PEOPLES BANCORP INC Form 8-K January 29, 2016

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): January 29, 2016

PEOPLES BANCORP INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

0-16772 (Commission File Number)	31-0987416 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On January 29, 2016 Peoples Bancorp Inc. ("Peoples") issued a news release regarding its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2015. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Conference Call to Discuss Earnings:

Peoples will conduct a facilitated conference call to discuss fourth quarter and full year 2015 results of operations today at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, with members of Peoples' executive management participating. Analysts, media and individual investors are invited to participate in the conference call by calling (866) 890-9285. A simultaneous Webcast of the conference call audio will be available online via the "Investor Relations" section of Peoples' website, www.peoplesbancorp.com. Participants are encouraged to call or sign in at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled conference call time to ensure participation and, if required, to download and install the necessary software. A replay of the call will be available on Peoples' website in the "Investor Relations" section for one year.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 29, 2016, Peoples issued a news release announcing that the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.15 per common share on January 28, 2016. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

a) Financial statements of businesses acquired No response required.

b) Pro forma financial information No response required.

c) Exhibits See Index to Exhibits on Page 3.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

Date: January 29, 2016

By:/s/

JOHN C. ROGERS John C. Rogers

> Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	News Release issued by Peoples Bancorp Inc. on January 29, 2016
99.2	News Release issued by Peoples Bancorp Inc. on January 29, 2016

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