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**AMEGY BANK HIRES MIKE KRACH AS CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER
Krach Brings Strong Background of Investment Experience**

HOUSTON– April 16, 2007 – Amegy Bank of Texas today announced that Mike Krach has joined the Bank as chief investment officer. In this capacity, Krach will be responsible for oversight of Amegy Bank’s wealth management investment strategies, including evaluating and maintaining competitive product offerings, working with clients to maximize their financial goals and driving market growth.

With more than 15 years of investment and wealth management experience, Krach joins Amegy from Citigroup Corporation’s global wealth management group in New York, where he was a director and senior portfolio manager. Prior to that, he worked for JPMorgan in Houston and Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Missouri.

“Investment management is an important area for Amegy Bank, so it was critical that our chief investment officer be well-versed in complex investment strategies while having a thorough understanding of banking within the Texas marketplace,” said Paul B. Murphy, Jr., CEO, Amegy Bank of Texas. “Mike’s client focus coupled with his technical knowledge make him a tremendous addition to our wealth management team.”

Krach is a graduate of the University of Iowa and he earned his MBA from the University of Missouri. He holds his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certification and is an active member of the CFA Society.

About Amegy Bank of Texas

Amegy Bank of Texas is one of the fastest growing banks in Texas. With assets of more than \$10 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 80 locations in the state, specializes in small business banking as well as private financial management and trust services for families and individuals, and retail and mortgage banking services. Amegy is a part of the Zions Bancorporation (NASDAQ: ZION) collection of great banks.

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