

FIRST MARINER BANCORP
Form 8-K
February 23, 2011

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 earliest event reported): February 18, 2011

FIRST MARINER BANCORP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-21815 (Commission File Number)	52-1834860 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1501 S. Clinton Street, Baltimore, MD 21224
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 342-2600

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Item 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On February 18, 2011, First Mariner Bancorp (the “Company”) received a letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market (“NASDAQ”) notifying the Company that NASDAQ has approved the Company’s application to transfer the listing of its common stock to The NASDAQ Capital Market and that the Company was granted an extension of 180 days within which to comply with NASDAQ’s \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement. This transfer will be effective at the opening of business on February 23, 2011. Trading in the Company’s common stock is unaffected by this change and will continue under the symbol “FMAR”.

The listing transfer follows the Company’s receipt, on August 24, 2010, of a letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market notifying the Company that, for 30 consecutive business days, the Company’s common stock had not maintained a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share as required for continued inclusion on The NASDAQ Global Market by Listing Rule 5450(a)(1). While the Company has not regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement, in connection with the transfer to The NASDAQ Capital Market, the Company is eligible, until August 22, 2011, to regain compliance with this requirement. The approval of the listing transfer and extension was based, in part, on the Company meeting the applicable market value of publicly held shares requirement for continued listing, and all other applicable requirements for initial listing, on The NASDAQ Capital Market (except for the bid price requirement), and the Company’s written notice of its intention to meet the \$1.00 per share minimum bid price requirement during the additional 180 day period by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. If, by August 22, 2011, the Company does not regain compliance with the \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement, NASDAQ will provide written notice that the Company’s securities will be delisted from The NASDAQ Capital Market. At such time, the Company would be entitled to appeal the delisting determination to a NASDAQ Listing Qualifications Panel.

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 MARINER BANCORP

Date: February 23, 2011

By: /s/ Mark A. Keidel
Mark A. Keidel
President and Chief Operating
Officer