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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BRYN MAWR BANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 23-2434506 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

801 Lancaster Avenue

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

(610) 525-1700

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including

area code, of Registrant s principal executive offices)

Robert Ricciardi

Corporate Secretary

Bryn Mawr Bank Corporation

801 Lancaster Avenue

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

(610) 526-2059

 $(Name, address, including\ zip\ code, and\ telephone\ number, including\ area\ code, of\ agent\ for\ service)$

With copies of all communications to:

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(610) 640-5806

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are to be offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box:

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box: b

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I. D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I. D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)(2)(3)	Proposed maximum offering price per unit (1)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (1)(2)(3)	Amount of registration fee
g	(1)(2)(3)	(1)	price (1)(2)(3)	registi ation ree
Common Stock (\$1.00 par value)				
Warrants				
Stock Purchase Contracts				
Units				
Total	\$90,000,000	100%	\$90,000,000	\$5,022(4)

- (1) Not specified as to each class of securities to be registered pursuant to General Instruction II.D. of Form S-3.
- (2) The registrant is hereby registering an indeterminate amount of each identified class of securities up to a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$90,000,000, which may be offered from time to time in unspecified amounts at unspecified prices. The registrant has estimated the proposed maximum aggregate offering price solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933. Securities registered hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities

registered hereunder. The securities registered hereunder include securities that may be purchased by underwriters to cover over-allotments, if any.

- (3) The registrant is hereby registering such indeterminate amounts of shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, as may be issued upon exercise of warrants or rights under stock purchase contracts or units, up to a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$90,000,000. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise of securities being registered hereunder.
- (4) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Exclusive of any interest or dividends, if any, on the common stock

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state or jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MAY 29, 2009

PROSPECTUS

BRYN MAWR BANK CORPORATION

Common Stock

Warrants

Stock Purchase Contracts

Units

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to the securities and the general manner in which it may be offered. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and the specific manner in which it may be offered, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. Before investing, you should carefully read this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement.

We may offer and sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings, any amount of the securities described in this prospectus. The aggregate initial offering price of the securities that we offer will not exceed \$90,000,000. We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis.

In addition, certain selling security holder may sell shares of our common stock from time to time under this prospectus.

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol BMTC.

You should refer to the risk factors included in our periodic reports and other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and carefully consider that information before investing.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities are not deposits or other obligations of any bank or savings association and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

Unless the context requires otherwise, in this prospectus, we use the terms we, us, our, BMBC and the Corporation to refer to Bryn Mawr B. Corporation and its subsidiaries. Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol BMTC. The term we may also include the selling security holder in the appropriate context. When we refer to The Bryn Mawr Trust Company in this prospectus, we mean our subsidiary, The Bryn Mawr Trust Company, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System. We sometimes refer to The Bryn Mawr Trust Company as the Bank.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, using this prospectus, together with a prospectus supplement, we may sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings, any amount of the securities described in this prospectus in a dollar amount that does not exceed \$90,000,000, in the aggregate.

In addition, this prospectus may be used by the selling security holder to sell shares of our common stock from time to time under this prospectus as described under the heading Selling Security Holder.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus before making an investment in the securities. See Where You Can Find More Information for more information. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Our SEC registration statement containing this prospectus, including exhibits, provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. The registration statement can be read at the SEC s website (http://www.sec.gov) or at the SEC s offices mentioned under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or a supplement to this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This document may be used only in jurisdictions where offers and sales of these securities is permitted. You should not assume that information contained in this prospectus, in any supplement to this prospectus, or in any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front page of the document that contains the information, regardless of when this prospectus is delivered or when any sale of securities occurs.

We may sell the securities to underwriters who will in turn sell the securities to the public on terms fixed at the time of sale. In addition, the securities may be sold by us directly or through dealers or agents that we may designate from time to time. If we, directly or through agents, solicit offers to purchase the securities, we reserve the sole right to accept and, together with our agents, to reject, in whole or in part, any of those offers.

