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PRESS RELEASE

## **The Private Bank of the Peninsula Announces Participation in the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program**

Palo Alto, CA – February 2, 2009 – The Private Bank of the Peninsula, a subsidiary of Peninsula Bank Holding Company (OTCBB:PBKH), today announced that the Bank has completed the sale of \$6.0 million of preferred stock and common stock warrants to the U.S. Treasury Department under the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

“We are pleased that The Private Bank of the Peninsula qualified to participate in the TARP Capital Purchase Program,” stated Mark D. Mordell, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Peninsula Bank Holding Co. “This capital infusion will further strengthen our balance sheet, and is in the best long-term interests of our shareholders and clients.”

“This additional capital will enable us to continue meeting the needs of our clients and ensure that the Bank prospers during these challenging times,” said Kenneth D. Brenner, the Bank’s Chief Executive Officer.

The U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program is a voluntary program designed to assist healthy financial institutions in building their capital positions to support the U.S. economy by increasing the flow of financing to U.S. businesses and consumers.

*The Private Bank of the Peninsula is headquartered in Palo Alto, California. The Private Bank focuses on the banking needs of small and medium sized businesses, entrepreneurs and business leaders, not-for-profit organizations and individuals within the communities it serves.*

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