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CHEMFIRST INC
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November 02, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 1

FORM 8-A/A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ChemFirst Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Mississippi (State of incorporation or organization) | 64-0679456 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 700 North Street, P.O. Box 1249 Jackson, Mississippi (Address of principal executive offices) | 39215-1249 (Zip Code) |

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:
333-15789

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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| Title of each class to be so registered: | Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered: |
| Common Stock | New York Stock Exchange |
| Preferred Stock Purchase Rights | |

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

EXPLANATORY NOTE

ChemFirst Inc. ("ChemFirst") hereby amends its Form 8-A filed on December 9, 1996 in order to file the Second Amendment to Rights Agreement, effective October 1, 2001, by and among ChemFirst, The Bank of New York and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the "Rights Agreement"), as an exhibit to the Form 8-A.

The amendment to the Rights Agreement serves to change the Rights Agent from The Bank of New York to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, and to lower the required minimum combined capital and surplus of the Rights Agent from \$100 million to \$10 million. The First Amendment to the Rights Agreement, effective May 1, 1997, changed the Rights Agent from KeyCorp Shareholder Services, Inc. to

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The Bank of New York.

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The information set forth in Item 1 of the Form 8-A has not changed as of the date of this Amendment No. 1.

Item 2. Exhibits

Exhibit Exhibit

No. Description

- 3(a) ChemFirst's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 1 to ChemFirst's Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-15789) filed on November 18, 1996, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 3(b) ChemFirst's Bylaws, as amended, were filed as Exhibit 4.3 to ChemFirst's Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-69965) filed on December 30, 1998, and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 4(a) Rights Agreement, dated as of October 30, 1996, between ChemFirst and KeyCorp Shareholder Services, Inc., was filed as Exhibit 4 to Amendment No. 1 to ChemFirst's Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-15789) filed on November 18, 1996 and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 4(b) First Amendment to Rights Agreement, effective May 1, 1997, by and among ChemFirst, KeyCorp Shareholder Services, Inc. and The Bank of New York, was filed as Exhibit 4.5 to ChemFirst's Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-69965) filed on December 30, 1998, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 4(c) Second Amendment to Rights Agreement, effective October 1, 2001, by and among ChemFirst, The Bank of New York and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.
- 4(d) Form of ChemFirst stock certificate.
- 99(a) Amendment No. 1 to ChemFirst's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-15789) was filed with the Commission on November 18, 1996, and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

CHEMFIRST INC.

Date: October 30, 2001

By: /s/ R. M. Summerford
Name: R. Michael Summerford
Title: President and Chief Operating Officer