INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORP Form 10-Q May 09, 2008

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 0-9439

# INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**74-2157138** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1200 San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo, Texas 78042-1.	1200	San Berna	rdo Avenue.	. Laredo.	Texas	78042-135
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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(956) 722-7611

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### None

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer X

Accelerated filer O

Non-accelerated filer O (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company O

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class

**Shares Issued and Outstanding** 

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

68,558,810 shares outstanding at May 5, 2008

# PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# **Item 1. Financial Statements**

## INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## **Consolidated Statements of Condition (Unaudited)**

## (Dollars in Thousands)

		March 31, 2008		December 31, 2007
Assets				
Cash and due from banks	\$	272.745	\$	329,052
Federal funds sold	Ф	86,000	Ф	17,000
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Total cash and cash equivalents		358,745		346,052
Time deposits with banks		495		4,852
Investment securities:				
Held-to-maturity (Market value of \$2,300 on March 31, 2008 and \$2,300 on December 31, 2007)		2,300		2,300
Available-for-sale (Amortized cost of \$3,908,655 on March 31, 2008 and \$4,167,624 on December 31, 2007)		3,941,721		4,167,888
Total investment securities		3,944,021		4,170,188
Loans, net of unearned discounts		5,601,432		5,536,628
Less allowance for possible loan losses		(62,109)		(61,726)
Net loans		5,539,323		5,474,902
Bank premises and equipment, net		443,592		435,654
Accrued interest receivable		50,767		54,301
Other investments		327,198		323,565
Identified intangible assets, net		30,208		31,507
Goodwill, net		282,357		283,198
Other assets		40,080		42,942
Total assets	\$	11,016,786	\$	11,167,161

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Liabilities:		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Demand non-interest bearing	\$ 1,516,350	\$ 1,512,627
Savings and interest bearing demand	2,328,333	2,292,589
Time	3,361,883	3,352,390
Total demosits	7 206 566	7 157 606
Total deposits	7,206,566	7,157,606
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	1,455,878	1,328,983
Other borrowed funds	1,049,779	1,456,936
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	200,969	200,929
Other liabilities	136,231	86,802
Total liabilities	10,049,423	10,231,256
Commitments, Contingent Liabilities and Other Tax Matters (Note 10)		
Shareholders equity:		
Common shares of \$1.00 par value. Authorized 275,000,000 shares; issued 95,446,857		
shares on March 31, 2008 and 95,440,983 shares on December 31, 2007	95,447	95,441
Surplus	144,403	144,140
Retained earnings	940,002	929,145
Accumulated other comprehensive income	21,305	165
	1,201,157	1,168,891
Less cost of shares in treasury, 26,886,822 shares on March 31, 2008 and 26,848,880 shares		
on December 31, 2007	(233,794)	(232,986)
Total shareholders equity	967,363	935,905
Total shareholders equity	907,303	955,905

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# **Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)**

# (Dollars in Thousands, except per share data)

		e Mon Marc	ths Ended h 31,	
	2008			2007
Interest income:				
Loans, including fees	\$ 99,5	21	\$	109,256
Federal funds sold	3	69		696
Investment securities:				
Taxable	47,6	40		51,656
Tax-exempt	9	54		1,131
Other interest income	1	77		116
Total interest income	148,6	61		162,855
Interest expense:				
Savings deposits	8,9	10		13,096
Time deposits	33,1			35,037
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	13,6			8,322
Other borrowings	11,6	00		27,205
Junior subordinated interest deferrable debentures	3,6	52		4,419
Other interest expense		46		
Total interest expense	71,0	30		88,079
Net interest income	77,6	31		74,776
Provision for possible loan losses	1,5	52		1,361
Net interest income after provision for possible loan losses	76,0	79		73,415
Non-interest income:				
Service charges on deposit accounts	23,7	54		20,225
Other service charges, commissions and fees				
Banking	10,0	12		8,118
Non-banking	1,4	.98		4,944
Investment securities transactions, net	1	46		(17,167)
Other investments, net	4,4	25		5,783
Other income	6,4	59		4,337
Total non-interest income	46,2	94		26,240

Three Months Ended					
March 31,					

	March 31,			
	2008		2007	
Non-interest expense:				
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 31,040	\$	31,193	
Occupancy	8,076		7,040	
Depreciation of bank premises and equipment	8,546		7,556	
Professional fees	2,715		2,678	
Stationery and supplies	1,328		1,481	
Amortization of identified intangible assets	1,299		1,209	
Advertising	3,183		3,251	
Other	14,810		17,660	
Total non-interest expense	70,997		72,068	
Income before income taxes	51,376		27,587	
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries			78	
Provision for income taxes	17,896		8,865	
Net income	\$ 33,480	\$	18,644	
Basic earnings per common share:				
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:	68,583,274		69,315,455	
Net income	\$ .49	\$	.27	
Fully diluted earnings per common share:				
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:	68,701,105		69,877,381	
Net income	\$ .49	\$	.27	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)**

# (Dollars in Thousands)

		d		
		2008		2007
Net income	\$	33,480	\$	18,644
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Net unrealized holding gains on securities available for sale arising during period Reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) on securities available for sale included in		20,994		37,592
net income		146		(17,167)
Comprehensive income	\$	54,620	\$	39,069

