

US BANCORP \DE\  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2012

**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 18, 2012**

**U.S. BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**1-6880**

(Commission File Number)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**41-0255900**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**800 Nicollet Mall**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(651) 466-3000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

On April 18, 2012, U.S. Bancorp, a Delaware corporation (the Company), filed a Certificate of Designations for the purpose of amending its Certificate of Incorporation to fix the designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of its Series G Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (the Preferred Stock). A copy of the Certificate of Designations is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 20, 2012, the Company closed the sale of 43,400,000 Depositary Shares, with each Depositary Share representing ownership of 1/1,000<sup>th</sup> of a share of the Company's Preferred Stock, which were registered pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (SEC File No. 333-173636) which was automatically effective on April 21, 2011 (the Registration Statement). The following documents are being filed with this report on Form 8-K and shall be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement: (i) Underwriting Agreement dated April 17, 2012, among the Company and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co., and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., as representatives of the underwriters, which incorporates by reference the U.S. Bancorp Underwriting Agreement Standard Provisions (Preferred Stock, Which May Be Represented by Depositary Shares) (April 17, 2012); (ii) Certificate of Designations of the Company dated April 18, 2012; (iii) Deposit Agreement dated April 20, 2012 between U.S. Bancorp and U.S. Bank National Association and the holders from time to time of the Depositary Receipts described therein; (iv) form of Depositary Receipt; and (v) validity opinion with respect to the Depositary Shares and the Preferred Stock.

On April 20, 2012, in connection with the closing of the sale of Depositary Shares referenced above, the Company entered into a Replacement Capital Covenant (the RCC), whereby the Company agreed for the benefit of certain of its debtholders named therein that it would not redeem or repurchase shares of Preferred Stock, unless such repurchases or redemptions are made from the proceeds of the issuance of certain qualified securities and pursuant to the other terms and conditions set forth in the RCC. A copy of the RCC is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated April 17, 2012, among the Company and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co., and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. as representatives of the underwriters named therein.
- 1.2 U.S. Bancorp Underwriting Agreement Standard Provisions (Preferred Stock, Which May Be Represented by Depositary Shares) (April 17, 2012).
- 4.1 Certificate of Designations of U.S. Bancorp with respect to Series G Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock dated April 18, 2012.
- 4.2 Form of certificate representing the Series G Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock.
- 4.3 Deposit Agreement dated April 20, 2012 between U.S. Bancorp, U.S. Bank National Association and the holders from time to time of the Depositary Receipts described therein.
- 4.4 Form of Depositary Receipt (included as part of Exhibit 4.3).

- 5.1 Validity opinion of Squire Sanders (US) LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Squire Sanders (US) LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).
- 99.1 Replacement Capital Covenant of U.S. Bancorp, dated April 20, 2012.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. BANCORP

Date: April 20, 2012

By: /s/ Lee R. Mitau  
Lee R. Mitau  
Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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