

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
April 08, 2009

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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): April 3, 2009

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

**Sterling Bancorp**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**13-2565216**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10019-6108**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 757-3300

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 April 3, 2009, Sterling Bancorp issued a press release announcing that it had signed an agreement to acquire substantially all the businesses of DCD Capital, LLC and DCD Trade Services, LLC. On April 6, 2009, the Company completed the acquisition. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The Company's press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

- 99.1 Press release dated April 3, 2009. The press release is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, except that the first paragraph of the press release shall be deemed filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 rather than furnished pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K.
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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Sterling Bancorp**  
(Registrant)

Date: April 8, 2009

By:

Name: John W. Tietjen  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit Index**

Exhibit Number

99.1

Press release dated April 3, 2009.

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