

M&T BANK CORP
Form 8-K
January 25, 2010

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**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): January 19, 2010
M&T BANK CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
New York

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9861

16-0968385

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York

14203

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 842-5445
(NOT APPLICABLE)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 19, 2010, the Nomination, Compensation and Governance Committee (the Committee) of M&T Bank Corporation's Board of Directors made various compensation decisions with respect to its senior executive officers that were designed to comply with the Interim Final Rule on TARP Standards for Compensation and Corporate Governance (the TARP Interim Final Rule) issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) in June 2009. The TARP Interim Final Rule imposes certain restrictions on the compensation paid by M&T Bank Corporation and other TARP participants to its senior executive officers, including the payment or accrual of bonuses and most equity-based incentive compensation.

M&T Bank Corporation's senior executive officers, who are also our named executive officers, are Robert G. Wilmers, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; René F. Jones, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Mark J. Czarnecki, President; Michael P. Pinto, Vice Chairman; and Kevin J. Pearson, Executive Vice President. For each of the named executive officers, the Committee determined not to award any cash bonuses, as required by the TARP Interim Final Rule, established base salaries consisting of a cash portion and a stock salary payable in M&T Bank Corporation common stock, par value \$0.50 per share (Common Stock), and granted a long-term restricted stock award consistent with the provisions of the TARP Interim Final Rule (TARP restricted stock award).

For Mr. Wilmers, the Committee established his 2010 total compensation opportunity at \$2,100,000, consisting of a cash base salary of \$650,000, stock salary of \$1,100,000, and a TARP restricted stock award of \$350,000. This compares to his 2009 total compensation of \$2,650,000.

For Mr. Jones, the Committee established his 2010 total compensation opportunity at \$1,200,000, consisting of a cash base salary of \$450,000, stock salary of \$400,000, and a TARP restricted stock award of \$350,000. This compares to his 2009 total compensation of \$1,135,000.

For each of Messrs. Czarnecki and Pinto, the Committee established their 2010 total compensation opportunity at \$2,050,000, consisting of a cash base salary of \$550,000, stock salary of \$1,050,000, and a TARP restricted stock award of \$450,000. This compares to each of their respective 2009 total compensation of \$2,275,000.

For Mr. Pearson, the Committee established his 2010 total compensation opportunity at \$1,380,000, consisting of a cash base salary of \$500,000, stock salary of \$550,000, and a TARP restricted stock award of \$330,000. This compares to his 2009 total compensation of \$1,465,000.

Each of the named executive officers' stock salary is effective as of January 3, 2010 and will commence being paid with the February 12, 2010 pay. M&T Bank Corporation will grant this stock salary in bi-weekly installments as awards of fully vested restricted stock under the M&T Bank Corporation 2009 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. The Committee determined,

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however, that the shares of Common Stock received by each named executive officer will be subject to restrictions on transfer such that each executive may not sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Common Stock received as stock salary until the earlier of (a) the date that M&T Bank Corporation repays Treasury's Capital Purchase Program investment made under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (the TARP CPP Investment), or (b) January 1, 2012. The number of shares of Common Stock to be paid to each named executive officer with respect to a bi-weekly pay period will be determined by dividing the amount of stock salary with respect to that pay period by the reported closing price on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) for a share of Common Stock on the pay date for such period. Each of the named executive officers will have the opportunity to elect to pay the applicable taxes for such Common Stock either by (i) cash payment, or (ii) having a portion of his stock salary withheld from each bi-weekly payment and receiving the net shares. The stock salary will be accompanied by voting rights and the right to receive any dividends paid on the Common Stock.

The form of the agreement evidencing the payment of stock salary to each named executive officer is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

The TARP restricted stock awards will be in the form of either restricted stock or restricted stock units depending upon whether or not a named executive officer is eligible for retirement. These TARP restricted stock awards will be granted on January 29, 2010 in accordance with M&T Bank Corporation's equity award policy, and the number of restricted shares or restricted stock units will be determined based upon the reported closing price on the NYSE for a share of Common Stock on that date. The restricted shares and restricted stock units will vest or be settled in stock, respectively, according to the following schedule: 30% on January 29, 2012; 30% on January 29, 2013; and the remaining 40% on January 29, 2014, provided, however, that such shares or units will accelerate and vest or be settled upon the death or disability of an executive, or upon a change in control of M&T Bank Corporation. The resulting shares of Common Stock received upon vesting or settlement will be subject to the restrictions on transfer included in the TARP Interim Final Rule's definition of long-term restricted stock until M&T repays all or a portion of the TARP CPP Investment. As permitted by the TARP Interim Final Rule, tax withholding for such shares or units may be fulfilled by the withholding of shares or units. The restricted stock and restricted stock units will be entitled to the receipt of any dividends paid on the Common Stock or dividend equivalents, provided, however, that such amounts will be held in a dividend book account until the date that M&T Bank Corporation repays the TARP CPP Investment, at which point the funds will be paid to the named executive officer with interest.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

10.1 Form of Stock Base Salary Award Agreement
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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.

M&T BANK CORPORATION

Date: January 25, 2010

By: /s/ Stephen J. Braunscheidel
Stephen J. Braunscheidel
Executive Vice President Human
Resources

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