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

#### INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

#### (Dollars in Thousands)

#### **Three Months Ended** March 31, 2008 2007 Operating activities: Net income \$ 33,480 \$ 18,644 Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: 1,552 Provision for possible loan losses 1,361 Amortization of loan premiums 67 175 Amortization of time deposits with banks 1 Accretion of time deposit discounts (9)Depreciation of bank premises and equipment 8,546 7,556 Loss (gain) on sale of bank premises and equipment 19 (214)Depreciation and amortization of leased assets 358 542 Accretion of investment securities discounts (117)(162)Amortization of investment securities premiums 1.619 1.068 Investment securities transactions, net (146)153 Impairment on investment securities 17,014 Amortization of junior subordinated debenture discounts 40 108 1,299 Amortization of identified intangible assets 1,209 Stock based compensation expense 190 179 Earnings from affiliates and other investments (3,142)(1,394)Deferred tax expense (benefit) 298 (6,297)Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable 3,534 (301)Net decrease (increase) in other assets 2,505 (38,446)Net increase in other liabilities 14,843 25,331 26,526 64,937 Net cash provided by operating activities Investing activities: Proceeds from maturities of securities 8,619 3,250 Proceeds from sales of available for sale securities 1,110 39,538 Purchases of available for sale securities (109,924)(243,902)357,808 Principal collected on mortgage-backed securities 225,074 Maturities of time deposits with banks 4.358 3,465 Net increase in loans (129,609)(66,040)Purchases of other investments (3,918)(1,278)Distributions of other investments 4,268 6,688 Purchases of bank premises and equipment (16,538)(13,723)Proceeds from sale of bank premises and equipment 35 820 5,885 Adjustment to goodwill related to prior acquisition Cash paid in purchase transaction (23,470)

Cash acquired in purchase transaction

30,772

Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		179,778	(96,490)
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# Three Months Ended March 31,

	2008	,	2007
Financing activities:			
Net increase (decrease) in non-interest bearing demand deposits	\$ 3,723	\$	(8,575)
Net increase in savings and interest bearing demand deposits	35,744		114,045
Net increase (decrease) in time deposits	9,502		(632)
Net increase in securities sold under repurchase agreements	126,895		191,747
Net change in other borrowed funds	(407,157)		(168,461)
Purchase of treasury stock	(808)		(2,142)
Proceeds from stock transactions	79		1,994
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(232,022)		127,976
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,693		58,012
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	346,052		297,207
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 358,745	\$	355,219
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$ 74,016	\$	85,580
Income taxes paid	4,363		506
Dividends declared, not yet paid	22,623		
Adjustment to goodwill arising from acquisition			2,076

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

#### INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

(Unaudited)

#### Note 1 Basis of Presentation

The accounting and reporting policies of International Bancshares Corporation ( Corporation ) and Subsidiaries (the Corporation and Subsidiaries collectively referred to herein as the Company ) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and to general practices within the banking industry. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, International Bank of Commerce, Laredo ( IBC ), Commerce Bank, International Bank of Commerce, Zapata, International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville and the Corporation s wholly-owned non-bank subsidiaries, IBC Subsidiary Corporation, IBC Life Insurance Company, IBC Trading Company, and IBC Capital Corporation. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but include all adjustments, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the results of the periods presented. All such adjustments were of a normal and recurring nature. It is suggested that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto in the Company s latest Annual Report on Form 10-K. The consolidated statement of condition at December 31, 2007 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. Certain reclassifications have been made to make prior periods comparable.

The Company operates as one segment. The operating information used by the Company s chief executive officer for purposes of assessing performance and making operating decisions about the Company is the consolidated statements presented in this report. The Company has four active operating subsidiaries, namely, the bank subsidiaries, otherwise known as International Bank of Commerce, Laredo, Commerce Bank, International Bank of Commerce, Zapata and International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville. The Company applies the provisions of SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, in determining its reportable segments and related disclosures. None of the Company s other subsidiaries meets the 10% threshold for disclosure under SFAS No. 131.

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS No. 157), Fair Value Measurements for financial assets and financial liabilities. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position No. 157-2, (FSP No. 157-2), Effective date of FASB Statement No. 157, the Company will delay application of SFAS No. 157 for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities until January 1, 2009, except for those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies to all financial instruments that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 also establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in valuation methodologies into the following three levels:

• Level 1 Inputs Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

- Level 2 Inputs Observable inputs other than Level I prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Inputs Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or other valuation techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

A description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy is set forth below.

The following table represents assets and liabilities reported on the consolidated balance sheets at their fair value as of March 31, 2008 by level within the SFAS No. 157 fair value measurement hierarchy:

				Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using (in thousands)					
	Assets/Liabilities Measured at Fair Value March 31, 2008		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		
Measured on a recurring basis:									
Assets:									
Investment securities available-for-sale	\$	3,941,721	\$	6	647	\$	3,941 074	\$	
Measured on a non-recurring basis:									
Assets:									
Impaired Loans		44,184					44,184		

Investment securities available-for-sale are classified within level 2 of the valuation hierarchy, with the exception of certain equity investments that are classified within level 1. The Company obtains fair value measurements for investment securities from an independent pricing service. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the bond s terms and conditions, among other things.

Impaired loans are classified within level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. The fair value of impaired loans is derived in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 114 (SFAS No. 114), Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan. The fair value of impaired loans is based on the fair value of the collateral, as determined through an external appraisal process. Impaired loans are primarily comprised of collateral-dependent commercial loans.

Certain financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The instruments are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment).

#### Note 2 Acquisition

On March 16, 2007, the Company completed its acquisition of Southwest First Community, Inc. ( Southwest Community ), a bank holding company with approximately \$133 million in assets that owned State Bank & Trust in Beeville, Texas and Commercial State Bank in Sinton, Texas. The transaction was pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated December 1, 2006 (the Merger Agreement ). The Company paid consideration totaling \$23.5 million in cash.