A prospectus supplement will contain the names of the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, together with the terms of offering, the compensation of those underwriters and the net proceeds to be received by the Corporation. Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in the offering may be deemed underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AND INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN

INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933. This prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement, certain parts of which are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information with respect to us and the securities offered by this prospectus, reference is made to the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement and the documents incorporated by reference.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC

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at its public reference facilities at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can also obtain copies of the documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facilities. Our SEC filings are also available at no cost on our website, http://www.bmtc.com, by clicking on About Us and then Investor Relations, as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such documents with the SEC. Except for those SEC filings, none of the other information on our website is part of this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information the Corporation files with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Some information contained in this prospectus updates the information incorporated by reference, and information that the Corporation files subsequently with the SEC will automatically update this prospectus. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information set forth in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later. We incorporate by reference the following documents (excluding any portions of such documents that have been furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act):

Our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

Our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009

Our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on each of January 20, 2009, January 29, 2009, January 30, 2009, April 21, 2009 and April 29, 2009, and our current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 28, 2009 as amended by the Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on April 29, 2009.

The description of our common stock contained in the Form 8-A Registration Statement filed with the SEC on December 18, 1986 pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, including any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description

The description of our Rights Agreement contained in the Form 8-A12G Registration Statement filed with the SEC on November 25, 2003, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A12G/A filed on June 2, 2004, including any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating this description

All documents the Corporation files in the future under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any portions of any such documents that are furnished but not filed for purposes of the Exchange Act), including reports filed after the date of the initial filing of the registration statement and before the effectiveness of the registration statement, until we sell all of the securities offered by this prospectus or terminate this offering

You may obtain any of these incorporated documents from us without charge, excluding any exhibits to these documents unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference in such document, by requesting them from us in writing or by telephone at the following address:

Bryn Mawr Bank Corporation

801 Lancaster Avenue

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

Attention: Robert Ricciardi

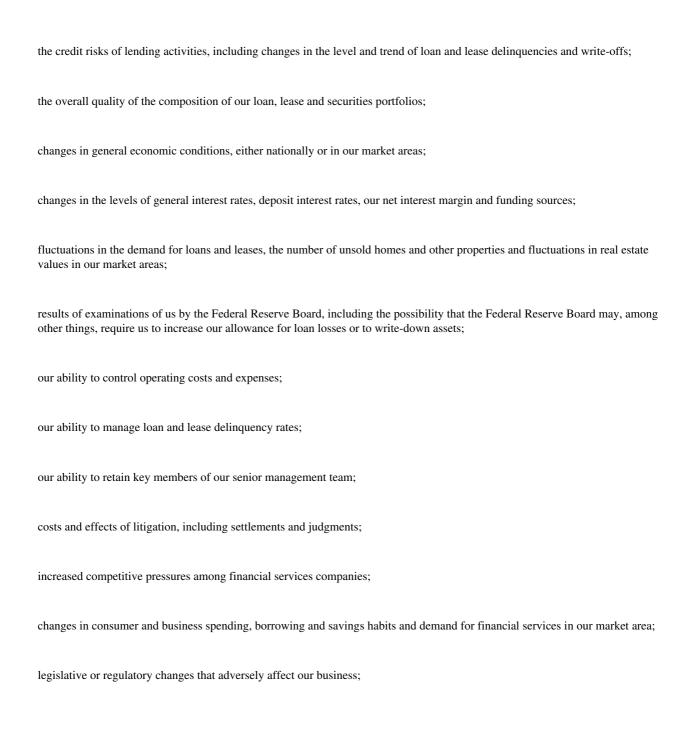
(610) 526-2059

These incorporated documents may also be available on our web site at www.bmtc.com, by clicking on About Us and then Investor Relations. Except for incorporated documents, information contained on our website is not a prospectus and does not constitute part of this prospectus.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements often include the words expect, intend, project, estimate, anticipate, will, plan, believe, continue, predict, contemplate, forecast, target, potentially, p expressions or future or conditional verbs such as may, will, should, would and could. These forward-looking statements are subject to know and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:



