

SI Financial Group, Inc.
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Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

803 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226

80-0643149
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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(860) 423-4581

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Savings Institute Bank and Trust Company

Profit Sharing and 401(k) Savings Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Copies to:

Rheo A. Brouillard
President and Chief Executive Officer
SI Financial Group, Inc.
803 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
(860) 423-4581
 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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| Title of each Class of Securities to be registered | Amount to be Registered (1) | Proposed | Proposed | Amount of Registration Fee |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Maximum Offering Price | Maximum aggregate Offering Price (2) | |
| Common Stock \$0.01 par value | 819,565 Shares | Per Share \$8.99 (3) | \$7,367,890 | \$856 |
| Participation Interests | (4) | | | (5) |

- (1) Together with an indeterminate number of additional shares which may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Savings Institute Bank and Trust Company Profit Sharing and 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) as the result of a stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the outstanding common stock of SI Financial Group, Inc. (the Common Stock) pursuant to 17 C.F.R. §230.416(a).
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.
- (3) The average of the high and low price of the Common Stock as reported on January 24, 2011 in accordance with 17 C.F.R. §230.457(c).
- (4) In addition, pursuant to 17 C.F.R. §230.416(c), this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan, based upon the maximum amount that could be issued under the Plan pursuant to 17 C.F.R. §230.457(h).

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- (5) In accordance with 17 C.F.R. §230.457(h), where securities are to be offered pursuant to an employee benefit plan, the aggregate offering price and the amount of the registration fee shall be computed with respect to the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be purchased with the current assets of such Plan. Accordingly, no separate fee is required for the participation interests.

This Registration Statement shall become effective immediately upon filing in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the Securities Act) and 17 C.F.R. §230.462.

SI Financial Group, Inc.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Items 1 & 2. The documents containing the information for the Savings Institute Bank and Trust Company Profit Sharing and 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) specified by Part I of this Registration Statement will be sent or given to the participants in the Plan as specified by Rule 428(b)(1). Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) either as a part of this Registration Statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424 in reliance on Rule 428. Such documents and the information incorporated by reference pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus for the Registration Statement.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents filed or to be filed by SI Financial Group, Inc. (the Registrant or the Corporation) with the SEC are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Prospectus filed with the SEC by the Registrant (File No. 333-169302) pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) on November 19, 2010, which includes the consolidated balance sheets of SI Financial Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009.
- (b) The description of the Registrant's common stock contained in the Registrant's Form 8-K12G, as filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) and the rules promulgated under the Exchange Act.
- (c) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on December 27, 2010 and January 4, 2011 (other than items submitted under 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 of Form 8-K).
- (d) All documents filed by the Registrant, where applicable, pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date hereof and prior to filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold (in each case other than those portions furnished under items 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 of Form 8-K).

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement, or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities

The Common Stock to be offered pursuant to the Plan has been registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, a description of the Common Stock is not required herein.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

None.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers and Plan Administrator

The Articles of Incorporation of SI Financial Group, Inc. provides as follows:

NINTH: The Corporation shall indemnify (A) its directors and officers, whether serving the Corporation or at its request any other entity, to the fullest extent required or permitted by the general laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force, including the advance of expenses under the procedures required, and (B) other employees and agents to such extent as shall be authorized by the Board of Directors or the Corporation's Bylaws and be permitted by law. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled. The Board of Directors may take such action as is necessary to carry out these indemnification provisions and is expressly empowered to adopt, approve and amend from time to time such Bylaws, resolutions or contracts implementing such provisions or such further indemnification arrangements as may be permitted by law. No amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation shall limit or eliminate the right to indemnification provided hereunder with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

None.

Item 8. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with or incorporated by reference into this registration statement on Form S-8 (numbering corresponds generally to the Exhibit Table in Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

List of Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description | Incorporated by Reference | | | Filed Herewith |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| | | Form | File No. | Exhibit Filing Date | |
| 23 | Consent of Wolf & Company, P.C. | | | | X |
| 24 | Power of Attorney (contained on signature page) | | | | |

Item 9. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase

or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price present no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed or furnished in the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, in a primary offering of securities of the Registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser: (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant; (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser; and
- (5) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

- (6) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to trustees, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in such Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a trustee, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such trustee, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in such Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The registrant will submit the Plan and amendments thereto to the IRS in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS in order to qualify the Plan.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, SI Financial Group, Inc. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Willimantic, Connecticut on January 26, 2011.

SI Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Rheo A. Brouillard
 Rheo A. Brouillard
 President and Chief Executive Officer
 (principal executive officer)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below (other than Mr. Brouillard) constitutes and appoints Rheo A. Brouillard and Mr. Brouillard hereby constitutes and appoints Mr. Hull, as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any or all amendments to the Form S-8 registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and things requisite and necessary to be done as fully, and to all intents and purposes, as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Name | Title | Date |
|--|--|------------------|
| /s/ Rheo A. Brouillard Rheo A. Brouillard | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer) | January 26, 2011 |
| /s/ Brian J. Hull Brian J. Hull | Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) | January 26, 2011 |

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| /s/ Henry P. Hinckley Henry P. Hinckley | Director | January 26, 2011 |
| /s/ Donna M. Evan Donna M. Evan | Director | January 26, 2011 |
| /s/ Roger Engle Roger Engle | Director | January 26, 2011 |
| Robert O. Gillard | Director | |
| /s/ Mark D. Alliod Mark D. Alliod | Director | January 26, 2011 |
| /s/ Michael R. Garvey Michael R. Garvey | Director | January 26, 2011 |

The Plan.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Savings Institute Bank and Trust Company Profit Sharing and 401(k) Savings Plan have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in Willimantic, Connecticut on January 26, 2011.

**SAVINGS INSTITUTE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
PROFIT SHARING AND 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN**

By: /s/ Laurie Gervais
Plan Administrator