

COLONIAL BANGROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 02, 2008

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report: December 2, 2008

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**THE COLONIAL BANGROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-13508**  
(Commission File Number)

**63-0661573**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**100 Colonial Bank Blvd.**  
**Montgomery, Alabama 36117**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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(334) 676-5000

(Registrant's telephone number)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 2, 2008, The Colonial BancGroup, Inc. (BancGroup) announced that it received preliminary approval from the U.S. Treasury Department to participate in its capital purchase program and receive \$550 million under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The following exhibit is being furnished as Regulation FD Disclosure to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press release announcing BancGroup's approval and participation in the U.S. Treasury's capital purchase program dated December 2, 2008.

*This report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Words such as believes, estimates, plans, expects, should, may, might, outlook, potential and anticipates, the negative of these terms and similar expressions, as they relate to Colonial BancGroup, Inc. (BancGroup) (including its subsidiaries and its management), are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this report are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such statements. In addition to factors mentioned elsewhere in this report or previously disclosed in BancGroup's SEC reports (accessible on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or on BancGroup's website at [www.colonialbank.com](http://www.colonialbank.com)), the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements, and future results could differ materially from historical performance. These factors are not exclusive:*

*losses to our loan portfolio are greater than estimated or expected;*

*an inability to raise additional capital on terms and conditions that are satisfactory;*

*failure to receive final approval and actual funding from the U.S. Treasury Department's capital purchase program;*

*the impact of current economic conditions and the impact of our results of operations on our ability to borrow additional funds to meet our liquidity needs;*

*economic conditions affecting real estate values and transactions in BancGroup's market and/or general economic conditions, either nationally or regionally, that are less favorable or take longer to recover than expected;*

*changes in the interest rate environment which expand or reduce margins or adversely affect critical estimates as applied, projected returns on investments, and fair values of assets;*

*continued or sustained deterioration of market and economic conditions or business performance could increase the likelihood that we would have to record a significant goodwill impairment charge;*

*deposit attrition, customer loss, or revenue loss in the ordinary course of business;*

*increases in competitive pressure in the banking industry and from non-banks;*

*costs or difficulties related to the integration of the businesses of BancGroup and institutions it acquires are greater than expected;*

*the inability of BancGroup to realize elements of its strategic plans for 2008 and beyond;*

*natural disasters in BancGroup's primary market areas result in prolonged business disruption or materially impair the value of collateral securing loans;*

*management's assumptions and estimates underlying critical accounting policies prove to be inadequate or materially incorrect or are not borne out by subsequent events;*

*the impact of recent and future federal and state regulatory changes;*

*current and future litigation, regulatory investigations, proceedings or inquiries;*

*strategies to manage interest rate risk may yield results other than those anticipated;*

*changes which may occur in the regulatory environment;*

*a significant rate of inflation (deflation);*

*unanticipated litigation or claims;*

*acts of terrorism or war; and*

*changes in the securities markets.*

*Many of these factors are beyond BancGroup's control. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward looking statements made by or on behalf of BancGroup. Any such statement speaks only as of the date the statement was made or as of such date that may be referenced within the statement. BancGroup does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.*

SIGNATURE

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.

THE COLONIAL BANCGROUP, INC

By                    /s/ T. BRENT HICKS  
                          **T. Brent Hicks**  
                          **Chief Accounting Officer**

Date: December 2, 2008