



BRIDGE BANK

PRESS RELEASE

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Bridge Bank Files for Second Capital Offering

Santa Clara, CA – March 22, 2002 – Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. (OTCBB: BBSV), today announced that the Bank has filed documents with the Comptroller of the Currency to raise additional capital of \$12 million.

The Bank filed a registration statement and preliminary prospectus with its primary regulator, the Comptroller of the Currency, on Friday, March 22, 2002. The capital is proposed to be raised through the sale of new shares of common stock. Sale of the additional shares of the Bank are subject to review and approval of the OCC.

Since opening in May 2001, Bridge Bank has conducted a full-service banking business, meeting the financial needs of small and middle market businesses in Silicon Valley, with two full service regional offices in Santa Clara and downtown Palo Alto, an operations service center in San Jose, and a recently announced entry into the SBA lending market that includes a regional loan production office in Sacramento.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This (communication) shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale for these securities in any State in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such State.

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Forward Looking Statement

Certain matters discussed in this press release constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are subject to the safe harbors created by that Act. These forward looking statements relate to the Company's current expectations regarding future operating results and growth in loans, deposits, and assets. These forward looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed, suggested or implied by the forward looking statements.

These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: (1) the impact of changes in interest rates, a decline in economic conditions and increased competition among financial service providers on the Company's results of operations, (2) the Company's ability to continue its internal growth rate, (3) the Company's ability to build net interest spread, (4) the quality of the Company's earning assets, and (5) government regulations.

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