

Capital Investment Companies Expands South Carolina Banking Program

RALEIGH, N.C. (November 28, 2007) -- Capital Investment Companies, one of the largest independent financial services and brokerage firms in the Southeast, is expanding their presence in South Carolina via their rapidly growing community banking program, Capital Bank Partners. Most recently, Capital Investment Companies has joined forces with Cornerstone National Bank, headquartered in Easley, S.C.

“Capital has seen an increased demand for on-site financial services within community banks and to meet this need, we have expanded the program into Georgia and South Carolina,” said Richard K. Bryant, president of Capital Investment Companies.

“Community banks know their customers want the ease and convenience offered by a wide range of financial services, all under one roof and we’re happy to provide in-house experts from our team to assist their customers. We will continue to expand and broaden our reach to community banks throughout the Southeastern United States in the coming year.”

Capital Investment Companies’ are leading this innovative combination providing full financial services within community banks. Throughout the Southeast, they are currently maintaining a dozen different relationships. Capital Investment Companies offers a bank securities program through the bank providing various services including traditional brokerage, money management, investment banking, insurance and estate planning, trusts, no-load mutual fund management, retirement plans and mortgages, as well as a community foundation. This program provides participating banks with resources, knowledge and tools to enhance customer relationships, increasing revenue and expanding marketing and brand awareness programs.

Cornerstone National Bank (www.cornerstonenatbank.com) began operations eight years ago and operates three full-service banks in Easley, Greenville and Piedmont, S.C. Cornerstone was created on the premises that a strong banking relationship is based on sound advice, well-designed banking options and a true commitment to unsurpassed customer service.

Rob Eades will represent Capital Investment Companies in Cornerstone National Bank. Eades is a native of Pickens County and has lived in Easley, SC for 25 years. He has 15 years experience in the financial management business, six of which were directly in banking. Eades is a graduate of Clemson University and he has his series 7, 24 and 65 licenses. Catherine Manuel is the Director of Capital Bank Partners and created the partnership with Cornerstone National Bank. Community banks interested in partnering with Capital Investment Companies should contact Catherine at cmanuel@capital-invest.com.

Capital Investment Companies has been working with various other community banks to enhance the banking experience for all customers. They have partnered with Cornerstone Bank headquartered in Wilson, N.C., Capital Bank headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., Longleaf Bank headquartered in Rockingham, N.C., Lumbee Guaranty headquartered in

Pembroke, N.C., Crescent State Bank headquartered in Cary, N.C., East Carolina Bank headquartered in Greenville, N.C., North State Bank headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., Waccamaw Bank headquartered in Whiteville, N.C., First Federal Savings Bank of Dunn, N.C., BankSouth headquartered in Greensboro, Ga. and CommunitySouth Bank headquartered in Easley, S.C. Capital Investment Companies continues to work with community banks in the Southeast in order to bridge the gap between banking and investments.

About Capital Investment Companies

Capital Investment Companies is comprised of Capital Investment Brokerage, Inc and Capital Investment Group, Inc., registered broker/dealers (Members NASD/SIPC), and their affiliates. Capital Investment Companies (www.capinvestco.com) is one of the largest independent financial services and brokerage organizations in the Southeastern United States, headquartered in Raleigh, NC. The firm offers a wide variety of financial services including: traditional investment brokerage, money management, investment banking, trust services, no-load mutual fund management, mortgage services, estate planning, insurance services, retirement plans and a community foundation. They offer their services to individuals, corporations, and the CPA and banking community.

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