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April 08, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of April 2004  
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Kookmin Bank  
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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703  
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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F    X        Form 40-F  
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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes                    No    X  
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Acquisition of Hanil Life Insurance Co.

On April 8, 2004, Kookmin Bank announced that it entered into an acquisition agreement with Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation and Hanil Life Insurance. According to the agreement, Kookmin Bank will acquire Hanil Life Insurance at the price of KRW 2.5 billion, and 40 existing employees of Hanil Life Insurance will remain employed for another one year on contractual basis.

After completion of the acquisition, Kookmin Bank plans to start insurance business with Hanil Life Insurance as a new subsidiary, KB Life. This will require approval of the establishment and permission to engage in insurance business from the Financial Supervisory Commission of Korea.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Kookmin Bank  
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(Registrant)

Date: April 8, 2004

By: /s/ Ki Sup Shin  
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(Signature)

Name: Ki Sup Shin  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer