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PRESS RELEASE

**Sarah Wesner joins Avidbank as Vice President, Corporate Banking Division**

Palo Alto, CA – September 21, 2012 – Avidbank announced today that Sarah Wesner has joined the Bank as Vice President within the Corporate Banking Division.

Ms. Wesner has nearly 10 years of experience in corporate banking, most recently as a Vice President and Team Leader at Bridge Bank where she spent the last 6 years. Prior to Bridge Bank, Ms. Wesner worked at Umpqua Bank, where she began her career.

In June of this year, Avidbank's Corporate Banking Division opened a loan production office in San Jose to expand its South Bay market presence. Ms. Wesner will join Dori Hamilton, Executive Vice President Corporate Banking, in the San Jose office.

"I am thrilled to have Sarah on board and am excited about what we can accomplish together," stated Ms. Hamilton. "Our expansion in Silicon Valley is crucial to our overall growth strategy."

"Sarah's experience, energy and commitment to client service will make her an excellent addition to our growing team as we increase our presence in the South Bay," stated Mark D. Mordell, Chairman and CEO of Avidbank.

**About Avidbank**

*Our goal at Avidbank is to advance our clients' success by offering innovative financial solutions and service. Our experienced people provide a unique and individualized banking experience based on mutual effort, ingenuity and trust, creating long-term banking relationships. Avidbank specializes in the following markets: commercial and industrial, corporate finance, technology and asset-based lending, real estate construction, commercial real estate lending and real estate bridge financing.*

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