#### Note 3 Loans

A summary of net loans, by loan type at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 is as follows:

	N	Iarch 31, 2008	December 31, 2007		
		(Dollars in	thousands)		
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$	2,425,903	\$	2,426,064	
Real estate mortgage		816,517		798,708	
Real estate construction		1,883,011		1,835,950	
Consumer		194,790		190,899	
Foreign		281,212		285,008	
Total loans		5,601,433		5,536,629	
Unearned discount		(1)		(1)	
Loans, net of unearned discount	\$	5,601,432	\$	5,536,628	
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#### Note 4 - Allowance for Possible Loan Losses

A summary of the transactions in the allowance for possible loan losses is as follows:

	á	2008 (Dollars in T	2007 (s)	
Balance at December 31,	\$	61,726	\$	64,537
Losses charged to allowance Recoveries credited to allowance		(1,347) 178		(1,249) 238
Net losses charged to allowance		(1,169)		(1,011)
Provision charged to operations Allowance acquired in acquisition (Note 2)		1,552		1,361 1,054
Balance at March 31,	\$	62,109	\$	65,941

Impaired loans are those loans where it is probable that all amounts due according to contractual terms of the loan agreement will not be collected. The Company has identified these loans through its normal loan review procedures. Impaired loans are measured based on (1) the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan s effective interest rate; (2) the loan s observable market price; or (3) the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. Substantially all of the Company s impaired loans are measured at the fair value of the collateral. In limited cases, the Company may use other methods to determine the level of impairment of a loan if such loan is not collateral dependent.

The following table details key information regarding the Company s impaired loans:

	N	March 31, 2008 (Dollars in T	ecember 31, 2007 (s)
Balance of impaired loans where there is a related allowance for loan loss Balance of impaired loans where there is no related allowance for loan loss	\$	48,897	\$ 39,618
Total impaired loans	\$	48,897	\$ 39,618
Allowance allocated to impaired loans	\$	4,713	\$ 4,903

The impaired loans included in the table above were primarily comprised of collateral dependent commercial loans, which have not been fully charged off. The average recorded investment in impaired loans was \$44,257,000 and \$22,590,000 for the three months and year ended March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The interest recognized on impaired loans was not significant.

Management of the Company recognizes the risks associated with these impaired loans. However, management s decision to place loans in this category does not necessarily mean that losses will occur.

The bank subsidiaries charge off that portion of any loan which management considers to represent a loss as well as that portion of any other loan which is classified as a loss by bank examiners. Commercial and industrial or real estate loans are generally considered by management to represent a loss, in whole or part, when an exposure beyond any collateral coverage is apparent and when no further collection of the loss portion is anticipated based on the borrower s financial condition and general economic conditions in the borrower s industry. Generally, unsecured consumer loans are charged-off when 90 days past due.

While management of the Company considers that it is generally able to identify borrowers with financial problems reasonably early and to monitor credit extended to such borrowers carefully, there is no precise method of predicting loan losses. The determination that a loan is likely to be uncollectible and that it should be wholly or partially charged-off as a loss is an exercise of judgment. Similarly, the determination of the adequacy of the allowance for possible loan losses can be made only on a subjective basis. It is the judgment of the Company s management that the allowance for possible loan losses at March 31, 2008 was adequate to absorb probable losses from loans in the portfolio at that date.

#### Note 5 Stock Options

On April 1, 2005, the Board of Directors adopted the 2005 International Bancshares Corporation Stock Option Plan (the 2005 Plan ). The 2005 Plan replaced the 1996 International Bancshares Corporation Key Contributor Stock Option Plan (the 1996 Plan ). Under the 2005 Plan, both qualified incentive stock options (ISOs) and non-qualified stock options (NQSOs) may be granted. Options granted may be exercisable for a period of up to 10 years from the date of grant, excluding ISOs granted to 10% shareholders, which may be exercisable for a period of up to only five years. As of March 31, 2008, 51,622 shares were available for future grants under the 2005 Plan.

A summary of option activity under the stock option plans for the three months ended March 31, 2008 is as follows:

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual term (years)	Aggregate intrinsic value (\$)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2007	924,486	\$ 21.00		
Plus: Options granted				
Less:				
Options exercised	5,877	13.51		
Options expired				
Options forfeited	10,881	25.02		
Options outstanding at March 31, 2008	907,728	\$ 21.00	4.26 \$	3,173,000
Options fully vested and exercisable at March 31, 2008	431,293	\$ 15.96	2.35 \$	3,085,000

Stock-based compensation expense included in the consolidated statement of income for the three months ended March 31, 2008 was approximately \$190,000. As of March 31, 2008, there was approximately \$1,580,000 of total unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to non-vested options granted under the Company plans that will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

#### **Note 6 - Investment Securities**

The Company classifies debt and equity securities into one of three categories: held-to maturity, available-for-sale, or trading. Such securities are reassessed for appropriate classification at each reporting date. Securities classified as held-to-maturity are carried at amortized cost for financial statement reporting, while securities classified as available-for-sale and trading are carried at their fair value. Unrealized holding gains and losses are included in net income for those securities classified as trading, while unrealized holding gains and losses related to those securities classified as available-for-sale are excluded from net income and reported net of tax as other comprehensive income (loss) and

accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) until realized, or in the case of losses, when deemed other than temporary.

In the first quarter 2007, the Company wrote down approximately \$732.0 million of investment securities to fair value, which resulted in an impairment charge of approximately \$17.0 million. The write down was a result of the Company s strategic identification of certain investment securities that were sold in the second quarter of 2007 with the proceeds used to reduce Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) borrowings. The investments sold were certain hybrid mortgage backed securities with a coupon re-set date that exceeded 30 months and a weighted average yield to coupon re-set that was approximately 100 basis points less than the FHLB certificate of indebtedness short term-rate. The sale of the securities facilitated a repositioning of the balance sheet to a more neutral position in terms of interest rate risk and improved the Company s operating ratios.

A summary of the investment securities held for investment and securities available for sale as reflected on the books of the Company is as follows:

	March 31, 2008 (Dollars in	December 31, 2007 nds)	
U.S. Treasury securities			
Available-for-sale	\$ 1,323	\$	1,308
Mortgage-backed securities			
Available-for-sale	3,850,207		4,066,829
States and political subdivisions			
Available-for-sale	75,042		84,633
Other			
Held-to-maturity	2,300		2,300
Available-for-sale	15,149		15,118
Total investment securities	\$ 3,944,021	\$	4,170,188

Included in mortgage-backed securities in the table above are \$2,157,753 of mortgage-backed securities issued by either the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ( Freddie Mac ) or the Federal National Mortgage Corporation ( Fannie Mae ), and \$1,692,454 of mortgage-backed securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Corporation ( Ginnie Mae ). Investments in mortgage-backed securities issued by Ginnie Mae are fully guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Investments in mortgage-backed securities issued by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae are not fully guaranteed by the U.S. Government, but are rated AAA.

