

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 15-12B  
November 12, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER  
SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Commission File Number: **1-5273-1**

**STERLING BANCORP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**650 Fifth Avenue**

**New York, New York 10019-6108**

**(212) 757-3300**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Guarantee with respect to Sterling Bancorp Trust I 8.375% Cumulative Trust Preferred Securities**

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock, \$1.00 par value**

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

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Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

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| Rule 12g-4(a)(1)     | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(2)     | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Rule 15d-6           | <input type="radio"/>            |

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: 0

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sterling Bancorp has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: **November 12, 2013**

Sterling Bancorp, a Delaware corporation (as successor by merger to Sterling Bancorp, a New York corporation)

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| By:    | <i>/s/ Luis Massiani</i>                                    |
| Name:  | <i>Luis Massiani</i>  |
| Title: | <i>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i> |

Instruction: This form is required by Rules 12g-4, 12h-3 and 15d-6 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The registrant shall file with the Commission three copies of Form 15, one of which shall be manually signed. It may be signed by an officer of the registrant, by counsel or by any other duly authorized person. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed under the signature.

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