

SEACOAST BANKING CORP OF FLORIDA

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 10, 2008

**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| <b>Florida</b>               | <b>1-13660</b> | <b>59-2260678</b>   |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction | (Commission    | (IRS Employer       |
| of Incorporation)            | File Number    | Identification No.) |

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|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>815 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, FL</b>   | <b>34994</b> |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code)   |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (772) 287-4000

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 7.01**

**Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 10, 2008, Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida ( Seacoast or the Company ) announced the preliminary approval from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ( U.S. Treasury ) of Seacoast 's participation in the Treasury 's TARP ( Troubled Asset Relief Program ) Capital Purchase Program, as well as participation by the Company and its principal subsidiary, Seacoast National Bank, in the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (the TLGP ) offered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC ). A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) The following exhibit is being furnished as Regulation FD Disclosure to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit Number | Description                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated December 10, 2008 announcing Seacoast 's participation in the Treasury 's Capital Purchase Program and the FDIC 's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program |

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

This filing and the associated press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, statements about future financial and operating results, cost savings, enhanced revenues, economic and seasonal conditions in our markets, and improvements to reported earnings that may be realized from cost controls or integration of banks that we have acquired, as well as statements with respect to Seacoast 's objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements include statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may be beyond our control, and which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Seacoast to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. You should not expect us to update any forward-looking statements.

You can identify these forward-looking statements through our use of words such as may, will, anticipate, assume, should, support, indicate, would, believe, contemplate, expect, estimate, continue, further, pursue, intend or other similar words and expressions of the future. These forward-looking statements may not be realized due to a variety of factors, including, without limitation: the effects of future economic and market conditions, including seasonality; governmental monetary and fiscal policies, as well as legislative and regulatory changes; the risks of changes in interest rates on the level and composition of deposits, loan demand, and the values of loan collateral, securities, and interest sensitive assets and liabilities; interest rate risks, sensitivities and the shape of the yield curve; the effects of competition from other commercial banks, thrifts, mortgage banking firms, consumer finance companies, credit unions, securities brokerage firms, insurance companies, money market and other mutual funds and other financial institutions operating in our market areas and elsewhere, including institutions operating regionally, nationally and internationally, together with such competitors offering banking products and services by mail, telephone, computer and the Internet; and the failure of assumptions underlying the establishment of reserves for possible loan losses. The risks of mergers and acquisitions, include, without limitation: unexpected transaction costs, including the costs of integrating operations; the risks that the businesses will not be integrated successfully or that such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; the potential failure to fully or timely realize expected revenues and revenue synergies, including as the result of revenues following the merger being lower than expected; the risk of deposit and customer attrition; any changes in deposit mix; unexpected operating and other costs, which may differ or change from expectations; the risks of customer and employee loss and business disruption, including, without limitation, as the result of difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees; increased competitive pressures and solicitations of customers by competitors; as well as the difficulties and risks inherent with entering new markets.

All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary notice, including, without limitation, those risks and uncertainties described in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 under Special Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors, and otherwise in our SEC reports and filings. Such reports are available upon request from the Company, or from the Securities and Exchange Commission, including through the SEC's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**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.

Date: December 10, 2008

**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA**

(Registrant)

By:

/s/ William R. Hahl

William R. Hahl

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer