI-ADR (1-877-248-4237).

Citibank, N.A., as Depositary

**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 22, 2006

By: /s/ Kap Shin  
(Signature)

Name: Kap Shin

Title: CFO / Senior EVP

Executive Director