



First Independence Corporation

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FIRST INDEPENDENCE ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS

INDEPENDENCE, KS (January 22, 2008) -- First Independence Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: FFSL.OB) (the "Company"), reported net earnings of \$412,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2008, compared to \$305,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2007. Diluted earnings per share of common stock for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 were \$.47, compared to diluted earnings per share of \$.34 for the first quarter of fiscal 2007.

Return on average assets for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 was .85% (annualized), compared to .67% (annualized), for the same period last year. Return on average equity for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 was 9.66% (annualized), compared to 7.39% (annualized), in the first quarter of fiscal 2007.

We had \$195.2 million in assets and \$17.1 million in stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2007. At December 31, 2007, total shares outstanding were 863,723.

The Company is the parent corporation for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Independence, Kansas ("First Federal"). At December 31, 2007, First Federal exceeded all of its regulatory capital requirements. First Federal has four full-service branch offices primarily serving Montgomery, Wilson, Crawford and Chautauqua Counties in Kansas along with a loan production office in Lawrence, Kansas.

This release contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, changes in economic conditions in our market area, changes in policies by regulatory agencies, fluctuations in interest rates, demand for loans in our market area and competition that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical earnings and those presently anticipated or projected. For additional discussion of factors that may affect the Company's performance, refer to those described from time to time in our press releases and other communications.

A consolidated financial summary follows.

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
Financial Condition Highlights:		
Total assets	\$ 195,214	\$ 191,465
Loans receivable	147,903	142,485
Loan held for sale	---	---
Mortgage-backed and investment securities held to maturity	36,058	36,138
Real estate acquired through foreclosure	382	103
Deposits	126,185	131,442
Borrowed funds	50,793	41,382
Stockholders' equity	17,112	16,972
Stockholders' equity per outstanding common share	\$19.81	\$19.52
Selected Asset Quality Ratios:		
Non-performing loans to total loans	1.11%	.87%
Non-performing assets to total assets	1.04%	.71%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	50.97%	68.98%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing assets	41.39%	63.73%
	Three months ended December 31,	
	2007	2006
Operating Highlights:		
Net interest income	\$ 1,398	\$ 1,219
Provision for loan losses	21	15
Net earnings	\$ 412	\$ 305
Operating Ratios (annualized):		
Return on average assets	.85%	.67%
Return on average equity	9.66%	7.39%
Interest rate spread information:		
Average yield on interest-earning assets	6.90%	6.58%
Average cost of interest-bearing liabilities	4.17%	4.08%
Average rate spread during period	2.73%	2.50%
Net interest margin	3.00%	2.77%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	106.71%	107.10%
Stock price for period:		
High bid	\$21.03	\$18.55
Low bid	\$20.20	\$18.48
Closing bid at 12/31	\$21.03	\$18.48
Net earnings per share (diluted)	\$.47	\$.34
Weighted average shares of common stock and common stock equivalents	869,635	885,368

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 610,930	\$ 464,213
Federal funds sold	---	2,400,000
Other interest-bearing deposits	991,805	686,652
Cash and cash equivalents	1,602,735	3,550,865
Investment securities held to maturity (fair value: December 31, 2007 - \$32,386,956; September 30, 2007 - \$32,035,690)	32,067,967	31,992,495
Mortgage-backed securities held to maturity (fair value: December 31, 2007 - \$3,988,336; September 30, 2007 - \$4,076,606)	3,989,888	4,145,282
Loans receivable	147,903,485	142,484,732
Loans held for sale	---	---
Premises and equipment	2,338,634	2,351,313
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock, at cost	3,224,600	3,180,200
Accrued interest receivable	1,228,998	1,178,871
Real estate acquired through foreclosure	382,265	102,879
Income taxes receivable	---	1,413
Other	259,213	281,740
Cash value of life insurance	2,216,167	2,194,915
Total assets	\$ 195,213,952	\$ 191,464,705
 <u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$ 126,184,893	\$ 131,441,603
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	542,873	967,198
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	50,793,498	41,382,258
Income taxes payable	215,389	15,496
Deferred income taxes	201,478	184,606
Accrued expenses and other	164,172	501,258
Total liabilities	178,102,303	174,492,419
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 500,000 shares authorized, none issued	---	---
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 2,500,000 shares authorized, 1,649,288 shares issued	16,493	16,493
Additional paid-in capital	8,238,250	8,233,875
Retained earnings - substantially restricted	18,320,449	18,060,217
Treasury stock at cost, 785,565 shares at December 31, 2007 and 779,604 shares at September 30, 2007	(9,463,543)	(9,338,299)
Total stockholders' equity	17,111,649	16,972,286
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 195,213,952	\$ 191,464,705

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Interest income		
Loans	\$2,747,687	\$2,438,072
Mortgage-backed securities	52,215	62,577
Investment securities	367,603	342,192
Interest-bearing deposits and other	<u>54,527</u>	<u>53,784</u>
Total interest income	3,222,032	2,896,625
Interest expense		
Deposits	1,228,380	1,032,765
Borrowed funds	<u>595,881</u>	<u>645,196</u>
Total interest expense	<u>1,824,261</u>	<u>1,677,961</u>
Net interest income	1,397,771	1,218,664
Provision for loan losses	<u>20,538</u>	<u>15,318</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	1,377,233	1,203,346
Noninterest income		
Service charges	270,896	243,701
Other	<u>74,679</u>	<u>72,906</u>
Total noninterest income	345,575	316,607
Noninterest expense		
Employee compensation and benefits	617,703	592,935
Occupancy and equipment	119,574	107,964
Foreclosed assets, net	1,020	24,391
Data processing fees	84,693	82,434
Other operating	<u>251,169</u>	<u>230,001</u>
Total noninterest expense	<u>1,074,159</u>	<u>1,037,725</u>
Earnings before income taxes	648,649	482,228
Income tax expense	<u>236,204</u>	<u>176,801</u>
Net earnings	<u>\$ 412,445</u>	<u>\$ 305,427</u>
Earnings per common share		
Basic	<u>\$.48</u>	<u>\$.35</u>
Diluted	<u>\$.47</u>	<u>\$.34</u>
Dividends per share	<u>\$.1750</u>	<u>\$.1625</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding		
Basic	<u>863,723</u>	<u>881,748</u>
Diluted	<u>869,635</u>	<u>885,368</u>