

SEACOAST BANKING CORP OF FLORIDA

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): June 11, 2018

SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Florida
(State or Other Jurisdiction

000-13660
(Commission File Number)

59-2260678
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

815 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida

34994

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (772) 287-4000

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 11, 2018, Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida, a Florida corporation (Seacoast or the Company) issued a press release announcing that Seacoast and Seacoast's wholly-owned subsidiary, Seacoast National Bank, a national banking association (SNB) had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with First Green Bancorp, Inc., a Florida corporation (First Green) and First Green Bank, a Florida chartered bank and wholly-owned subsidiary of First Green. The Merger Agreement provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Seacoast will acquire First Green pursuant to the merger of First Green with and into Seacoast (the Merger) and the merger of First Green Bank with and into SNB (the Bank Merger). At the effective time, Seacoast will be the resulting corporation surviving the Merger and SNB will be the resulting bank surviving the Bank Merger.

Pursuant to General Instruction F to Form 8-K, a copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by this reference.

Seacoast will also discuss the Merger and the Bank Merger in a conference call on June 12, 2018 at 10 a.m. Pursuant to General Instruction F to Form 8-K, the slide show presentation related to the Merger and made available in connection with the conference call is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by this reference, and is also available on Seacoast's Internet website.

All information included in the press release and the slide show presentation is presented as of the respective dates thereof, and Seacoast does not assume any obligation to correct or update such information in the future.

Additional Information

Seacoast and First Green will be filing a proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents concerning the Merger with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). 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. **WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE MERGER OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Investors will be able to obtain these documents free of charge at the SEC's Web site (www.sec.gov). In addition, documents filed with the SEC by Seacoast will be available free of charge by contacting Investor Relations at (772) 288-6085.

The directors, executive officers, and certain other members of management and employees of First Green are participants in the solicitation of proxies in favor of the Merger from the First Green shareholders.

Important Information for Investors and Shareholders

Seacoast will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a proxy statement of First Green and a prospectus of Seacoast, and Seacoast will file other documents with respect to the proposed merger. A definitive proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to shareholders of First Green. Investors and shareholders of Seacoast and First Green are urged to read the entire proxy statement/prospectus and other documents that will be filed with the SEC carefully and in their entirety when they become available

because they will contain important information. Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Seacoast through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Seacoast will be available free of charge on Seacoast's internet website or by contacting Seacoast.

First Green, its directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This current report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is intended to be protected by the safe harbor provided by the same. These statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: failure to obtain the approval of shareholders of First Green in connection with the merger; the timing to consummate the proposed merger; the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed merger may not be satisfied; the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed merger is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; the parties' ability to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed merger; the parties' ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of Seacoast and First Green, including unexpected transaction costs, including the costs of integrating operations, severance, professional fees and other expenses; the diversion of management time on issues related to the merger; the failure to consummate or any delay in consummating the merger for other reasons; changes in laws or regulations; the risks of customer and employee loss and business disruption, including, without limitation, as the result of difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees; increased competitive pressures and solicitations of customers and employees by competitors; the difficulties and risks inherent with entering new markets; and changes in general economic conditions. For additional information concerning factors that could cause actual conditions, events or results to materially differ from those described in the forward-looking statements, please refer to the factors set forth under the headings Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Seacoast's most recent Form 10-K report, Form 10-Q report and to Seacoast's most recent Form 8-K reports, which are available online at www.sec.gov. No assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what impact they will have on the results of operations or financial condition of Seacoast or First Green.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<u>Press release issued on June 11, 2018, with respect to the Announcement of the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida, Seacoast National Bank, First Green Bancorp, Inc. and First Green Bank.</u>
99.2	<u>Slide Show Presentation made available in connection with the Conference Call related to the Merger on June 12, 2018.</u>

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.

**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF
FLORIDA**

By: /s/ Charles M. Shaffer
Charles M. Shaffer

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 11, 2018