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CapStar Commercial Finance Department Ramps Up for Growth

Senior VP Palm adds expertise and manpower

NASHVILLE, TN– April 9, 2012. CapStar Bank Executive Vice-President of Commercial Finance Lee Palm has announced two staff additions within the Commercial Finance Department, which opened for business with the arrival of Palm and Brian Shapiro, Senior Vice President of Commercial Finance, at CapStar in June of last year.

Dale Willett has been appointed Senior Risk Manager for the Commercial Finance department and project integration manager for CapStar's merger with American Security Bank and Trust, as well as a branch purchase from Community First. A certified 6 Sigma Black Belt with experience in project management of key growth and strategic initiatives, Willett most recently worked for General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Credit, Collections and Sales, and spent twelve years with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation. He earned a B.S. in Business Management from Cedarville University.

Steve Hunter joins CapStar as a buy/sell syndication manager, supporting the organization at several levels. He will coordinate a sell-side syndication effort, and will assist the bank with lending partners on select commercial finance transactions. His marketing role will also promote growth in CapStar's lending portfolio and in its commercial customer base. Hunter was with First National Capital of Foothills Ranch, California, where he was Syndication Manager, responsible for syndication of middle market transactions. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Cal State Fullerton, with a concentration in finance.

Michael Russing has been hired as a senior account executive in Commercial Finance. Russing has 15 years of experience in the Charlotte, North Carolina, market, having worked with Bank of America, the Bank of North Carolina and Textron, Inc. He earned a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Leeds Devonshire, and was a PGA Class A Professional at the University of North Carolina. Russing will continue to be based in Charlotte.

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