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**AMEGY BANK OF TEXAS LAUNCHES NEW PRIVATE BANKING
DIVISION IN SAN ANTONIO
Experienced Local Banker Howard Lutz to Lead Division**

SAN ANTONIO January 31, 2009 – Amegy Bank today announced it will begin a private banking division in San Antonio to provide financial expertise to high net worth individuals. In response to this expansion, **Howard Lutz** has recently joined Amegy Bank of Texas to serve as the private banking manager. In this role, he will be responsible for increasing Amegy’s focus on the affluent market, in addition to managing the private banking division’s overall strategy, growth and performance.

Amegy’s approach to private banking is unique in that its private bankers are community based, working hand-in-hand with bankers from all lines of business enabling clients to receive one-on-one, personalized solutions and customer service at any time. Through Amegy’s commitment to the local community, the private banking team is well positioned to deliver high touch, exceptional service while focusing on the client relationship supported by the full capabilities and resources of a world class bank. Amegy’s private bank will work in conjunction with the international private banking services it already offers.

“Howard is an experienced banker who is deeply entrenched in the San Antonio community, which makes him well-qualified to work one-on-one with clients to understand and develop customized solutions for their private banking needs,” stated David McGee, president and CEO, Amegy Bank, San Antonio. “Adding private banking to Amegy’s local array of services complements the products we already offer to our commercial, real estate and business lending customers, while providing a seamless experience for our clients.”

Among his diverse credentials, Lutz, a San Antonio native, has more than 10 years of domestic and international experience in financial sales and management. He began his career in Houston as a management trainee/credit analyst before returning to San Antonio, where he worked within the retail and private banking divisions of several global banks. Lutz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin and earned his Master in Business Administration from University of the Incarnate Word.

“Amegy brings a different approach to banking that proves to be an immense benefit for private banking clients,” said Lutz. “The focus on partnering across business lines helps to ensure we understand the client’s needs and can provide the best customized solutions Amegy has to offer.”

About Amegy Bank of Texas

Amegy Bank of Texas is one of the fastest growing banks in Texas. With assets of more than \$12 billion, local decision making and a history of relationship banking, Amegy has the resources to serve leading Texas companies as a source of capital as well as provide efficient and effective treasury management, international and investment services. The Bank, with more than 85 locations in the state, specializes in commercial banking as well as private financial management and trust services for families and individuals, and retail and mortgage banking services. Amegy entered the San Antonio market in 2007 and is supported by its five banking centers in strategic locations. Amegy is a part of the Zions Bancorporation (NASDAQ: ZION) collection of great banks.

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