

MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC
Form 6-K
January 30, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January 2009.

Commission File Number 001-33098

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

5-1, Marunouchi 2-chome

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8333

Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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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.

Date: January 30, 2009

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Takashi Tsukamoto
Name: Takashi Tsukamoto
Title: Deputy President / CFO

Jan 30, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Company Name: Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.
 Representative: Terunobu Maeda, President & CEO
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 Code Number: 8411 (First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and First
 Section of the Osaka Securities Exchange)

Announcement Concerning Valuation Losses on Securities for the Third Quarter of Fiscal 2008

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (the Company) hereby announces that, for the Third Quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company is required to recognize valuation losses by impairment (devaluation) on its securities classified as Other Securities, of which fair values are significantly deteriorated and recoveries are not expected.

1. Valuation Losses on Securities for the Third Quarter of Fiscal 2008

| | Aggregated Figures |
|--|----------------------------|
| (A) Total amount of valuation losses on securities for the third quarter of fiscal 2008 (from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008) (=a)-(b) | ¥243.8 billion |
| | (reference) ¥204.9 billion |
| | ¥385.8 billion |
| (a) Total amount of valuation losses on securities for the nine months ended December 31, 2008 (from April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008) | (reference) ¥300.5 billion |
| | ¥142.0 billion |
| (b) Total amount of valuation losses on securities for the six months ended September 30, 2008 (from April 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008) | (reference) ¥95.5 billion |

Notes:

1. Aggregated Figures are the aggregated figures of valuation losses of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (MHBK), Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (MHCB) and Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (MHTB).
2. The Company reassesses the valuation of Securities at each quarter period end based on previous year-end book values without regard to previous interim period losses.
3. Fiscal year of the Company ends on March 31.
4. (reference) is the aggregated figures of impairment of stocks held by MHBK, MHCB, and MHTB.

The proportion of such losses against Net Assets, Ordinary Profits and Net Income

| | Consolidated Basis |
|---|---------------------------|
| (B) Net Assets as of the end of Fiscal 2007 | ¥ 5,694.1billion |
| (A)/(B) x 100 | 4.2% |
| (a)/(B) x 100 | 6.7% |
| (C) Ordinary Profits as of the end of Fiscal 2007 | ¥ 397.1 billion |
| (A)/(C) x 100 | 61.3% |
| (a)/(C) x 100 | 97.1% |
| (D) Net Income as of the end of Fiscal 2007 | ¥ 311.2 billion |
| (A)/(D) x 100 | 78.3% |
| (a)/(D) x 100 | 123.9% |

2. Future outlook

For Earnings Estimates for Fiscal 2008 (for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009) , please refer to Revision of Consolidated Earnings Estimates for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009 and Consolidated Financial Statements for the Third Quarter of Fiscal 2008 .

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Further information regarding factors that could affect our financial condition and results of operations is included in Item 3.D. Key Information Risk Factors, and Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which is available in the Financial Information section of our web page at www.mizuho-fg.co.jp/english/ and also at the SEC 's web site at www.sec.gov. We do not intend to update our forward-looking statements. We are under no obligation, and disclaim any obligation, to update or alter our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by the rules of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.