

Lebel Joseph III  
Form 4  
February 22, 2008

# FORM 4

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

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Lebel Joseph III

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
[OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

975 HOOPER AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

02/20/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

1st SVP, Chief Lending Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

(City) (State) (Zip)

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/20/2008		A	335 A \$ 0	335	I	By Award (2)
Common Stock					279	I	By Matching ESOP (3) (4)
Common Stock					749	I	By Esop (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81	02/20/2008		A		7,088		02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	7,088
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.74							04/28/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	04/28/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.25							03/02/2008 <sup>(7)</sup>	03/02/2017	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Lebel Joseph III 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754	1st SVP, Chief Lending Officer

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney 02/22/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2009.

- (2) Restricted shares awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest at a rate of 20% per year beginning March 1, 2009.
- (3) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006
- (4) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions under the ESOP pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (5) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (6) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing April 28, 2007.
- (7) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing March 2, 2008.

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