#### Note 7 Other Borrowed Funds

Other borrowed funds include Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings, which are short-term, variable-rate borrowings issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas at the market price offered at the time of funding. These borrowings are secured by mortgage-backed investment securities and a portion of the Company s loan portfolio. At March 31, 2008, other borrowed funds totaled \$1,049,779,000, a decrease of 27.9% from \$1,456,936,000 at December 31, 2007.

#### Note 8 Junior Subordinated Interest Deferrable Debentures

The Company has formed twelve statutory business trusts under the laws of the State of Delaware, for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities. As part of the Local Financial Corporation (LFIN) acquisition, the Company acquired three additional statutory business trusts previously formed by LFIN for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities. The twelve statutory business trusts formed by the Company and the three business trusts acquired in the LFIN transaction (the Trusts) have each issued Capital and Common Securities and invested the proceeds thereof in an equivalent amount of junior subordinated debentures (the Debentures) issued by the Company or LFIN, as appropriate. As of March 31, 2008, the Debentures issued by four of the trusts formed by the Company and the Debentures issued by all three of the trusts formed by LFIN have been redeemed by the Company. As of March 31, 2008, the principal amount of debentures outstanding totaled \$200,969,000.

The Debentures are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all present and future senior indebtedness (as defined in the respective indentures) of the Company, and are *pari passu* with one another. The interest rate payable on, and the payment terms of the Debentures are the same as the distribution rate and payment terms of the respective issues of Capital and Common Securities issued by the Trusts. The Company has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the obligations of each of the Trusts with respect to the Capital and Common Securities. The Company has the right, unless an Event of Default (as defined in the Indentures) has occurred and is continuing, to defer payment of interest on the Debentures for up to ten consecutive semi-annual periods on Trust I and for up to twenty consecutive quarterly periods on Trusts VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII. If interest payments on any of the Debentures are deferred, distributions on both the Capital and Common Securities related to that Debenture would also be deferred. The redemption prior to maturity of any of the Debentures may require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve and/or other regulatory bodies.

For financial reporting purposes, the Trusts are treated as investments of the Company and not consolidated in the consolidated financial statements. Although the Capital Securities issued by each of the Trusts are not included as a component of shareholders—equity on the consolidated statement of condition, the Capital Securities are treated as capital for regulatory purposes. Specifically, under applicable regulatory guidelines, the Capital Securities issued by the Trusts qualify as Tier 1 capital up to a maximum of 25% of Tier 1 capital on an aggregate basis. Any amount that exceeds the 25% threshold would qualify as Tier 2 capital. For March 31, 2008, the total \$200,969,000, of the Capital Securities outstanding qualified as Tier 1 capital.

In March 2005, the Federal Reserve Board issued a final rule that would continue to allow the inclusion of trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital, but with stricter quantitative limits. Under the final rule, after a transition period ending March 31, 2009, the aggregate amount of trust preferred securities and certain other capital elements would be limited to 25% of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill, less any associated deferred tax liability. The amount of trust preferred securities and certain other elements in excess of the limit could be included in Tier 2 capital, subject to restrictions. Bank holding companies with significant international operations will be expected to limit trust preferred securities to 15% of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill; however, they may include qualifying mandatory convertible preferred securities up to the 25% limit. The Company believes that substantially all of the current trust preferred securities will be included in Tier 1 capital after the five-year transition period ending March 31, 2009.

The following table illustrates key information about each of the debentures and their interest rate at March 31, 2008:

	Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures		Repricing Frequency	Interest Rate	Interest Rate Index	Maturity Date	Optional Redemption Date
				(in thou	sands)		
Trust I	\$	10,295	Fixed	10.18%	Fixed	June 2031	June 2011
Trust VI	\$	25,774	Quarterly	6.52%	LIBOR $+ 3.45$	November 2032	May 2008
Trust VII	\$	10,310	Quarterly	6.49%	LIBOR $+ 3.25$	April 2033	July 2008
Trust VIII	\$	25,722	Quarterly	7.31%	LIBOR $+ 3.05$	October 2033	October 2008
Trust IX	\$	41,238	Fixed	7.10%	Fixed	October 2036	October 2011
Trust X	\$	34,021	Fixed	6.66%	Fixed	February 2037	February 2012
Trust XI	\$	32,990	Fixed	6.82%	Fixed	July 2037	July 2012
Trust XII	\$	20,619	Fixed	6.85%	Fixed	September 2037	September 2012
	\$	200,969				•	Ī

<sup>(1)</sup> Trust IX, X, XI and XII accrue interest at a fixed rate for the first five years, then floating at LIBOR + 1.62%, 1.65%, 1.62% and 1.45% thereafter, respectively.

#### Note 9 Common Stock and Dividends

All per share data presented has been restated to reflect the stock split effected through a stock dividend, which became effective May 21, 2007 and was paid on June 8, 2007. Cash dividends of \$.33 were paid on April 18, 2008 to all holders of record on March 31, 2008.

The Company expanded its formal stock repurchase program on May 3, 2007. Under the expanded stock repurchase program, the Company is authorized to repurchase up to \$225,000,000 of its common stock through December 2008. Stock repurchases may be made from time to time, on the open market or through private transactions. Shares repurchased in this program will be held in treasury for reissue for various corporate purposes, including employee stock option plans. As of May 5, 2008, a total of 6,195,133 shares had been repurchased under this program at a cost of \$212,872,000. Stock repurchases are reviewed quarterly at the Company s Board of Directors meetings and the Board of Directors has stated that the aggregate investment in treasury stock should not exceed \$245,973,000. In the past, the Board of Directors has increased previous caps on treasury stock once they were met, but there are no assurances that an increase of the \$245,973,000 cap will occur in the future. As of May 5, 2008, the Company has approximately \$233,845,000 invested in treasury shares, which amount has been accumulated since the inception of the Company.

