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OCC RELEASES CRA EVALUATIONS FOR 59 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 November 15 through December 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 59 evaluations made public this month 9 were outstanding, 33 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/dec.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 by writing to: the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, ATTN: Disclosure Unit, Communications Division, Mailstop 3-2, Washington, D.C., 20219.

This month's list of ratings is attached.

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