monetary and fiscal policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the U.S. Government and other governmental initiatives affecting the financial services industry;

adverse changes in the securities markets;

inability of key third-party providers to perform their obligations to us;

changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the financial institution regulatory agencies, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or other relevant standards setters;

war or terrorist activities; and

other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, and technological factors affecting our operations, pricing, products and services and the other risks described elsewhere in this prospectus and the incorporated documents and in our other filings with the SEC.

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Some of these and other factors are discussed in this prospectus under the caption Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus and in the incorporated documents. The development of any or all of these factors could have an adverse impact on our financial position and our results of operations.

Any forward-looking statements are based upon management s beliefs and assumptions at the time they are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those contained in such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking statements discussed in this prospectus or the incorporated documents might not occur, and you should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus. As a result, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you or that you should consider before investing in our securities. You should read this entire prospectus, including the Risk Factors section, and the documents incorporated by reference, which are described under Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus.

Bryn Mawr Bank Corporation

The Bryn Mawr Trust Company received its Pennsylvania banking charter in 1889 and is a member of the Federal Reserve System. In 1986, Bryn Mawr Bank Corporation was formed and on January 2, 1987, and the Bank became our wholly-owned subsidiary. We are headquartered in Bryn Mawr, PA, a western suburb of Philadelphia, PA. We, together with our subsidiaries, offer a full range of personal and business banking services, consumer and commercial loans, equipment leasing, mortgages, insurance and wealth management services, including investment management, trust and estate administration, retirement planning, custody services, and tax planning and preparation from eight full-service branches and seven Life Care Community offices throughout Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties.

Our primary source of liquidity is dividend payments from the Bank. The Bank is subject to certain legal restrictions on its ability to pay dividends or make loans or advances to us. For information about these restrictions, please see Regulatory Considerations in this prospectus, Supervision and Regulation in Item 1 of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and 22 - Dividend Restrictions and 23 Regulatory Capital Requirements of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Annual Report to Shareholders, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 13.1 to our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, which has been filed with the SEC and is available as described under Where You Can Find More Information.

As of March 31, 2009, we had consolidated total assets of \$1,169 million, net portfolio loans and leases of \$883.3 million, deposits of \$886.8 million and shareholders equity of \$94.7 million. Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol BMTC. Our principal executive offices are located at 801 Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010, and our telephone number is (610) 525-1700. Our Internet website address is http://www.bmtc.com. Unless expressly stated to the contrary herein, our Internet website and information contained in or linked to our website are not incorporated into, and are not a part of, this prospectus.

Securities We May Offer

We have summarized the material terms and provisions of the securities in the sections Description of Our Common Stock, Description of Warrants, Description of Stock Purchase Contracts, and Description of Units, which descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the applicable prospectus supplement, applicable provisions of Pennsylvania law and by the Corporation s articles of incorporation and bylaws. Complete copies of our amended and restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws are filed as exhibits to our November 21, 2007 current report on Form 8-K. You should read our articles of incorporation and bylaws for additional information before you buy our securities.

The summary description of the securities is not meant to be a complete description of what may be offered. The particular terms of the securities we offer will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and other offering material. The applicable prospectus supplement may add, update or change the terms and conditions of the securities as described in this prospectus.

Use of Proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds from sales of the securities as set forth in Use of Proceeds and the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a specific issuance of securities. Additionally, some securities sold pursuant to this prospectus may be sold by the Selling Security Holder (as defined herein) and we will not receive the proceeds from such sales.

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RISK FACTORS

Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described below and those set forth under Risk Factors in the applicable prospectus supplement and in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, and in our updates to those Risk Factors in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, together with all of the other information appearing in this prospectus or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Our stock price has been and is likely to be volatile.