#### Note 10 - Commitments and Contingent Liabilities and Other Tax Matters

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. Some of these actions allege lender liability claims on a variety of theories and claim actual and punitive damages. The Company has determined, based on discussions with its counsel that any loss in such actions, individually or in the aggregate, is remote or the damages sought, even if fully recovered, would not be considered material to the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company. However, many of these matters are in various stages of proceedings and further developments could cause management to revise its assessment of these matters.

The Company s lead bank subsidiary has invested in partnerships, which have entered into several lease-financing transactions. The lease-financing transactions in two of the partnerships have been examined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In both partnerships, the lead bank subsidiary was the owner of a ninety-nine percent (99%) limited partnership interest. The IRS has issued separate Notice of Final Partnership Administrative Adjustments (FPAA) to the partnerships and on September 25, 2001, and January 10, 2003, the Company filed lawsuits contesting the adjustments asserted in the FPAAs.

Prior to filing the lawsuits, the Company was required to deposit the estimated tax due of approximately \$4,083,000 with respect to the first FPAA and \$7,710,606 with respect to the second FPAA with the IRS pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. If it is determined that the amount of tax due, if any, related to the lease-financing transactions is less than the amount of the deposits, the remaining amount of the deposits would be returned to the Company.

In order to curtail the accrual of additional interest related to the disputed tax benefits and because interest rates were unfavorable, on March 7, 2003, the Company submitted to the IRS a total of approximately \$13.7 million, which constitutes the interest that would have accrued based on the adjustments proposed in the FPAAs related to both of the lease-financing transactions. If it is determined that the amount of interest due, if any, related to the lease-financing transactions is less than the approximate \$13.7 million, the remaining amount of the prepaid interest would be refunded to the Company, plus interest thereon.

Beginning August 29, 2005, IBC proceeded to litigate one of the partnership tax cases in the Federal District Court in San Antonio, Texas. The case was tried over nine days beginning August 29, 2005. On March 31, 2006, the trial court rendered a judgment against the Company on the first FPAA. IBC timely filed its notice of appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal was argued on August 8, 2007 and the Trial Court decision was affirmed on August 23, 2007. The judgment became non-appealable on November 21, 2007. The other partnership case was stayed by the same Trial Court pending the appeal. Following the resolution of the first case, the trial court reopened the second case and set it for trial on September 2, 2008. Subsequently, the Company has engaged in settlement negotiations with the Department of Justice, and has agreed to settle the second case. Under the terms of the settlement, the Company has conceded the entire amount in dispute based upon the similarity of the facts of that case to the first case and the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome if litigated based upon the Court rulings in the first case.

The Company, through December 31, 2005, had previously expensed approximately \$12.0 million in connection with the lawsuits. Because of the above-referenced trial court judgment against the Company on the first FPAA, the uncertainty of the outcome at the appellate level, and the similarity between the two FPAAs, the Company additionally expensed an approximate \$13.7 million in the first quarter of 2006. The resultant approximately \$25.7 million expensed is the total of the tax adjustments due and the interest due on such adjustments for both FPAAs. Management will continue to evaluate the correspondence with the IRS on the FPAAs and make any appropriate revisions to the amounts as deemed necessary.

#### Note 11 Capital Ratios

The Company had a leverage ratio of 7.74% and 7.76%, risk-weighted Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.01% and 11.98% and risk-weighted total capital ratio of 13.01% and 12.99% at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The identified intangibles and goodwill of \$312,565,000 as of March 31, 2008, recorded in connection with the acquisitions made by the Company, are deducted from the sum of core capital elements when determining the capital ratios of the Company. The Company actively monitors the regulatory capital ratios to ensure that the Company s bank subsidiaries are well capitalized under the regulatory framework.

In March 2005, the Federal Reserve Board issued a final rule that would continue to allow the inclusion of trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital, but with stricter quantitative limits. Under the final rule, after a five-year transition period ending March 31, 2009, the aggregate amount of trust preferred securities and certain other capital elements would be limited to 25% of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill, less any associated deferred tax liability. The amount of trust preferred securities and certain other elements in excess of the limit could be included in Tier 2 capital, subject to restrictions. Bank holding companies with significant international operations will be expected to limit trust preferred securities to 15% of Tier 1 capital elements, net of goodwill; however, they may include qualifying mandatory convertible preferred securities up to the 25% limit. The Company believes that substantially all of the current trust preferred securities will be included in Tier 1 capital after the five-year transition period ending March 31, 2009.

#### Item 2 - Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### **Special Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward Looking Information**

Certain matters discussed in this report, excluding historical information, include forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are subject to the safe harbor created by these sections. Although the Company believes such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, no assurance can be given that every objective will be reached. The words estimate, expect, intend, believe and project, as other words or expressions of a similar meaning are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. Such statements are based on current expectations, are inherently uncertain, are subject to risks and should be viewed with caution. Actual results and experience may differ materially from the forward-looking statements as a result of many factors.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any results that are projected, forecasted, estimated or budgeted by the Company in forward-looking statements include, among others, the following possibilities:

- Changes in interest rates and market prices, which could reduce the Company s net interest margins, asset valuations and expense expectations.
- Changes in the capital markets utilized by the Company and its subsidiaries, including changes in the interest rate environment that may reduce margins.
- Changes in state and/or federal laws and regulations to which the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as their customers, competitors and potential competitors, are subject, including, without limitation, changes in the accounting, tax and regulatory treatment of trust preferred securities, as well as changes in banking, tax, securities, insurance and employment laws and regulations.
- Changes in U.S. Mexico trade, including, without limitation, reductions in border crossings and commerce resulting from the Homeland Security Programs called US-VISIT, which is derived from Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.
- The loss of senior management or operating personnel.
- Increased competition from both within and outside the banking industry.
- Changes in local, national and international economic business conditions that adversely affect the Company s customers and their ability to transact profitable business with the Company, including the ability of its borrowers to repay their loans according to their terms or a change in the value of the related collateral.
- The timing, impact and other uncertainties of the Company s potential future acquisitions including the Company s ability to identify suitable potential future acquisition candidates, the success or failure in the integration of their operations and the Company s ability to maintain its current branch network and to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on growth opportunities.

