

COLONIAL BANCGROUP INC
Form S-8
May 29, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-8
Registration Statement
Under
The Securities Act of 1933

The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

100 Colonial Bank Blvd.

Montgomery, Alabama 36117
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

(334) 676-5000
(Telephone No.)

The Colonial BancGroup

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full title of plan)

David B. Byrne, Jr.
General Counsel
100 Colonial Bank Blvd.
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
(Name and address of agent for service)

Copies to:
Michael D. Waters
Balch & Bingham LLP
1901 Sixth Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be | Amount | Prop. Max. | Prop. Max. | Amount of |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Registered | to be | Offering Price | Aggregate | Fee |
| | Registered | Per Unit(1) | Offering Price(1) | |
| Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share | 3,500,000 | \$1.405 | \$4,917,500 | \$274.40 |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 457 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the proposed maximum offering price per share and the proposed maximum aggregate offering price are estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee and are based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock of the registrant on the New York Stock Exchange on May 27, 2009.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On April 20, 1994, The Colonial BancGroup, Inc. (BancGroup) registered 600,000 shares of its Common Stock on Form S-8, Registration No. 033-78118, to register shares that would be issued pursuant to The Colonial BancGroup Inc., Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

This Registration Statement relates to the registration of an additional 3,500,000 shares under The Amended and Restated Colonial BancGroup Inc., Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP). Except to the extent that they are superseded by information contained herein, or in exhibits hereto, the contents of the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 033-78118 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on April 20, 1994 (the Prior Registration Statement) are hereby incorporated by reference.

PART I

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the ESPP as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated by the under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Such document(s) are not being filed with the Commission, but constitute (along with the documents incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof) a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

This Prospectus incorporates documents by reference, which are not presented herein or delivered herewith. The documents are available upon request from the person specified below.

The following documents filed by BancGroup with the Commission are hereby incorporated by reference into this Prospectus:

- (1) BancGroup s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K;
- (2) BancGroup s reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by BancGroup s most recent annual report on Form 10-K; and
- (3) BancGroup s Form 8-A dated November 22, 1994, effective February 22, 1995, containing a description of BancGroup s common stock.

All documents subsequently filed by BancGroup since December 31, 2008, pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of this offering, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. BancGroup files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission). You may read and copy any document that BancGroup files at the Commission s public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. BancGroup s SEC filings are also available to the public at the Commission s web site <http://www.sec.gov>. The address of the Commission s web site is provided for the information of prospective investors and not as an active link. You can also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information about BancGroup at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York. BancGroup has filed with the Commission a Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the securities of BancGroup being offered hereby. This Prospectus does not contain certain information contained in the Registration Statement and exhibits thereto.

BancGroup will provide, without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the documents which have been incorporated herein by reference but not delivered herewith (other than the exhibits to such documents). Such request, in writing or by telephone, should be directed to the Corporate Secretary, The Colonial BancGroup, Inc., 100 Colonial Bank Blvd., Montgomery, Alabama 36117 (telephone (334) 676-5000).

Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Certain legal issues respecting the shares of Common Stock of the registrant to be issued are being passed upon by the law firm of Balch & Bingham LLP, 1901 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Pursuant to Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, officers, directors, employees and agents of the registrant are entitled to indemnification against liabilities incurred while acting in such capacities on behalf of the registrant, including reimbursement of certain expenses. In addition, the registrant maintains an officer's and director's insurance policy and separate indemnification agreements (the Indemnification Agreements) pursuant to which officers and directors of the registrant would be entitled to indemnification against certain liabilities, including reimbursement of certain expenses.

The Indemnification Agreements are intended to provide additional indemnification to directors and officers of BancGroup beyond the specific provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a company may indemnify its directors and officers in circumstances other than those under which indemnification and the advance of expenses are expressly permitted by applicable statutory provisions.

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation (i) must be indemnified by the corporation for all expenses incurred by him (including attorneys' fees) when he is successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding brought by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, (ii) may be indemnified by the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement of any such proceeding (other than a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation) even if he is not successful on the merits if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation (and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful), and (iii) may be indemnified by the corporation for expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by him in the defense or settlement of a proceeding brought by or in the right of the corporation, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; provided that no indemnification may be made under the circumstances described in clause (iii) if the director, officer, employee or agent is adjudged liable to the corporation, unless a court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances, he is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for the expenses which the court shall deem proper. The indemnification described in clauses (ii) and (iii) above (unless ordered by a court) may be made only as authorized in a specific case upon determination by (i) a majority of a quorum of disinterested directors, (ii) independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (iii) the stock holders, that indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the applicable standard of conduct has been met. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending a proceeding may be advanced by the corporation prior to the final disposition of the proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by other employees and agents may be advanced by the corporation upon terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the board of directors.

The indemnification provided by the Delaware General Corporation Law has at least two limitations that are addressed by the Indemnification Agreements: (i) BancGroup is under no obligation to advance expenses to a director or officer, and (ii) except in the case of a proceeding in which a director or officer is successful on the merits or otherwise, indemnification of a director or officer is discretionary rather than mandatory.

