

MACKINAC FINANCIAL CORP /MI/
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FORM 8-K

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 18, 2014**

MACKINAC FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Michigan	0-20167	38-2062816
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

130 South Cedar Street
Manistique, Michigan 49854

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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(888) 343-8147

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Merger Agreement

On July 18, 2014, Mackinac Financial Corporation, a Michigan corporation (*Mackinac*) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the *Merger Agreement*) by and among Mackinac, PFC Acquisition, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Mackinac (*MergerSub*), and Peninsula Financial Corporation, a Michigan corporation (*Peninsula*), the owner of Peninsula Bank, a Michigan state-chartered bank (*Peninsula Bank*). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, Peninsula Financial Corporation will merge with and into MergerSub (the *Merger*), with MergerSub as the surviving entity in the Merger. The Merger Agreement also provides that, effective upon consummation of the Merger, Peninsula Bank will merge with and into mBank, a Michigan state-chartered bank and wholly-owned subsidiary of Mackinac (the *Bank Merger*).

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, which has been unanimously approved by the board of directors of each of Mackinac and Peninsula, at the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding share of Peninsula common stock will be converted into the right to receive either (i) for each share of Peninsula common stock with respect to which an election to receive cash has been made and not revoked, approximately \$46.13 in cash (such shares collectively, the *Cash Election Shares*); or (ii) for each share of Peninsula common stock with respect to which an election to receive Mackinac common stock has been made and not revoked, approximately 3.43 shares of Mackinac common stock (*Stock Election Shares*); provided that the number of Cash Election Shares may not exceed 35% of the total merger consideration as set forth in the Merger Agreement. The Merger Agreement requires Peninsula to have a minimum adjusted shareholders' equity of \$10.5 million and further contemplates that Peninsula will distribute any equity above such amount to its shareholders as a special dividend immediately prior to the Closing.

The Merger Agreement contains customary representations and warranties from Mackinac and Peninsula, and each party has agreed to customary covenants, including, among others, covenants relating to (1) the conduct of Peninsula's businesses during the interim period between the execution of the Merger Agreement and the Closing, (2) Peninsula's obligations to facilitate its shareholders' consideration of, and voting upon, the approval of the Merger and (3) subject to certain exceptions, the recommendation by the board of directors of Peninsula in favor of the approval by its shareholders of the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby. Peninsula also has agreed not to (1) solicit proposals relating to alternative business combination transactions or (2) subject to certain exceptions, enter into any discussions or any agreement concerning any proposals for alternative business combination transactions. Completion of the Merger is subject to certain customary conditions, including (1) approval of the Merger Agreement by Peninsula's shareholders, (2) receipt of required regulatory approvals, (3) the absence of any law or order prohibiting the consummation of the Merger, (4) approval of the listing on the Nasdaq of Mackinac common stock to be issued in the Merger, (5) the effectiveness of the registration statement for Mackinac common stock to be issued in the Merger, (6) Peninsula's shareholders' equity of at least \$10.5 million (7) receipt of an indemnification agreement from a Peninsula shareholders' trust to be established prior to the Closing and (8) Peninsula's receipt of a fairness opinion from its financial advisor with respect to the merger consideration. Each party's obligation to complete the Merger is also subject to certain additional customary conditions, including (1) subject to certain exceptions, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the other party, (2) performance in all material respects by the other party of its obligations under the Merger Agreement and (3) receipt by Mackinac and Peninsula of an opinion from each of its counsel to the effect that the Merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Merger Agreement provides certain termination rights for both Mackinac and Peninsula and further provides that upon termination of the Merger Agreement under certain circumstances, Peninsula will be obligated to pay Mackinac a termination fee of \$0.5 million.

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The foregoing description of the Merger and the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and incorporated by reference herein. The Merger Agreement has been attached as an exhibit to this report in order to provide investors and security holders with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other financial information about Mackinac, MergerSub, Peninsula or their respective subsidiaries and affiliates. The

representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Merger Agreement were made only for purposes of that agreement and as of specific dates, are solely for the benefit of the parties to the Merger Agreement, may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the Merger Agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors should not rely on the representations, warranties or covenants or any description thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of Mackinac, MergerSub, Peninsula or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations, warranties and covenants may change after the date of the Merger Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in public disclosures by Mackinac.