- Changes in the Company s ability to pay dividends on its Common Stock.
- The effects of the litigation and proceedings pending with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the Company s lease financing transactions.
- Additions to the Company s loan loss allowance as a result of changes in local, national or international conditions which adversely affect the Company s customers.
- Political instability in the United States and Mexico.
- Technological changes.
- Acts of war or terrorism.
- Natural disasters.
- The effect of changes in accounting policies and practices as may be adopted by the regulatory agencies, as well as the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other accounting standards setters.

It is not possible to foresee or identify all such factors. The Company makes no commitment to update any forward-looking statement, or to disclose any facts, events or circumstances after the date hereof that may affect the accuracy of any forward-looking statement, unless required by law.

#### Overview

The Company, which is headquartered in Laredo, Texas, with more than 260 facilities and more than 405 ATMs, provides banking services for commercial, consumer and international customers of South, Central and Southeast Texas and the State of Oklahoma. The Company is one of the largest independent commercial bank holding companies headquartered in Texas. The Company, through its bank subsidiaries, is in the business of gathering funds from various sources and investing those funds in order to earn a return. The Company either directly or through a bank subsidiary owns two insurance agencies, a broker/dealer and a majority interest in an investment banking unit that owns a broker/dealer. The Company s primary earnings come from the spread between the interest earned on interest-bearing assets and the interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities. In addition, the Company generates income from fees on products offered to commercial, consumer and international customers.

The Company is very active in facilitating trade along the United States border with Mexico. The Company does a large amount of business with customers domiciled in Mexico. Deposits from persons and entities domiciled in Mexico comprise a large and stable portion of the deposit base of the Company s bank subsidiaries. The Company also serves the growing Hispanic population through the Company s facilities located throughout South, Central and Southeast Texas and the State of Oklahoma.

Expense control is an essential element in the Company s long-term profitability. As a result, one of the key ratios the Company monitors is the efficiency ratio, which is a measure of non-interest expense to net interest income plus non-interest income. The first quarter of 2007 was negatively affected by an impairment charge of \$13.1 million, after tax, arising from a charge on certain investment securities. This impairment charge negatively affected the efficiency ratio but does not necessarily reflect a long-term negative trend. Additionally, the Company s efficiency ratio has been negatively impacted over the last few years because of the Company s aggressive branch expansion which has added 46 branches in 2007 and the first three months of 2008. During rapid expansion periods, the Company s efficiency ratio will suffer but the long-term benefits of the expansion should be realized in future periods and the benefits should positively impact the efficiency ratio in future periods. The Company monitors this ratio over time to assess the Company s efficiency relative to its peers taking into account the Company s branch expansion. The Company uses this measure as one factor in determining if the Company is accomplishing its long-term goals of providing superior returns to the Company s shareholders.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Summary

Consolidated Statements of Condition Information

	March 31, 2008 (Dollars in	Thousa	December 31, 2007 ands)	Percent Increase (Decrease)		
Assets	\$ 11,016,786	\$	11,167,161	(1.3)%		
Net loans	5,539,323		5,474,902	1.2		
Deposits	7,206,566		7,157,606	0.7		
Other borrowed funds	1,049,779		1,456,936	(27.9)		
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	200,969		200,929			

Shareholders equity 967,363 935,905 3.4

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#### **Consolidated Statements of Income Information**

Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 (Dollars in T	arch 31, 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease)	
148,661	\$	162,855	(8.7)%
71,030		88,079	(19.4)
77,631		74,776	3.8
1,552		1,361	14.0
46,294		26,240	76.4
70,997		72,068	(1.5)
33,480		18,644	79.6
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#### **Net Income**

Net income for the first quarter of 2008 increased by 79.6% as compared to the same period in 2007. During the first quarter of 2007, net income was negatively impacted by an impairment charge of \$13.1 million, after tax, on certain investments. A significant portion of the impairment charge is a result of the Company s strategic identification in 2007 of certain investment securities that were sold with the proceeds from the sales to be used to reduce Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) borrowings. The investments identified for sale were certain hybrid mortgage backed securities with a coupon re-set date that exceeded 30 months and a weighted average yield to coupon re-set that was approximately 100 basis points less than the FHLB certificate of indebtedness short-term rate. The sale of the securities facilitated the Company s re-positioning of the balance sheet to a more neutral position in terms of interest rate risk and was done to improve operating ratios. As a result of this decision, the Company marked the securities to market.

#### **Net Interest Income**

	Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 (in Thou	ısands)	Quarter Ended March 31, 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease)		
Interest income:						
Loans, including fees	\$ 99,521	\$	109,256	(8.9)%		
Federal funds sold	369		696	(47.0)		
Investment securities:						
Taxable	47,640		51,656	(7.8)		
Tax-exempt	954		1,131	(15.6)		
Other interest income	177		116	52.6		
Total interest income	148,661		162,855	(8.7)		
Interest expense:						
Savings deposits	8,910		13,096	(32.0)		
Time deposits	33,181		35,037	(5.3)		
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	13,641		8,322	63.9		
Other borrowings	11,600		27,205	(57.4)		
Junior subordinated interest deferrable debentures	3,652		4,419	(17.4)		
Other interest expense	46					
Total interest expense	71,030		88,079	(19.5)		
Net interest income	\$ 77,631	\$	74,776	3.8		

Net interest income is the spread between income on interest earning assets, such as loans and securities, and the interest expense on liabilities used to fund those assets, such as deposits, repurchase agreements and funds borrowed. Net interest income is the Company's largest source of revenue. The Federal Reserve Board influences the general market rates of interest, including the deposit and loan rates offered by many financial institutions. The Company's loan portfolio is significantly affected by changes in the prime interest rate. The prime interest rate, which is the rate that loan rates are indexed from, ended 2006 at 8.25%. During 2007, the prime interest rate decreased 50 basis points in the third quarter and 50 basis points in the fourth quarter to end the year at 7.25%. During the first quarter of 2008, the prime interest rate decreased by 200 basis points to end the quarter at 5.25%. The Company's goal is to manage the net interest income in periods of rising and falling rates. Net interest income increased 3.8% from the first quarter of 2007 as compared to the same period in 2008 despite the decreases in the prime interest rate.

