

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NBT BANCORP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

16-1268674
(IRS employer identification number)

52 South Broad Street
Norwich, New York 13815
(607) 337-2265
(Address of principal
executive offices)

2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan
(Full title of the Plan)

Martin A. Dietrich
President and Chief Executive Officer
NBT Bancorp Inc.
52 South Broad Street
Norwich, New York 13815
(607) 337-2265
(Name, address and telephone number of Agent for Service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)(2)	Amount of Registration Fee (1)(2)
Common Stock	6,470,080	\$24.16	\$156,317,133	\$6,143.26

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), based on the average of the high and low sales price on May 12, 2008.

(2) The Registrant is registering 6,470,080 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, reserved for issuance pursuant to the 2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with the instructions to Part I of Form S-8, such documents will not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this registration statement, taken together, constitute the prospectus as required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

NBT Bancorp Inc. ("NBT") hereby incorporates by reference into this registration statement the following documents filed by it with the SEC:

- (a) NBT's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the SEC on February 29, 2008;
- (b) NBT's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 filed with the SEC on May 12, 2008; and
- (b) The description of NBT common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), contained under the heading "Description of NBT Capital Stock" in NBT's registration statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-66472) filed with the SEC on August 1, 2001, as amended.

In addition, all documents and reports filed by NBT subsequent to the date hereof pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents or reports. Any statement contained 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 or is 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.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Reference is made to the provisions of Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), Article 6 of the Bylaws of NBT and Article 12 of the Certificate of Incorporation of NBT.

NBT is a Delaware corporation subject to the applicable indemnification provisions of the DGCL. Section 145 of the DGCL provides for the indemnification, under certain circumstances, of persons who are or were directors, officers, employees or agents of a corporation, or are or were serving at the request of a corporation in such a capacity with another business organization or entity, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, brought or threatened against or involving such persons because of such person's service in any such capacity. In the case of actions brought by or in the right of a corporation, Section 145 provides for indemnification of expenses (including attorneys' fees) if the person seeking indemnification acted in good faith and in a manner that such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; provided, however, that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation unless, upon a determination by the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is reasonably and fairly entitled to indemnity for such expenses.

NBT's bylaws contain provisions providing that NBT shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of NBT, or is or was serving at the request of NBT as a director of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the maximum extent authorized by DGCL.

NBT's Certificate of Incorporation provides that a director of NBT shall not be personally liable to NBT or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to NBT or its stockholders; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (3) under Section 174 of the DGCL; or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits to this registration statement are listed on the exhibit index, which appears elsewhere in this registration statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

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;

(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; 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) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, 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.

(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.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes 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 Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 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.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, 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 the Securities 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 director, officer or controlling person in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, 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 the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant 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 the city of Norwich, state of New York on May 16, 2008.

NBT BANCORP INC.

By: /s/ Martin A. Dietrich
Martin A. Dietrich
President and Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below appoints Martin A. Dietrich or Michael J. Chewens, jointly and severally, each in his own capacity, as true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or their substitute or substitutes, 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 indicated on the 16th day of May, 2008.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Martin A. Dietrich</u> Martin A. Dietrich	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Michael J. Chewens</u> Michael J. Chewens	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Richard Chojnowski</u> Richard Chojnowski	Director
<u>/s/ Patricia T. Civil</u> Patricia T. Civil	Director
<u>/s/ Daryl R. Forsythe</u> Daryl R. Forsythe	Director
<u>/s/ Dr. Peter B. Gregory</u> Dr. Peter B. Gregory	Director

/s/ William C. Gumble

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Director

/s/ Paul D. Horger

Paul D. Horger

Director

/s/ Janet H. Ingraham

Janet H. Ingraham

Director

/s/ John C. Mitchell

John C. Mitchell

Director

/s/ Michael M. Murphy

Michael M. Murphy

Director

/s/ Joseph G. Nasser

Joseph G. Nasser

Director

/s/ William L. Owens

William L. Owens

Director

/s/ Joseph A. Santangelo

Joseph A. Santangelo

Director

/s/ Robert A. Wadsworth

Robert A. Wadsworth

Director

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
4.1	Certificate of Incorporation of NBT Bancorp Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 10-K of NBT Bancorp Inc., filed on March 29, 2002 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	By-laws of NBT Bancorp Inc. (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Form 10-K of NBT Bancorp Inc., filed on March 29, 2002 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Specimen common stock certificate for NBT Bancorp Inc.'s common stock (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Form S-4/A of NBT Bancorp Inc., filed on December 27, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.4	Rights Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2004, between NBT Bancorp Inc. and Registrar and Transfer Company, as Rights Agent (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Form 8-K, filed on November 18, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference).
5.1	Opinion of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P.
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP.
23.2	Consent of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P. (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
99.1	2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A of NBT's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 31, 2008).

Exhibit 5.1

May 16, 2008

Board of Directors
NBT Bancorp Inc.
52 South Broad Street
Norwich, NY 13815

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as special counsel to NBT Bancorp Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with its registration statement on Form S-8 (the “**Registration Statement**”), to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Act**”), relating to the proposed public offering of up to 6,470,080 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which shares (the “**Shares**”) may be issued by the Company pursuant to the NBT Bancorp Inc. 2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement.

For purposes of this opinion letter, we have examined copies of such agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed an appropriate basis on which to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted to us, the authenticity of all original documents, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies (including telecopies). As to all matters of fact, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents so reviewed, and we have not independently established the facts so relied on. This opinion letter is given, and all statements herein are made, in the context of the foregoing.

This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended. We express no opinion herein as to any other laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations. As used herein, the term “Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended” includes the statutory provisions contained therein, all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws.

Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion that following (i) the filing of the Registration Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (ii) issuance of the Shares pursuant to the terms of the Plan and (iii) receipt by the Company of the consideration for the Shares specified in the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

This opinion letter has been prepared for use in connection with the Registration Statement. We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the delivery of this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an “expert” within the meaning of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ HOGAN & HARTSON LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
NBT Bancorp Inc.:

We consent to the use of our reports dated February 28, 2008, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of NBT Bancorp Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, cash flows and comprehensive income for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of NBT Bancorp Inc. related to the registration of shares for the 2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Albany, New York
May 16, 2008
