

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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