

FIRST BANCTRUST CORP

Form 8-K

April 23, 2008



**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 21, 2008, First BancTrust Corporation announced the Board of Directors' preliminary approval of a going private merger transaction and its intent to deregister as a public reporting company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as an exhibit and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1                      Press Release, dated April 21, 2008 issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

**FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION**

Dated: April 23, 2008

/s/Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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