As part of its strategy to manage interest rate risk, the Company strives to manage both assets and liabilities so that interest sensitivities match. One method of calculating interest rate sensitivity is through gap analysis. A gap is the difference between the amount of interest rate sensitive assets and interest rate sensitive liabilities that re-price or mature in a given time period. Positive gaps occur when interest rate sensitive assets exceed interest rate sensitive liabilities, and negative gaps occur when interest rate sensitive liabilities exceed interest rate sensitive assets. A positive gap position in a period of rising interest rates should have a positive effect on net interest income as assets will re-price faster than liabilities. Conversely, net interest income should contract somewhat in a period of falling interest rates. Management can quickly change the Company s interest rate position at any given point in time as market conditions dictate. Additionally, interest rate changes do not affect all categories of assets and liabilities equally or at the same time. Analytical techniques employed by the Company to supplement gap analysis include simulation analysis to quantify interest rate risk exposure. The gap analysis prepared by management is reviewed by the Investment Committee of the Company twice a year (see table on page 24 for the March 31, 2008 gap analysis). Management currently believes that the Company is properly positioned for interest rate changes; however if management determines at any time that the Company is not properly positioned, it will strive to adjust the interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities in order to manage the effect of interest rate changes.

#### **Non-Interest Income**

	•	rter Ended ch 31, 2008 (in Tho	eer Ended March 31, 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$	23,754	\$ 20,225	17.4%
Other service charges, commissions and fees				
Banking		10,012	8,118	23.3
Non-banking		1,498	4,944	(69.7)
Investment securities transactions, net		146	(17,167)	(100.9)
Other investments, net		4,425	5,783	(23.5)
Other income		6,459	4,337	48.9
Total non-interest income	\$	46,294	\$ 26,240	76.4

The increase in investment securities transactions for the three months ended March 31, 2008 can be attributed to a \$17.0 million impairment charge recorded in connection with certain investment securities identified for sale in the first quarter 2007. The impairment charge in 2007 was the result of the Company s strategic identification of certain investment securities that were identified for sale with the proceeds from the sales used to reduce Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) borrowings. The investments identified were certain hybrid mortgage backed securities with a coupon re-set date that exceeded 30 months and a weighted average yield to coupon re-set that was approximately 100 basis points less than the FHLB certificate of indebtedness short-term rate. The sale of the securities facilitated a re-positioning of the balance sheet to a more neutral position in terms of interest rate risk and was done to improve the Company s operating ratios. As a result of this decision, the Company marked the securities to market. The increase in the first quarter 2008 in banking service charges, commissions and fees can be attributed to surcharge and interchange income for use of automated teller machines (ATM) and increased debit card usage by customers.

## Non-Interest Expense

	•	ter Ended h 31, 2008 (in Tho	usands)	Quarter Ended March 31, 2007	Percent Increase (Decrease)	
Employee compensation and benefits	\$	31,040	\$	31,193	(0.5)%	
Occupancy		8,076		7,040	14.7	
Depreciation of bank premises and equipment		8,546		7,556	13.1	
Professional fees		2,715		2,678	1.4	
Stationery and supplies		1,328		1,481	(10.3)	
Amortization of identified intangible assets		1,299		1,209	7.4	
Advertising		3,183		3,251	(2.1)	
Other		14,810		17,660	(16.1)	
Total non-interest expense	\$	70,997	\$	72,068	(1.5)	

Non-interest expense was affected by the aggressive de novo branching activity that has added 8 new branches in 2008 and 38 branches in 2007, including three acquired in the Southwest First Community acquisition.

#### **Financial Condition**

## Allowance for Possible Loan Losses

The allowance for possible loan losses increased 0.6% to \$62,109,000 at March 31, 2008 from \$61,726,000 at December 31, 2007. The provision for possible loan losses charged to expense increased 14.0% to \$1,552,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 from \$1,361,000 for the same period in 2007. The allowance for possible loan losses was 1.1% of total loans, net of unearned income at March 31, 2008 and at December 31, 2007, respectively. The Company is not involved in sub-prime mortgage lending and the allowance for possible loan losses does not reflect any reserve for such lending.

#### **Investment Securities**

Investment securities decreased 5.4% to \$3,944,021,000 at March 31, 2008, from \$4,170,188,000 at December 31, 2007. The decrease in investment securities can be attributed to principal pay downs on mortgage-backed securities in the investment portfolio. All of the mortgage-backed securities held by the Company are either fully guaranteed by the U.S. Government or issued by an agency of the Federal Government and are rated AAA.

#### Loans

Loans, net of unearned discounts increased 1.2% to \$5,601,432,000 at March 31, 2008, from \$5,536,628,000 at December 31, 2007. The increase in loans can be attributed to the Company s internal efforts to grow its loan balances.

# **Deposits**

Deposits increased 0.7% to \$7,206,566,000 at March 31, 2008, from \$7,157,606,000 at December 31, 2007. The change in deposits is primarily the result of the Company s internal sales program.

