

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form 8-K  
February 29, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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 29, 2008

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-7657  
(Commission File Number)

13-4922250  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center  
New York, New York  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10285  
(Zip Code)

(212) 640-2000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On February 29, 2008, American Express Company issued a press release announcing that it had completed the sale of its international banking subsidiary, American Express Bank Ltd., to Standard Chartered PLC. A copy of such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 29, 2008

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
(REGISTRANT)

By /s/ Stephen P. Norman  
Name: Stephen P. Norman  
Title: Secretary

Date: February 29, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                    |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1            | Press Release dated February 29, 2008 |