

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/

Form 8-K

February 07, 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 6, 2008  
Commerce Bancorp, Inc.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| <b>New Jersey</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or<br>organization) | <b>1-12069</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>22-2433468</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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**Commerce Atrium, 1701 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-5400**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (856) 751-9000**

**N/A**

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 6, 2008, the shareholders of the Company approved the plan of merger contained in the merger agreement dated as of October 2, 2007, among the Company, The Toronto-Dominion Bank ( TD ) and Cardinal Merger Co. (the Merger Agreement ), pursuant to which TD will acquire the Company. Approximately 97% of the participating shares voted in favor of the merger. On February 6, 2008, the Company and TD issued a joint press release with respect to shareholder approval of the merger, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated hereby by reference as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The approval of the plan of merger by Commerce s shareholders satisfies one of the conditions to completion of the transaction. Consummation of the transaction remains subject to other customary closing conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated February 6, 2008.

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**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.

Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

February 7, 2008

By: /s/ Douglas J. Pauls

Name: Douglas J. Pauls

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer