

MULLIGAN ROBERT J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MULLIGAN ROBERT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/15/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	11/15/2010 ⁽³⁾		A	5,971 A \$ 0	57,921	D	
Common Stock					322	I	Children's Ownership
Common Stock					1,100	I	Ira/wife

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 13.13	11/15/2010		A	7,452 <u>(1)</u>	11/15/2011	11/15/2020	Common Stock	7,452
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 16.67					11/07/2001	11/07/2011	Common Stock	332
Stock Options	\$ 16.67					11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	8,901
Stock Options	\$ 17.83					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	8,276
Stock Options	\$ 20.79					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	8,443
Stock Options	\$ 20.87					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	8,040
Stock Options	\$ 19.33					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	7,658
Stock Options	\$ 21.15					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	8,508
Stock Options	\$ 16.15					02/12/2009	02/12/2018	Common Stock	4,631

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MULLIGAN ROBERT J 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

/s/ ROBERT J.
MULLIGAN

11/16/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) ISOs granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (2) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 14, 2010, to be issued May 21, 2010 to shareholders of record on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Restricted shares granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.

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