

**PRESS RELEASE****Bridge Bank Celebrates Second Year
Of Successful Operations, Asset Growth*****Bank Profitable, \$200 Million Assets In First Two Years***

Santa Clara, CA – May 14, 2003 – Bridge Bank, National Association (**NASDAQ: BBNK**), Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank, today celebrated the second anniversary of its opening.

Since opening in 2001, Bridge Bank has experienced rapid growth of its business deposit and commercial loan portfolios. The Bank surpassed \$200 million of total assets in the most recent quarter ended March 31, 2003, reporting total assets of \$207 million, representing growth of 70% from the prior year.

The Bank opened for business following its initial public stock offering of \$19.1 million, one of the largest *de-novo* bank IPO's on record. The initial offering was oversubscribed 28%. To support its accelerated growth, the Bank closed a second stock offering in June 2002 that raised an additional \$14.4 million. The second offering was 20% oversubscribed. Initially traded over-the-counter, Bridge Bank stock began listing on The NASDAQ Stock Market in January 2003 under the trading symbol BBNK.

In its sixth full quarter of operation, Bridge Bank announced its first profitable quarter, well ahead of the time it takes the average California-based de-novo commercial bank started in the same time period. The average new bank, according to federal regulators, may take between twenty-four to thirty months to achieve sustained profitability. For the quarter-ended March 31, 2003, Bridge Bank reported its second consecutive profitable quarter of \$129,000.

Along with profitability and growing the bank, Bridge Bank achieved other milestones in 2002:

- The Bank opened a second full service regional office in Palo Alto in January 2002 to serve its growing mid-peninsula client base.
- In early 2002, the Bank launched a Small Business Administration Loan Group. Accredited as a PLP Lender in its first eight months, the SBA Loan Group produced \$50 million of SBA loans in its first twelve months of activity. Bridge Bank is currently ranked among the top 10% of most active SBA lenders in the San Francisco and Sacramento SBA districts as well as the entire State of California. The SBA Loan Group is headquartered in Santa Clara and has a loan production office in the Sacramento region.
- In mid-2002, Bridge Bank launched the Bridge Capital Finance Group, a division that offers structured commercial finance, factoring, and asset based lending products to businesses in the Silicon Valley region.

About Bridge Bank, N.A.

Bridge Bank 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 the Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, and the Sacramento business communities. Bridge Bank provides clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced and professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the Web at www.bridgebank.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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