PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K

November 21, 2008

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

Date of report (Date of earliestNovember 20, 2008 event reported)

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

001-16197 22-3537895 New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

158 Route 206, Peapack-Gladstone, New 07934 Jersey

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number(908) 234-0700 including area code

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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 20, 2008, Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing that it received preliminary approval from the United States Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury") to participate in the Treasury Capital Purchase Program.

Attached and being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation dated November 20, 2008. Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference under this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d)

99.1 Press Release of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation, dated November 20, 2008

SIGNATURE

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.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL

CORPORATION

Dated: November 20, 2008 By: /s/ Arthur F. Birmingham

Name: Arthur F. Birmingham

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Title

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