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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (207) 236-8821

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

Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 27, 2012, the Board of Directors of Camden National Corporation (the "Company") approved the Amended and Restated Long-Term Performance Share Plan for the 2012 – 2014 performance period (the "2012 – 2014 LTIP"). Pursuant to the 2012 – 2014 LTIP, certain executive officers of the Company, including Gregory A. Dufour, President and Chief Executive Officer; Joanne T. Campbell, Executive Vice President, Risk Management; Peter F. Greene, Executive Vice President, Operations and Technology; Deborah A. Jordan, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Timothy P. Nightingale, Executive Vice President and Senior Lending Officer; and June B. Parent, Executive Vice President and Senior Retail Sales Manager, are eligible to receive equity compensation based on the attainment of certain performance goals set forth in the 2012 – 2014 LTIP.

Performance goals under the 2012-2014 LTIP include specific revenue growth and efficiency ratio goals for threshold, target and superior levels of performance, and a minimum level of performance for the Company's non-performing asset to total asset ratio at December 31, 2014 and a minimum level of net income growth for the three-year period ending December 31, 2014.

Each participating executive has a predetermined "target award," which is reflected as a percentage of his or her base salary at the beginning of the long-term performance period. At the end of each long-term performance period, based upon the achievement of specific performance measures, each participant shall receive an award in accordance with the performance level, paid in Company shares. Actual awards can range in value from 50% of the target award, when performance is at the threshold level, to 200% of the target award when performance is at the superior level. The conversion of dollar amounts into shares will be based on the market value of a share on the first day of the relevant long-term performance period.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2012 - 2014 LTIP, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.17 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibit is filed with this Report:

Exhibit No. Description

10.17 Amended and Restated Long-Term Performance Plan

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.

Dated: March 27, 2012

CAMDEN NATIONAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ DEBORAH A. JORDAN
Deborah A. Jordan
Chief Financial Officer and Principal
Financial & Accounting Officer