



BRIDGE BANK

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BRIDGE BANK OPENS SECOND CAPITAL OFFERING

Santa Clara, CA – April 15, 2002 – Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. (OTCBB: BBSV), Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank, today announced that the bank's registration statement filed with the Comptroller of the Currency to raise \$12 million of capital was declared effective.

Bridge Bank will sell approximately 1.8 million shares of common stock at \$6.50 per share. The bank has engaged the respected bank advisory firm of Carpenter and Company to assist in selling the shares.

The new capital offering is effective immediately. The bank may now begin accepting funds from interested investors. Prospectus documents and subscription applications may be requested by contacting the bank directly at (408) 423-8500 or www.bridgebanksv.com.

Bridge Bank commenced operation on May 14, 2001. Since opening, Bridge Bank has expanded 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.

About Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A.

Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley is Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank. The bank is dedicated to meeting the financial needs of small and middle market businesses in Silicon Valley. Bridge Bank provides its clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced, professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the web at www.bridgebanksv.com.

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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