The trading price of our common stock has been and is likely to be volatile and subject to fluctuations in price. This volatility is in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results from historical results or estimates of results prepared by securities analysts;

announcements of new services or products by us or our competitors;

announcements by us of significant acquisitions, dispositions and financings;

conditions or trends in the financial services industry;

additions or departures of key personnel;

general economic conditions and interest rates; and

sales of our common stock.

In addition, the stock market in general, and the NASDAQ Global Market and the market for commercial banks and other financial services companies in particular, has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that sometimes have been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry factors may seriously harm the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance. As a result of these and related events and factors, among others, the value of an investment in the securities may decline.

We rely on dividends from the Bank for substantially all of our revenue.

We receive substantially all of our revenue as dividends from the Bank. Federal regulations limit the amount of dividends that the Bank may pay to us. See Regulatory Considerations. In the event the Bank becomes unable to pay dividends to us, we may not be able to service our debt, pay our other obligations or pay dividends on our common stock. Accordingly, our inability to receive dividends from the Bank could also have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and the value of your investment in the securities.

Our common stock is subordinate to all of our existing and future indebtedness; regulatory and contractual restrictions may limit or prevent us from paying dividends on our common stock; and we are not limited on the amount of indebtedness we and our subsidiaries may incur in the future.

Our common stock ranks junior to all indebtedness and other non-equity claims on the Corporation with respect to assets available to satisfy claims on the Corporation, including in a liquidation of the Corporation. Additionally, unlike indebtedness, where principal and interest would customarily be payable on specified due dates, in the case of our common stock, (1) dividends are payable only when, as and if authorized and declared by our board of directors and depend on, among other things, our results of operations, financial condition, debt service requirements, other cash needs and any other factors our board of directors deems relevant, and (2) as a Pennsylvania corporation, under Pennsylvania law we are subject to restrictions on payments of dividends out of lawfully available funds. See Regulatory Considerations. Also, the Corporation s right to participate in a distribution of assets upon a subsidiary s liquidation or reorganization is subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary s creditors.

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In addition, we are not limited by our common stock in the amount of debt or other obligations we or our subsidiaries may incur in the future. Accordingly, we and our subsidiaries may incur substantial amounts of additional debt and other obligations that will rank senior to the common stock or to which the common stock will be structurally subordinated.

There may be future sales of additional common stock or other dilution of our equity, which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We are not restricted from issuing additional common stock or other securities. Additionally, our shareholders may in the future approve the authorization of additional classes or series of stock which may have distribution or other rights senior to the rights of our common stock, or may be convertible into or exchangeable for, or may represent the right to receive, common stock or substantially similar securities. The future issuance of shares of our common stock or any other such future class or series could have a dilutive effect on the holders of our common stock. Additionally, the market value of our common stock could decline as a result of sales by us of a large number of shares of common stock or any future class or series of stock in the market or the perception that such sales could occur.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We expect to use the net proceeds from the sales of the securities for general corporate purposes (other than proceeds from sales by the Selling Security Holder), which may include:

other purposes as described in any prospectus supplement.

Pending such use, we may temporarily invest the net proceeds of any offering. The precise amounts and timing of the application of proceeds will depend upon our funding requirements and the availability of other funds. Except as indicated in a prospectus supplement, allocations of the proceeds to specific purposes will not have been made at the date of that prospectus supplement.

In the event the sale of common stock is undertaken by the Selling Security Holder, we will not receive any proceeds from such sales.

We continually evaluate possible business combination opportunities. As a result, future business combinations involving cash, debt or equity securities may occur. Any future business combination or series of business combinations that we might undertake may be material, in terms of assets acquired, liabilities assumed or otherwise, to our financial condition.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

As a bank holding company, the Corporation is subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve Board. For a discussion of elements of the regulatory framework applicable to the Corporation and its subsidiaries, please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and the other documents incorporated herein by reference as described under Where You Can Find More Information. This regulatory framework is intended primarily for the protection of depositors and the federal deposit insurance fund and not for the protection of security holders, including holders of securities described in this prospectus. As a result of this regulatory

framework, our results of operations and financial condition are affected by actions of the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC, which insures the deposits of our subsidiary bank, the Bryn Mawr Trust Company.

