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Registration No. 333-160873

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to FORM S-4 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 6035 22-3412577

(State or other jurisdiction of (Primary Standard Industrial (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization) Classification Code Number) Identification Number)

975 Hooper Avenue

Toms River, NJ 08754

(732) 240-4500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,

including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

John R. Garbarino

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

975 Hooper Avenue

Toms River, NJ 08754

(732) 240-4500

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,

including area code, of agent for service)

Not applicable

(Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale to the public)

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Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer

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Smaller reporting company

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This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-160873) shall hereafter become effective in accordance with the provisions of Section 8(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment relates to the Registration Statement (333-160873) filed on Form S-4 with respect to the merger of Central Jersey Bancorp with and into OceanFirst Financial Corp. (the Company).

On December 17, 2009, the Company, the parent company of OceanFirst Bank, and Central Jersey Bancorp (Central Jersey), the parent company of Central Jersey Bank, National Association, mutually agreed to terminate the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 26, 2009 (the Merger Agreement) and abandon the proposed merger of Central Jersey with and into the Company. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of Central Jersey common stock would have been converted into the right to receive 0.50 shares of the Company s common stock.

As a result of the termination of the transaction contemplated by the Merger Agreement, the Company did not issue any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement and has terminated the offering of the Company s securities pursuant to the Registration Statement. Accordingly, the Company is filing this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement to deregister all 4,800,000 of the shares of the Company s Common Stock registered and reserved for issuance under the Registration Statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Township of Toms River, State of New Jersey, on this 7th day of January, 2010.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

By:

/s/ JOHN R. GARBARINO
John R. Garbarino
Chairman of the Board, President and

Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ John R. Garbarino January 7, 2010 John R. Garbarino Date Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) Michael J. Fitzpatrick Date **Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer** (principal accounting and financial officer) Joseph J. Burke Date Director Angelo Catania Date Director John W. Chadwick Date Director Carl Feltz, Jr. Date Director Donald E. McLaughlin Date

Director

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Diane F. Rhine	Date
Director	
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John E. Walsh	Date
Director	

/s/ JOHN R. GARBARINO
John R. Garbarino

January 7, 2010 Date

^{*} Pursuant to a Power of Attorney contained in signature page to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 of OceanFirst Financial Corp. filed on July 29, 2009.