

STERLING BANCORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

13-2565216

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

10019-6108

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

212-757-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). o Yes x No

As of April 30, 2007 there were 18,664,868 shares of common stock,
\$1.00 par value, outstanding.

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STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 81,698,635	\$ 50,058,593
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	1,850,882	1,261,187
Federal funds sold		20,000,000
Securities available for sale (at estimated fair value; pledged: \$46,176,029 in 2007 and \$90,583,854 in 2006)	144,969,123	148,420,887
Securities held to maturity (pledged: \$217,411,362 in 2007 and \$199,997,912 in 2006) (estimated fair value: \$419,063,772 in 2007 and \$411,650,690 in 2006)	426,380,228	420,903,430
Total investment securities	571,349,351	569,324,317
Loans held for sale	39,576,275	33,319,789
Loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts	1,080,587,313	1,112,601,620
Less allowance for loan losses	15,806,296	16,287,974
Loans, net	1,064,781,017	1,096,313,646
Customers liability under acceptances	487,409	98,399
Goodwill	22,862,051	22,862,051
Premises and equipment, net	11,640,018	11,323,649
Other real estate	2,415,218	2,242,419
Accrued interest receivable	5,195,659	5,844,868
Bank owned life insurance	28,201,711	27,949,160
Other assets	42,817,706	43,696,511
Total assets from continuing operations	1,872,875,932	1,884,294,589
Assets - discontinued operations	1,302,240	1,662,697
	\$ 1,874,178,172	\$ 1,885,957,286
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
Deposits		
Demand deposits	\$ 461,733,507	\$ 546,442,704
Savings, NOW and money market deposits	481,074,038	447,600,898
Time deposits	566,350,351	527,986,821
Total deposits	1,509,157,896	1,522,030,423
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - customers	61,607,136	52,802,796
Commercial paper	27,652,304	27,561,567
Short-term borrowings - other	2,575,825	3,411,630
Long-term borrowings - FHLB	20,000,000	20,000,000
Long-term borrowings - subordinated debentures	25,774,000	25,774,000

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Total borrowings	137,609,265	129,549,993
Acceptances outstanding	487,409	98,399
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	93,677,161	101,679,342
Liabilities - discontinued operations	228,983	336,358
Total liabilities	1,741,160,714	1,753,694,515
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock, \$1 par value. Authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 21,262,170 and 21,177,084 shares, respectively	21,262,170	21,177,084
Capital surplus	168,615,797	167,960,063
Retained earnings	16,631,370	16,693,987
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(11,310,469)	(11,842,908)
	195,198,868	193,988,226
Less		
Common shares in treasury at cost, 2,597,302 and 2,572,368 shares, respectively	62,181,410	61,725,455
Total shareholders' equity	133,017,458	132,262,771
	\$ 1,874,178,172	\$ 1,885,957,286

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2007	2006
INTEREST INCOME		
Loans	\$ 21,726,617	\$ 19,380,054
Investment securities		
Available for sale	1,844,714	2,201,786
Held to maturity	4,869,125	5,743,474
Federal funds sold	635,308	39,985
Deposits with other banks	30,684	30,081
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Total interest income	29,106,448	27,395,380
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INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposits		
Savings, NOW and money market	2,859,406	1,782,920
Time	6,547,498	4,460,851
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		
- customers	1,074,994	694,848
- dealers		983,988
Federal funds purchased	12,379	135,140
Commercial paper	349,739	404,601
Short-term borrowings - FHLB		193,168
Short-term borrowings - other	11,868	10,412
Long-term borrowings - FHLB	224,501	586,351
Long-term borrowings - subordinated debt	523,438	523,438
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Total interest expense	11,603,823	9,775,717
Interest expense allocated to discontinued operations		(773,994)
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Net interest income	17,502,625	18,393,657
Provision for loan losses	1,250,000	1,365,000
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Net interest income after provision for loan losses		