

OFG BANCORP
Form 8-K
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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): July 6, 2016

OFG Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-12647
(Commission File No.)

66-0538893
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
No.)

Oriental Center
254 Muñoz Rivera Avenue

San Juan, Puerto Rico
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

00918
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (787) 771-6800

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

José Rafael Fernández entered into a three-year employment agreement (the *Agreement*) with OFG Bancorp (the *Company*) on July 6, 2016. Mr. Fernández is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Vice Chairman of its Board of Directors (the *Board*). The Agreement is effective as of July 1, 2016, and replaces the employment agreement, dated as of August 22, 2013, between the Company and Mr. Fernández, which expired on June 30, 2016.

As provided in the Agreement, Mr. Fernández will report directly to the Board and will have overall responsibility for the business and affairs of the Company. During the term of the Agreement and in any election of directors in which his term as director is set to expire, the Board will nominate and recommend to the shareholders of the Company his election as a Board member and, if elected, will appoint him as its Vice Chairman. It further provides that, in the event that the current Chairperson of the Board ceases, for any reason, to occupy such position, the Board will appoint Mr. Fernández as its Chairperson.

The Agreement provides that Mr. Fernández will be compensated as follows: (i) annual base salary of \$865,000, which may be increased by the Board's Compensation Committee; (ii) annual target bonus of 100% of his annual base salary payable on or before March 31 of each year pursuant to the Company's non-equity incentive bonus plan; (iii) annual expense allowance of \$85,000 for his car-related expenses, membership expenses for social, business or professional organizations, and any other expenses which in his judgment are reasonably appropriate for the performance of his duties as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (iv) a 10-year term life insurance policy in the amount of \$3,000,000 covering his life and having as beneficiaries his spouse and heirs or other beneficiaries designated by him; (v) 25 days of paid vacation per year; (vi) a special bonus of \$850,000 payable upon expiration of the Agreement (or a prorated portion of such amount if his employment is terminated for any reason before the Agreement's expiration); and (vii) additional incentive compensation under the Company's equity-based compensation plan based on his performance scorecard, as approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, up to an annual amount equal to 85% of his annual base salary, but he may elect to receive the award in deferred cash equivalence if he is in compliance with the Company's Stock Ownership Policy. It also provides that Mr. Fernández will be entitled to participate in any equity-based compensation plan, profit-sharing plan or other plans, benefits and privileges offered by the Company to its employees and executives to the extent that he is otherwise eligible and qualifies to participate in and receive such benefits or privileges.

The Agreement may be terminated by the Board for *just cause* (as defined therein). In the event it is terminated for just cause or if Mr. Fernández is removed or barred from office under applicable law, he will have no right to compensation or other benefits for any period after such termination. However, if the Agreement is terminated by the Board other than for just cause and other than in connection with a change in control of the Company (as defined in his Change in Control Compensation Agreement with the Company), or if Mr. Fernández terminates the Agreement for *good reason* (as defined in the Agreement), the Company will be required to pay him as severance in lieu of any further compensation for periods subsequent to the date of termination, a lump sum equal to the product of (a) his annual base salary, incentive bonus (equal to the average cash bonus paid to him in the last two fiscal years prior to the termination date), expense allowance, and equity awards or its equivalent (equal to the average of the aggregate grant date fair value of the equity awards granted to him in the last two fiscal years prior to the termination date), multiplied by (b) three.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: July 8, 2016

By:

OFG BANCORP

/s/ Carlos O. Souffront
Carlos O. Souffront

General Counsel and Secretary

of the Board of Directors