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CapStar Bank Adds Commercial Finance Division

Palm and Shapiro bring extensive expertise to new venture

(Nashville, Tenn.) June 15, 2011 -- CapStar Bank is pleased to announce the formation of **CapStar Commercial Finance** to expand its comprehensive package of credit products to small and middle market businesses. CapStar has a seasoned management team to address the attractive equipment finance market, led by Lee Palm, former president of GMAC Commercial Finance, Equipment Finance Division (EFD) and managing director of Prudential Capital Group's Commercial Asset Finance (CAF), and Brian Shapiro, former senior vice president of GMAC CF, EFD and Prudential Capital Group, CAF. Palm and Shapiro have previously started several equipment financing initiatives and will be relocating to Nashville from Atlanta, Ga.

"CapStar's decision to start a Commercial Finance Division at this time will put our group front and center in an industry that has over the past couple of years lost many noteworthy lenders. The opportunity to enhance CapStar Bank's product offering is a great opportunity for us, and to be with one of the fastest growing community banks in the United States is very exciting," says Lee Palm.

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“We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Lee and Brian—proven professionals in this field—to focus on helping clients finance a broad array of equipment related assets. Their relationship-focused approach builds on and complements our own philosophy,” says Claire Tucker, president and CEO of CapStar Bank.

CapStar Bank opened on July 14, 2008 and is headquartered in downtown Nashville at 201 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 900, with branches at 5500 Maryland Way in Brentwood and at 2321 Crestmoor Road in Green Hills. For more information about CapStar Bank, please visit www.CapStarBank.com.

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