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New Business Development

On November 13, 2002, Mr. Jong-Kyoo Yoon, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Kookmin Bank, announced the following plan for the future.

No Additional Merger

Mr. Yoon said that Kookmin Bank, as a matter of policy, would not merge with any financial institution, which could cause Kookmin Bank to fail the maintenance of the quality of customer service or 25% of return on equity.

Given the Bank's market leader position, he said, any form of merger may be considered if and only should a need arise. While acquisition is not attractive from the current perspective, he said however, management of another entity as the Bank's subsidiary would contribute to more efficiency than acquisition.

(Caution)

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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

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