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Securities and Exchange Commission

450 Fifth Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Application for Withdrawal
Post-Effective Amendment No.
1 on Form S-3 to Form S-4,
filed on July 29, 2004
File No. 333-117753**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hanmi Financial Corporation (the *Company*), pursuant to Rule 477 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, hereby requests that the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *Commission*) consent to the withdrawal of the *Company's* Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-3 to Form S-4, filed on July 29, 2004, together with all exhibits thereto (the *Registration Statement*).

Pursuant to the *Registration Statement*, the *Company* proposed to register shares of its Common Stock (the *Shares*) for sale by certain selling shareholders. The *Registration Statement* has not been declared effective, and none of the *Shares* have been sold pursuant to the *Registration Statement*.

Accordingly, we request an order granting the withdrawal of the *Registration Statement* to be issued by the *Commission* as soon as possible. Please provide a copy of the order granting the withdrawal of the *Registration Statement* to the undersigned via facsimile at (213) 368-3239, with a copy to Lee Meyerson of Simpson of Thacher & Bartlett LLP, via facsimile at (212) 455-2500 and Thomas Wuchenich of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, via facsimile at (310) 407-7502.

If you have any questions or comments or require further information regarding this application of withdrawal of the *Registration Statement*, please do not hesitate to call Thomas Wuchenich of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP at (310) 407-7505.

Sincerely,

Hanmi Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Jae Whan Yoo
Jae Whan Yoo

President and Chief Executive
Officer

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