

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**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): February 20, 2014**

**MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as**  
**specified in its charter)**

**Michigan**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**000-26719**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**38-3360865**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification no.)**

**310 Leonard St., N.W.**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**49504**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number,**  
**including area code: (616) 406-3000**

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

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On February 20, 2014, Mercantile Bank Corporation (the Company ) and Firstbank Corporation ( Firstbank ) entered into a First Amendment to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated August 14, 2013 between the Company and Firstbank (the Merger Agreement ). The First Amendment to the Merger Agreement extends the date on which the Merger Agreement becomes terminable from March 31, 2014 to June 30, 2014.

Section 7.1.3 of the Merger Agreement allows either Firstbank or the Company to elect to terminate the Merger Agreement if the merger has not been consummated by the specified End Date and certain conditions are satisfied. The amendment amends Section 7.1.3 by changing the End Date from March 31, 2014 to June 30, 2014. The amendment makes no other changes to the Merger Agreement.

A copy of the amendment is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits:** The following documents are attached as exhibits to this report on Form 8-K:

10.1 First Amendment to Merger Agreement dated February 20, 2014.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 21, 2014

MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION

By /s/ Charles E. Christmas  
Charles E. Christmas

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and  
Treasurer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Document
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