The Indemnification Agreements, therefore, cover any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees and all other charges paid or payable in connection therewith) incurred in connection with investigating, defending, being a witness or participating in (including an appeal), or preparing to defend, be a witness in or participate in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, or any inquiry or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or otherwise, related to the fact that such director or officer is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of BancGroup or is or was serving at the request of BancGroup as a director, officer, employee, agent, partner, committee member or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, trust or other enterprise, or by reason of anything done or not done by such director or officer in any such capacity.

The Indemnification Agreements also provide for the prompt advancement of all expenses incurred in connection with any proceeding and obligate the director or officer to reimburse BancGroup for all amounts so advanced if it is subsequently determined, as provided in the Indemnification Agreements, that the director or officer is not entitled to indemnification.

The Indemnification Agreements further provide that the director or officer is entitled to indemnification for, and advancement of, all expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in any proceeding seeking to collect from BancGroup an indemnity claim or advancement of expenses under the Indemnification Agreements, BancGroup's Certificate of Incorporation, or the Delaware General Corporation Law, regardless of whether the director or officer is successful in such proceeding.

The Indemnification Agreements impose upon BancGroup the burden of proving that the director or officer is not entitled to indemnification in any particular case, and the Indemnification Agreements negate certain presumptions which might otherwise be drawn against a director or officer in certain circumstances. Further, the Indemnification Agreements provide that if BancGroup pays a director or officer pursuant to an Indemnification Agreement, BancGroup will be subrogated to such director's or officer's rights to recover from third parties.

The Indemnification Agreements stipulate that a director's or officer's rights under such contracts are not exclusive of any other indemnity rights a director or officer may have; however, the Indemnification Agreements prevent double payment. The Indemnification Agreements require the maintenance of directors' and officers' liability insurance if such insurance can be maintained on terms, including rates, satisfactory to BancGroup.

The benefits of the Indemnification Agreements would not be available if (i) the action with respect to which indemnification is sought was initiated or brought voluntarily by the officer or director (other than an action to enforce the right to indemnification under the Indemnification Agreements); (ii) the officer or director is paid for such expense or liability under an insurance policy; (iii) the proceeding is for an accounting of profits pursuant to Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; (iv) the conduct of the officer or director is adjudged as constituting an unlawful personal benefit, or active or deliberate dishonesty or willful fraud or illegality; or (v) a court determines that indemnification or advancement of expenses is unlawful under the circumstances.

The Indemnification Agreements would provide indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. BancGroup has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in such act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
|------------|---|
| 4.1 | The Colonial BancGroup, Inc., Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| 4.2 | Opinion of Balch & Bingham LLP as to certain issues regarding the securities being registered |
| 5.1 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| 5.2 | Consent of Balch & Bingham LLP |

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers of sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or in the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs, (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-8 and if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on the 27th day of May, 2009.

THE COLONIAL BANGROUP, INC.

BY: /s/ Robert E. Lowder
 Its Chairman of the Board of Directors,
 Chief Executive Officer and President

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the directors whose signatures appear below constitute and appoint Robert E. Lowder and Sarah H. Moore, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agents with full and several power of substitution, for him or her and his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| SIGNATURES | TITLE | DATE |
|---------------------------|---|------|
| /s/ Robert E. Lowder | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President | ** |
| Robert E. Lowder | | |
| /s/ Sarah H. Moore | Chief Financial Officer and Senior Executive Vice President (Principal Financial Officer) | ** |
| Sarah H. Moore | | |
| /s/ T. Brent Hicks | Chief Accounting Officer and Senior Vice President (Principal Accounting Officer) | ** |
| T. Brent Hicks | | |
| /s/ Lewis E. Beville | Director | ** |
| Lewis E. Beville | | |
| | Director | ** |
| Augustus K. Clements, III | | |
| | Director | ** |
| Robert S. Craft | | |
| /s/ Patrick F. Dye | Director | ** |
| Patrick F. Dye | | |

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| /s/ Hubert L. Harris, Jr. | Director | ** |
| Hubert L. Harris, Jr. | | |
| /s/ Clinton O. Holdbrooks | Director | ** |
| Clinton O. Holdbrooks | | |
| /s/ John Ed Mathison | Director | ** |
| John Ed Mathison | | |
| /s/ Milton E. McGregor | Director | ** |
| Milton E. McGregor | | |
| | Director | ** |
| John C. H. Miller, Jr. | | |
| /s/ Joe D. Mussafer | Director | ** |
| Joe D. Mussafer | | |
| /s/ William E. Powell, III | Director | ** |
| William E. Powell, III | | |
| /s/ James W. Rane | Director | ** |
| James W. Rane | | |
| /s/ Simuel Sippial, Jr. | Director | ** |
| Simuel Sippial, Jr. | | |

** Date: May 27, 2009