

LAKELAND BANCORP INC
Form NT 10-K
March 16, 2005
(Check One):

Form 10-K and

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Form 10-KSB

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 20-F

FORM 12b-25

Form 11-K

SEC FILE NO.

Form 10-Q and

33-27312

Form 10-QSB

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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Form N-SAR

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For Period Ended: December 31, 2004

Transition Report on Form 10-K

Transition Report on Form 20-F

Transition Report on Form 11-K

Transition Report on Form 10-Q

Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: _____

Read Attached Instruction Sheet Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

Part I Registrant Information

Lakeland Bancorp, Inc.

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

250 Oak Ridge Road

Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438

City, State and Zip Code

Part II Rules 12b-25(b) and (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- X (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- X (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- X (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

Part III Narrative

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 10-KSB, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-QSB, N-SAR, or the transition report, or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach Extra Sheets if Needed)

The registrant and its independent registered public accounting firm are still in the process of completing their work required in order for the registrant's independent registered public accounting firm to render its opinions on the registrant's financial statements and internal controls. The registrant continues to dedicate significant resources to the audit of the financial statements, internal control testing and reporting, and the 2004 10-K. The registrant currently anticipates filing the 2004 10-K on or before the extended deadline of March 31, 2005.

Part IV Other Information

- (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification.

Joseph F. Hurley

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

973-697-6044

(Name and Title)

(Area Code)

(Telephone Number)

- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes No

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Yes No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

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Lakeland Bancorp, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2005

By: /s/ Joseph F. Hurley

Name: Joseph F. Hurley

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form is required by Rule 12b-25 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.
3. A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.
4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.
5. *Electronic Filers.* This form shall not be used by electronic filers unable to timely file a report solely due to electronic difficulties. Filers unable to submit a report within the time period prescribed due to difficulties in electronic filing should comply with either Rule 201 or Rule 202 of Regulation S-T (§232.201 or §232.202 of this chapter) or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T (§232.13(b) of this chapter).

Exhibit A

Lakeland Bancorp, Inc.
Oak Ridge, New Jersey

March 16, 2005

Gentlemen:

We have been provided with a copy of the Form 12b-25 to be filed by Lakeland Bancorp, Inc. (Lakeland) on or about March 16, 2005. We have read Lakeland's statements contained in Part III therein and we agree with the statements made regarding our firm, Grant Thornton LLP.

Very truly yours,

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Philadelphia, PA