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OCC RELEASES CRA EVALUATIONS FOR 76 NATIONAL BANKS

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) today

released a list of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance evaluations that

became public during the period of December 15 through January 14. The list

contains only national banks and insured federal branches of foreign banks that have

received ratings. The possible ratings are outstanding, satisfactory, needs to improve,

and substantial noncompliance.

Of the 76 evaluations made public this month 17 were outstanding, 59 were

satisfactory, and none were needs to improve. Evaluations indicated by "yes" in

the "on web?" column are available from links on

http://www.occ.treas.gov/cra/Jan97.htm. The OCC's World Wide Web site (http://www.occ.treas.gov) also offers access to a searchable list of all public CRA

evaluations (http://www.occ.treas.gov/cra/crasrch.htm).

Paper copies of the actual evaluations may be obtained by E-mail to FOIA-PA@

occ.treas.gov or from: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public

Reference Room, Mailstop 1-5, Washington, D.C., 20219. When requests are made

electronically, remember to include your postal mail address.

Facsimile requests may

be sent to (202) 874-4448.

This month's list of ratings is attached.

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agencies of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than half the nation's banking assets. Its mission is

to ensure a safe, sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.