

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

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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): February 11, 2016

Chemical Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as

Specified in its Charter)

Michigan

(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

000-08185

(Commission

File Number)

38-2022454

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

235 E. Main Street

Midland, Michigan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48640

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (989) 839-5350

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 26, 2016, Chemical Financial Corporation (“Chemical”) and Talmer Bancorp, Inc. (“Talmer”) issued a joint press release announcing the execution of an Agreement and Plan of Merger providing for the merger of Talmer with and into Chemical (the “Merger”). Beginning on February 11, 2016, senior management of Chemical will begin meeting with certain analysts and institutional investors to discuss the Merger, and will provide the slide presentation attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, which is here incorporated by reference.

Additional Information about the Transaction

This communication is being made in respect of the Merger involving Talmer and Chemical. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval.

Chemical will file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to register the securities that the Talmer shareholders will receive if the transaction is consummated. The registration statement will contain a prospectus for Chemical and a joint proxy statement to be used by Chemical and Talmer to solicit the required approvals of their respective shareholders of the Merger and other relevant documents concerning the transaction. Chemical and Talmer may also file other documents with the SEC concerning the proposed Merger. **BEFORE MAKING AN INVESTMENT OR VOTING DECISION, INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF CHEMICAL AND TALMER ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE PROSPECTUS AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHEMICAL, TALMER AND THE TRANSACTION.** Investors will be able to obtain these documents free of charge at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC in connection with the Merger can also be obtained, when available, without charge, at Chemical’s website at <http://www.chemicalbankmi.com> (which website is not incorporated herein by reference), or by contacting Chemical Financial Corporation, 235 East Main Street, P.O. Box 569, Midland, MI 48640-0569, Attention: Ms. Lori A. Gwizdala, Investor Relations, telephone 800-867-9757, or at Talmer’s website at <http://www.talmerbank.com> (which website is not incorporated herein by reference), or by contacting Talmer Bancorp, Inc., 2301 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 525, Troy, Michigan 48084, Attention: Brad Adams, Investor Relations, telephone 248-498-2862.

Participants in the Merger Solicitation

Chemical and Talmer, and their respective directors, executive officers, and certain other members of management and employees, may be soliciting proxies from Chemical and Talmer shareholders in favor of the transaction. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of Chemical and Talmer shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction will be set forth in the prospectus and joint proxy statement when it is filed with the SEC. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described above. Information about Chemical’s directors and executive officers can be found in Chemical’s definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 6, 2015, and other documents subsequently filed by Chemical with the SEC. Information about Talmer’s directors and executive officers can be found in Talmer’s definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on April 27, 2015, and other documents subsequently filed by Talmer with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants will be included in the prospectus and joint proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the Merger filed with the SEC when they become available.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Slideshow Presentation

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.

Dated: February 11, 2016

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ William C. Collins

William C. Collins

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Slideshow Presentation.
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