Voting Agreements

In connection with entering into the Merger Agreement, Mackinac entered into Shareholder Voting Agreements with certain officers, directors, and shareholders of Peninsula (collectively, the **Voting Agreements**). The Voting Agreements generally require that the shareholders party thereto vote all of their shares of Peninsula common stock in favor of the Merger and against alternative transactions and generally prohibits them from transferring their shares of Peninsula common stock prior to the consummation of the Merger. The Voting Agreements will terminate upon the earlier of the consummation of the Merger and the termination of the Merger Agreement in accordance with its terms.

The foregoing description of the Voting Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Shareholder Voting Agreement, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Important Additional Information

Communications in this Current Report on Form 8-K do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed merger, Mackinac will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a Proxy Statement of Peninsula and a Prospectus of Mackinac (the **Proxy Statement/Prospectus**), as well as other relevant documents concerning the Merger. **SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE MERGER WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents containing important information about Mackinac and Peninsula, once such documents are filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Mackinac will be available free of charge on Mackinac's website at www.bankmbank.com under the tab MFNC Investor Relations, and then under the tab SEC Filings.

Participants in the Solicitation

The directors, executive officers, and certain other members of management and employees of Mackinac may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in favor of the merger from the shareholders of Peninsula. Information about the directors and executive officers of Mackinac is included in the proxy statement for its 2014 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 30, 2014. The directors, executive officers, and certain other members of management and employees of Peninsula may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in favor of the merger from the shareholders of Peninsula. Information about the directors and executive officers of Peninsula and information regarding the interests of such participants will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant

documents filed with the SEC when they become available.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe-Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are necessarily subject to risk and uncertainty and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated due to various factors, including those set forth from time to time in Mackinac's filings with the SEC. Risks and uncertainties related to Mackinac and Peninsula include, but are not limited to, (1) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; (2) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Mackinac or Peninsula; (3) the inability to complete the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement due to the failure to satisfy conditions to completion, including the receipt of regulatory approval; (4) risks that the Merger may disrupt current plans and operations, and the potential difficulties in employee retention as a result of the transaction; (5) the amount of the costs, fees, expenses and charges related to the Merger; (6) deterioration in the financial condition of borrowers resulting in significant increases in loan losses and provisions for those losses; (7) continuation of the historically low short-term interest rate environment; (8) changes in loan underwriting, credit review or loss reserve policies associated with economic conditions, examination conclusions, or regulatory developments; (9) increased levels of non-performing and repossessed assets that may result in future losses; (10) greater than anticipated deterioration or lack of sustained growth in the national or local economies; (11) changes in state and federal legislation, regulations or policies applicable to banks or other financial service providers, including regulatory or legislative developments, like the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, arising out of current unsettled conditions in the economy; (12) the results of regulatory examinations; and (13) increased competition with other financial institutions.

Additional risks and uncertainties related to the proposed Merger include, but are not limited to, the successful integration of Mackinac's and Peninsula's businesses and the combined company's ability to compete in the highly competitive banking and financial services industries.

The revenues, earnings and business prospects of Mackinac, Peninsula and the combined company and their ability to achieve planned business objectives will be subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, risks and uncertainties with respect to the ability of Peninsula, Mackinac, and the combined company to: respond to actual or potential competitors; realize expected benefits of the Merger; realize growth opportunities; maintain or expand their respective and combined customer bases; reduce operating costs; generate cash; continue to pay dividends, and successfully implement and realize the expected benefits of various programs, initiatives and goals; anticipate and respond to changes in economic conditions generally or in the markets and geographic areas that they serve; and to address adverse effects of the changing banking industries.

Mackinac cautions that the foregoing list of risks and uncertainties is not exclusive. Additional information concerning these and other risks is contained in Mackinac's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, recent Current Reports on Form 8-K and other SEC filings. Mackinac undertakes no obligation to publicly update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date of this Current Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

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2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 18, 2014, by and among Mackinac Financial Corporation, PFC Acquisition, LLC and Peninsula Financial Corporation.*
99.1	Form of Shareholder Voting Agreement.

*All schedules to the Merger Agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. Mackinac hereby agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MACKINAC FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

July 23, 2014
(Date)

/s/ Ernie R. Krueger
Ernie R. Krueger
Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer

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