

CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP
Form DEFA14A
October 07, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 6, 2010
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Cadence Financial Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Mississippi
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-15773
(Commission File Number)

64-0694755
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

301 East Main Street Starkville, Mississippi 39759

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including (662) 324-4258
area code:

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

☒ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

As previously reported, on October 6, 2010, Community Bancorp LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“CBC”) and Cadence Financial Corporation, a Mississippi corporation (“Cadence”) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (“Agreement”), pursuant to which a wholly-owned subsidiary of CBC will be merged with and into Cadence, with Cadence continuing thereafter as a wholly-owned subsidiary of CBC. A copy of the Agreement is attached to this filing as Exhibit 2.1.

OTHER INFORMATION

This Form 8-K may be deemed solicitation material in respect of the proposed transaction between CBC and Cadence.

In connection with the proposed transaction, Cadence intends to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) a proxy statement to its shareholders. CADENCE SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CADENCE, CBC, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. You may obtain copies of all documents regarding this proposed transaction and other documents filed by Cadence with the SEC, free of charge, at the SEC’s website (www.sec.gov) or by sending a request to Cadence Financial Corporation, 301 East Main Street, Starkville, Mississippi 39760, or by calling Cadence at 662-323-1341.

Cadence and its directors and officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Cadence in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding the officers and directors of Cadence is available in Cadence’s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 16, 2010. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will also be included in the definitive proxy statement for the proposed transaction and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC.

This notice shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any state or jurisdiction.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Document Description
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger by and between Community Bancorp LLC and Cadence Financial Corporation dated as of October 6, 2010

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CADENCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: October 7, 2010

By: /s/ Richard T. Haston
Richard T. Haston
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Document Description
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger by and between Community Bancorp LLC and Cadence Financial Corporation dated as of October 6, 2010