SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K November 14, 2008

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

November 14, 2008

Date of Report

(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

Synovus Financial Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Georgia

1-10312

58-1134883

(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) 1111 Bay Avenue, Suite 500, Columbus, Georgia 31901 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (706) 644-4982

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 14, 2008, Synovus Financial Corp. (Synovus) issued a press release announcing that it has received preliminary approval from the U.S. Treasury for the sale of \$973 million in preferred stock and related warrants to Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program. The final approval is subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, including approval by Synovus shareholders of amendments to the company s articles of incorporation and bylaws to allow Synovus to issue preferred stock, as well as the execution of definitive agreements. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.Description99.1Synovus press release dated November 14, 2008.

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Signature

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

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP. (Synovus)

Dated: November 14, 2008

By: /s/ Samuel F. Hatcher Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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