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Form 8-K November 18, 2002

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

November 11, 2002 (Date of earliest event reported)

Commission file number: 0-20167

NORTH COUNTRY FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MICHIGAN
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

38-2062816 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No)

1011 NOTEWARE DRIVE, TRAVERSE CITY, MI (Address of principal executive offices)

49686 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (906) 341-8401

ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

On November 11, 2002, Rehmann Robson resigned as the independent auditor of the Registrant's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2002.

Rehmann Robson did not audit any year-end financial statements included on Form 10-K nor review any quarterly reports of the Registrant on Form 10-Q.

Registrant has provided Rehmann Robson with a copy of this disclosure and has requested that Rehmann Robson furnish it with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the foregoing statements. A copy of Rehmann Robson's letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission is forwarded as Exhibit 16.1 to this report

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit 16.1 - Letter regarding change in certifying accountant from Rehmann Robson.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to the signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORTH COUNTRY FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: November 15, 2002 By: /s/ Sherry Littlejohn

Sherry Littlejohn, President and Chief

Executive Officer

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