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Our ability to pay dividends on our common stock depends primarily on dividends we receive from the Bank. Under federal regulations, the dollar amount of capital distributions (including dividends) the Bank may make depends upon its capital position and recent net income. Generally, savings institutions, that before and after the proposed distribution remain well-capitalized, may make capital distributions during any calendar year equal to up to 100% of net income for the year-to-date plus retained net income for the two preceding years. However, an institution deemed to be in need of more than normal supervision by the Federal Reserve Board may have its dividend authority restricted by the Federal Reserve Board.

Under Pennsylvania law, the Corporation is generally prohibited from paying a dividend or making any other distribution if, after making such distribution, it would be unable to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of business, or if its total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed if it were dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy preferential rights on dissolution of holders of preferred stock ranking senior in right of payment to the capital stock on which the applicable distribution is made.

There are numerous other governmental requirements and regulations that affect our business activities. A change in applicable statutes, regulations or regulatory policy may have a material effect on our business and on our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. Depository institutions, like the Bank, are also affected by various federal laws, including those relating to consumer protection and similar matters.

In addition to the foregoing regulatory restrictions, we are and may in the future become subject to contractual restrictions that would limit or prohibit us from paying dividends on our common stock.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON STOCK

Authorized Common Stock

As of April 30, 2009, our authorized common stock, \$1.00 stated value per share, was 100,000,000 shares, of which 8,774,557 shares were issued and outstanding. Shares of our common stock, when issued against full payment of the purchase price, and shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any of the other securities offered by this prospectus, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

General

The holders of our common stock are entitled to

one vote for each share of common stock held;

receive dividends if and when declared by our board of directors from our unreserved and unrestricted earned surplus or our unreserved and unrestricted net earnings for the current fiscal year; and

share ratably in our net assets legally available to our shareholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and preferred shareholders, if any, or provision for such payment. Because we are a holding company, our rights and the rights of our creditors and shareholders to participate in the distribution of assets of a subsidiary on its liquidation or recapitalization may be subject to prior claims of the subsidiary s creditors, except to the extent that the Corporation itself may be a creditor having recognized claims against the subsidiary.

Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption, conversion or cumulative voting rights. Our outstanding common stock is fully paid and nonassessable.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol BMTC. The transfer agent for our common stock is Mellon Investor Services LLC, 480 Washington Blvd., Newport Office Center VII, Jersey City, NJ. 07310.

Anti-Takeover Measures - Our Shareholder Rights Agreement and Pennsylvania Law

The Corporation has adopted a rights plan for its shareholders designed to protect the rights of the shareholders and discourage unwanted or hostile takeover attempts that are not approved by the Corporation s board of directors. The rights plan allows holders of

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the Corporation s common stock to purchase shares in either the Corporation or an acquirer of the Corporation at a discount to market value in response to specified takeover events that are not approved in advance by the Corporation s board of directors.

The Rights. On November 18, 2003, Corporation s board of directors declared a dividend of a right to acquire one one-fourths of a share of the Corporation s common stock for each share of the Corporation s common stock outstanding. The rights currently trade with and are inseparable from the Corporation s common stock.

Exercise Price. Each right allows its holder to purchase from the Corporation one one-fourths of a share of its common stock for \$22.50.

Exercisability. The rights will not be exercisable until the earlier of:

Ten business days (or such later date as may be determined by the Corporation s board of directors and publicly announced by the Corporation) after a public announcement by the Corporation that a person or group, has obtained beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Corporation s outstanding common stock; or

Ten business days (or such later date as may be determined by the Corporation s board of directors and publicly announced by the Corporation) after a person or group begins a tender or exchange offer that, if completed, would result in that person or group becoming the beneficial owner of 20% or more of the Corporation s outstanding common stock.