#### **Foreign Operations**

On March 31, 2008, the Company had \$11,016,786,000 of consolidated assets, of which approximately \$281,212,000, or 2.6%, was related to loans outstanding to borrowers domiciled in foreign countries, compared to \$285,008,000, or 2.6%, at December 31, 2007. Of the \$281,212,000, 80.3% is directly or indirectly secured by U.S. assets, certificates of deposits and real estate; 18.9% is secured by foreign real estate; and 0.8% is unsecured.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Company has established various accounting policies which govern the application of accounting principles in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements. The significant accounting policies are described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. Certain accounting policies involve significant subjective judgments and assumptions by management which have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities; management considers such accounting policies to be critical accounting policies.

The Company considers its Allowance for Possible Loan Losses as a policy critical to the sound operations of the bank subsidiaries. The allowance for possible loan losses consists of the aggregate loan loss allowances of the bank subsidiaries. The allowances are established through charges to operations in the form of provisions for possible loan losses. Loan losses or recoveries are charged or credited directly to the

allowances. The allowance for possible loan losses of each bank subsidiary is maintained at a level considered appropriate by management, based on estimated probable losses in the loan portfolio. The allowance is derived from the following elements: (i) allowances established on specific loans and (ii) allowances based on historical loss experience on the Company s remaining loan portfolio, which includes general economic conditions and other qualitative risk factors both internal and external to the Company. See also discussion regarding the allowance for possible loan losses and provision for possible loan losses included in the results of operations and Provision and Allowance for Possible Loan Losses included in Notes 1 and 5 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company s latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information regarding the Company s provision and allowance for possible loan losses policy.

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#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The maintenance of adequate liquidity provides the Company s bank subsidiaries with the ability to meet potential depositor withdrawals, provide for customer credit needs, maintain adequate statutory reserve levels and take full advantage of high-yield investment opportunities as they arise. Liquidity is afforded by access to financial markets and by holding appropriate amounts of liquid assets. The Company s bank subsidiaries derive their liquidity largely from deposits of individuals and business entities. Deposits from persons and entities domiciled in Mexico comprise a stable portion of the deposit base of the Company s bank subsidiaries. Other important funding sources for the Company s bank subsidiaries during 2008 and 2007 have been borrowings from FHLB, securities sold under repurchase agreements and large certificates of deposit, requiring management to closely monitor its asset/liability mix in terms of both rate sensitivity and maturity distribution. Primary liquidity of the Company and its subsidiaries has been maintained by means of increased investment in shorter-term securities, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements. As in the past, the Company will continue to monitor the volatility and cost of funds in an attempt to match maturities of rate-sensitive assets and liabilities and respond accordingly to anticipated fluctuations in interest rates over reasonable periods of time.

The Company maintains an adequate level of capital as a margin of safety for its depositors and shareholders. At March 31, 2008, shareholders equity was \$967,363,000 compared to \$935,905,000 at December 31, 2007, an increase of \$31,458,000, or 3.4%. The increase is primarily due to the retention of earnings offset by dividends to be paid to shareholders.

The Company had a leverage ratio of 7.74% and 7.76%, risk-weighted Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.01% and 11.98% and risk-weighted total capital ratio of 13.01% and 12.99% at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The identified intangibles and goodwill of \$312,565,000 as of March 31, 2008, recorded in connection with the Company s acquisitions, are deducted from the sum of core capital elements when determining the capital ratios of the Company.

As in the past, the Company will continue to monitor the volatility and cost of funds in an attempt to match maturities of rate-sensitive assets and liabilities, and respond accordingly to anticipate fluctuations in interest rates by adjusting the balance between sources and uses of funds as deemed appropriate. The net-interest rate sensitivity as of March 31, 2008 is illustrated in the table on the following page. This information reflects the balances of assets and liabilities for which rates are subject to change. A mix of assets and liabilities that are roughly equal in volume and re-pricing characteristics represents a matched interest rate sensitivity position. Any excess of assets or liabilities results in an interest rate sensitivity gap.

The Company undertakes an interest rate sensitivity analysis to monitor the potential risk on future earnings resulting from the impact of possible future changes in interest rates on currently existing net asset or net liability positions. However, this type of analysis is as of a point-in-time position, when in fact that position can quickly change as market conditions, customer needs, and management strategies change. Thus, interest rate changes do not affect all categories of asset and liabilities equally or at the same time. As indicated in the table, the Company is liability sensitive during the early time periods and asset sensitive in the longer periods. The Company is Asset and Liability Committee semi-annually reviews the consolidated position along with simulation and duration models, and makes adjustments as needed to control the Company is interest rate risk position. The Company uses modeling of future events as a primary tool for monitoring interest rate risk.

# **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	3 Months	Over 1			ate/Maturity Over 1 Year to 5	y Over 5				
March 31, 2008	or Less		to 1 Year		Years		Years		Total	
Rate sensitive assets										
Federal funds sold Time deposits with banks Investment securities	\$ 86,000 495 571,882	\$	1,650,841	\$	1,616.814	\$	104,484	\$	86,000 495 3,944,021	
Loans, net of non-accruals	4,141,516		311,498		455,213		648,395		5,556,622	
Total earning assets	\$ 4,799,893	\$	1,962,339	\$	2,072,027	\$	752,879	\$	9,587,138	
Cumulative earning assets	\$ 4,799,893	\$	6,762,232	\$	8,834,259	\$	9,587,138			
Rate sensitive liabilities										
Time deposits Other interest bearing deposits Securities sold under repurchase	\$ 1,421,408 2,328,333	\$	1,572,975	\$	366,887	\$	613	\$	3,361,883 2,328,333	
agreements Other borrowed funds	401,334 1,049,779		49,947		104,597		900,000		1,455,878 1,049,779	
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	61,806				128,868		10,295		200,969	
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$ 5,262,660	\$	1,622,922	\$	600,352	\$	910,908	\$	8,396,842	
Cumulative sensitive liabilities	\$ 5,262,660	\$	6,885,582	\$	7,485,934	\$	8,396,842			
Repricing gap Cumulative repricing gap	\$ (462,767) (462,767)	\$	339,417	\$	1,471,675	\$	(158,029)	\$	1,190,296	