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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One) x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT	T TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANG	E ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended	June 30, 2008 or	
o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT	TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANG	GE 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. x Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer o Accelerated Filer x Non-Accelerated Filer o Smaller Reporting Company o

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 July 31, 2008 there were 17,988,970 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value, outstanding.

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STERLING BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 49,995,333	\$ 66,412,612
Interest-bearing deposits with other banks	880,586	979,984
Federal funds sold	2,500,000	_
Securities available for sale (at estimated fair value; pledged: \$354,714,456 in 2008 and \$102,326,258 in 2007)	434,700,315	263,380,570
Securities held to maturity (pledged: \$189,255,930 in 2008 and \$191,549,044 in 2007) (estimated fair value: \$331,036,664 in 2008 and \$359,725,008 in 2007)	333,105,325	361,860,847
Total investment securities	767,805,640	625,241,417
Loans held for sale	24,409,918	23,755,906
Loans held in portfolio, net of unearned discounts	1,193,983,072	1,187,123,984
Less allowance for loan losses	15,480,483	
Loans, net	1,178,502,589	1,172,039,209
Customers' liability under acceptances	327,653	200,942
Goodwill	22,900,912	22,900,912
Premises and equipment, net	10,868,661	11,178,883
Other real estate	2,251,834	1,669,993
Accrued interest receivable	9,877,401	7,081,304
Bank owned life insurance	29,603,613	29,041,115
Other assets	62,215,485	52,146,506
	\$ 2,162,139,625	\$ 2,012,648,783
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Deposits		
Demand deposits	\$ 492,928,765	\$ 535,350,808
Savings, NOW and money market deposits	486,515,818	
Time deposits	459,038,839	524,188,749
Total deposits	1,438,483,422	1,526,986,179
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - customers	64,757,726	60,053,947
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase - dealers	72,832,845	
Federal funds purchased	70,000,000	, ,
Commercial paper	20,543,819	20,878,494

Short-term borrowings - FHLB	77,000,000	45,000,000
Short-term borrowings - other	20,713,415	4,285,198
Long-term borrowings - FHLB	160,000,000	40,000,000
Long-term borrowings - subordinated debentures	25,774,000	25,774,000
Total borrowings	511,621,805	271,191,639
Acceptances outstanding	327,653	200,942
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	91,981,800	93,199,746
Total liabilities	2,042,414,680	1,891,578,506
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock, \$1 par value. Authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 21,813,131 and		
21,278,531 shares, respectively	21,813,131	21,278,531
Capital surplus	174,632,887	168,868,895
Retained earnings	18,159,357	17,537,732
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(13,859,228)	(10,811,811)
	200,746,147	196,873,347
Less		
Common shares in treasury at cost, 3,824,161 and 3,459,302 shares, respectively	81,021,202	75,803,070
Total shareholders' equity	119,724,945	121,070,277
	\$ 2,162,139,625	\$ 2,012,648,783