The date when the rights become exercisable is referred to in the rights plan as the distribution date. After that date, the rights will be evidenced by rights certificates that the Corporation will mail to all eligible holders of its common stock. A person or a member of the group that has obtained beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Corporation s outstanding common stock may not exercise any rights even after the distribution date.

Consequences of A Person or Group Becoming an Acquiring Person. A person or group that acquires beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Corporation s outstanding common stock is called an acquiring person.

Flip-In. When the Corporation publicly announces that a person has acquired 20% or more of its outstanding common stock, the Corporation can allow for rights holders, other than an acquiring person, to buy \$45.00 worth of its common stock for \$22.50. This is called a flip-in. Alternatively, the Corporation may elect to exchange one share of its common stock for each right, other than rights owned by an acquiring person, thus terminating the rights.

Flip Over. If after a person or group becomes an acquiring person, the Corporation merges or consolidates with another entity or 50% or more of the Corporation s consolidated assets or earning power are sold, all holders of rights, other than an acquiring person, may purchase shares of the acquiring company at 50% of their market value.

The Corporation s board of directors may elect to terminate the rights at any time before a flip-in occurs. Otherwise, the rights are currently scheduled to terminate in 2013.

The rights will not prevent a takeover of the Corporation. However, the rights may cause a substantial dilution to a person or group that acquires 20% or more of the Corporation s common stock, unless the board of directors first terminates the rights. Nevertheless, the rights should not interfere with a transaction that is in the Corporation s and its shareholder s best interest because the rights can be terminated by the board of directors before the transaction is completed.

The complete terms of the rights are contained in the Rights Agreement. The foregoing description of the rights and the Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Rights Agreement.

Fiduciary Duties. The Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988 (Act of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444) (PA BCL) explicitly provides that the fiduciary duty of directors does not require them to:

redeem any rights under, or to modify or render inapplicable, any shareholder rights plan;

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render inapplicable, or make determinations under, provisions of the PA BCL relating to control transactions, business combinations, control-share acquisitions or disgorgement by certain controlling shareholders following attempts to acquire control; or

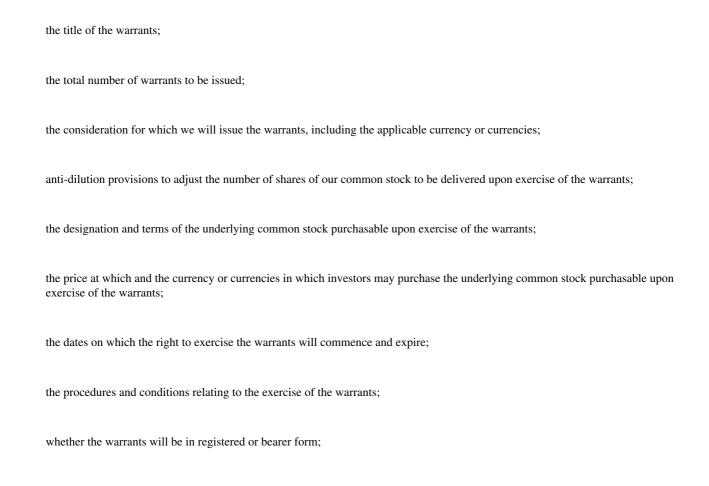
act as the board of directors, a committee of the board or an individual director, solely because of the effect such action might have on an acquisition or potential acquisition of control of the Corporation or the consideration that might be offered or paid to shareholders in such an acquisition.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

General

We may issue warrants in one or more series to purchase common stock. Warrants may be issued independently or together with the underlying common stock and may be attached to or separate from the underlying common stock. We will issue each series of warrants under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants of such series and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for or on behalf of holders or beneficial owners of warrants. The following outlines some of the general terms and provisions of the warrants. Further terms of the warrants and the applicable warrant agreement will be stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. The following description and any description of the warrants in a prospectus supplement are not complete and are subject to and qualified in their entirety by reference to the terms and provisions of the warrant agreement, which we will file with the SEC in connection with an issuance of any warrants.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any warrants, including the following, as may be applicable:



information with respect to book-entry registration and transfer procedures, if any;

the minimum or maximum amount of warrants which may be exercised at any one time;

the date on and after which the warrants and common stock issued with the warrants will be separately transferable;

a discussion of material United States federal income tax considerations;

the identity of the warrant agent; and

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any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange, transfer and exercise of the warrants

Warrant certificates may be exchanged for new warrant certificates of different denominations, and warrants may be exercised at the warrant agent s corporate trust office or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Prior to the exercise of their warrants, holders will not have any rights of holders of the common stock purchasable upon such exercise, including any rights to vote such shares of common stock or to receive any distributions or dividends thereon.

Exercise of Warrants

A warrant will entitle the holder to purchase for cash an amount of common stock at an exercise price that will be stated in, or that will be determinable as described in, the applicable prospectus supplement. Warrants may be exercised at any time prior to the close of business on the expiration date and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Upon and after the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will be void and have no further force, effect or value.

Enforceability of Rights

The holders of warrants, without the consent of the warrant agent, may, on their own behalf and for their own benefit, enforce, and may institute and maintain any suit, action or proceeding against us to enforce, their rights to exercise and receive the common stock purchasable upon exercise of their warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including stock purchase contracts issued as part of a unit with one or more other securities, for the purchase or sale of our common stock. The price per share of common stock may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula contained in the stock purchase contracts. We may issue stock purchase contracts in such amounts and in as many distinct series as we wish.

The applicable prospectus supplement may contain, where applicable, the following information about the stock purchase contracts issued under it:

whether the stock purchase contracts obligate the holder to purchase or sell, or both, our common stock and the nature and amount, or method of determining the amount;

whether the stock purchase contracts are to be prepaid or not;

whether the stock purchase contracts are to be settled by delivery, or by reference or linkage to the value, performance or level of our common stock:

any acceleration, cancellation, termination or other provisions relating to the settlement of the stock purchase contracts;

United States federal income tax considerations relevant to the stock purchase contracts; and

whether the stock purchase contracts will be issued in fully registered global form.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any stock purchase contracts. The preceding description and any description of stock purchase contracts in the applicable prospectus supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the stock purchase contract agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depositary arrangements relating to such stock purchase contracts.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units consisting of any combination of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus. The applicable prospectus supplement may contain, where applicable, the following information about the units issued under it:

the designation and the terms of the units and of any combination of the securities constituting the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or traded separately;

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any additional terms of the agreement governing the units;

any additional provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities constituting the units:

any applicable United States federal income tax consequences; and

whether the units will be issued in fully registered form.

The terms and conditions described under the description of the various securities registered hereby will apply to each unit that includes such securities and to the securities included in each unit, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may issue the units under one or more unit agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as unit agent. We may issue units in one or more series, which will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF GLOBAL SECURITIES

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, securities other than common stock will be issued in the form of one or more global certificates, or global securities, registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the depositary will be The Depository Trust Company, commonly referred to as DTC. DTC has informed us that its nominee will be Cede & Co. Accordingly, we expect Cede & Co. to be the initial registered holder of all securities that are issued in global form. No person that acquires a beneficial interest in those securities will be entitled to receive a certificate representing that person s interest in the securities except as described herein or in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless and until definitive securities are issued under the limited circumstances described below, all references to actions by holders of securities issued in global form will refer to actions taken by DTC upon instructions from its participants, and all references to payments and notices to holders will refer to payments and notices to DTC or Cede & Co., as the registered holder of these securities.

DTC has informed us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that DTC participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among DTC participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in DTC participants accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. DTC participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations, and may include other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, or DTCC. DTCC, in turn, is owned by users of its regulated subsidiaries. Indirect access to the DTC system also is available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicabl