



First Independence Corporation

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FIRST INDEPENDENCE ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS AND FISCAL YEAR END RESULTS

INDEPENDENCE, KS (October 19, 2007) -- First Independence Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: FFSL.OB) (the "Company"), reported net earnings of \$366,000 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, compared to \$299,000 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006. Diluted earnings per share of common stock for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 were \$.42, compared to diluted earnings per share of \$.34 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006. Net earnings for the 2007 fiscal year were \$1,377,000, compared to \$1,229,000 for the 2006 fiscal year. Diluted earnings per share for the 2007 fiscal year were \$1.57, compared to diluted earnings per share of \$1.39 for the 2006 fiscal year.

Return on average assets for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 was .76% (annualized), compared to .66% (annualized), for the same period last year. Return on average equity for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 was 8.65% (annualized), compared to 7.30% (annualized), in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006. Return on average assets for the 2007 fiscal year was .73%, compared to .68% for the same period last year. Return on average equity for the 2007 fiscal year was 8.26%, compared to 7.61%, for fiscal 2006.

We had \$191.5 million in assets and \$17.0 million in stockholders' equity as of September 30, 2007. During this fiscal year, we repurchased 12,314 shares of common stock, at an average cost of \$18.65 per share. At September 30, 2007, total shares outstanding were 869,684.

The Company is the parent corporation for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Independence, Kansas ("First Federal"). At September 30, 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)

| | September 30, 2007 | | September 30, 2006 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Financial Condition Highlights: | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 191,465 | | \$ 180,304 | |
| Loans receivable | 142,485 | | 133,412 | |
| Loans held for sale | --- | | --- | |
| Mortgage-backed and investment securities held to maturity | 36,138 | | 37,196 | |
| Real estate acquired through foreclosure | 103 | | 199 | |
| Deposits | 131,442 | | 112,961 | |
| Borrowed funds | 41,382 | | 49,169 | |
| Stockholders' equity | 16,972 | | 16,423 | |
| | | | | |
| Stockholders' equity per outstanding common share | \$19.52 | | \$18.63 | |
| | | | | |
| Selected Asset Quality Ratios: | | | | |
| Non-performing loans to total loans | .87% | | .55% | |
| Non-performing assets to total assets | .71% | | .52% | |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans | 68.98% | | 110.15% | |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing assets | 63.73% | | 86.66% | |
| | | | | |
| | Three months ended September 30, | | Year ended September 30, | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Operating Highlights: | | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 1,297 | \$ 1,230 | \$ 5,101 | \$ 5,042 |
| Provision for loan losses | 54 | 39 | 156 | 96 |
| Net earnings | \$366 | \$299 | \$1,377 | \$1,229 |
| | | | | |
| Operating Ratios (annualized): | | | | |
| Return on average assets | .76% | .66% | .73% | .68% |
| Return on average equity | 8.65% | 7.30% | 8.26% | 7.61% |
| Interest rate spread information: | | | | |
| Average yield on interest-earning assets | 6.78% | 6.48% | 6.71% | 6.27% |
| Average cost of interest-bearing liabilities | 4.27% | 3.92% | 4.17% | 3.59% |
| Average rate spread during period | 2.51% | 2.56% | 2.54% | 2.68% |
| Net interest margin | 2.78% | 2.82% | 2.81% | 2.91% |
| Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities | 106.82% | 107.18% | 106.84% | 107.00% |
| | | | | |
| Stock price for period: | | | | |
| High bid | \$19.85 | \$19.13 | \$19.85 | \$19.71 |
| Low bid | \$19.53 | \$17.26 | \$18.48 | \$17.22 |
| Closing bid at 9/30 | \$19.85 | \$19.13 | \$19.85 | \$19.13 |
| | | | | |
| Net earnings per share (diluted) | \$.42 | \$.34 | \$1.57 | \$1.39 |
| | | | | |
| Weighted average shares of common stock and common stock equivalents | 873,375 | 885,314 | 878,098 | 887,000 |

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

| | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2006 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ 464,213 | \$ 435,088 |
| Federal funds sold | 2,400,000 | --- |
| Other interest-bearing deposits | 686,652 | 524,867 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,550,865 | 959,955 |
| Investment securities held to maturity (fair value: September 30, 2007 - \$32,035,690; September 30, 2006 - \$31,735,915) | 31,992,495 | 32,021,929 |
| Mortgage-backed securities held to maturity (fair value: September 30, 2007 - \$4,076,606; September 30, 2006 - \$5,107,443) | 4,145,282 | 5,173,617 |
| Loans receivable | 142,484,732 | 133,411,535 |
| Loans held for sale | --- | --- |
| Premises and equipment | 2,351,313 | 2,324,434 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank Stock, at cost | 3,180,200 | 2,997,500 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 1,178,871 | 944,255 |
| Real estate acquired through foreclosure | 102,879 | 199,224 |
| Income taxes receivable | 1,413 | --- |
| Other | 281,740 | 158,688 |
| Cash value of life insurance | 2,194,915 | 2,113,362 |
| Total assets | \$ 191,464,705 | \$ 180,304,499 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u> | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Deposits | \$ 131,441,603 | \$ 112,960,760 |
| Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance | 967,198 | 951,962 |
| Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank | 41,382,258 | 49,168,577 |
| Income taxes payable | 15,496 | 16,498 |
| Deferred income taxes | 184,606 | 136,353 |
| Accrued expenses and other | 501,258 | 647,085 |
| Total liabilities | 174,492,419 | 163,881,235 |
| 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 | 8,233,875 | 8,231,844 |
| Retained earnings - substantially restricted | 18,060,217 | 17,285,248 |
| Treasury stock at cost, 779,604 shares at September 30, 2007 and 767,540 shares at September 30, 2006 | (9,338,299) | (9,110,321) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 16,972,286 | 16,423,264 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 191,464,705 | \$ 180,304,499 |

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Year Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> |
| Interest income | | | | |
| Loans | \$2,630,903 | \$2,371,370 | \$10,230,673 | \$9,083,026 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 53,797 | 64,635 | 231,727 | 276,088 |
| Investment securities | 365,045 | 336,861 | 1,421,278 | 1,271,405 |
| Interest-bearing deposits and other | <u>113,698</u> | <u>52,460</u> | <u>307,212</u> | <u>226,165</u> |
| Total interest income | 3,163,443 | 2,825,326 | 12,190,890 | 10,856,684 |
| Interest expense | | | | |
| Deposits | 1,329,710 | 961,705 | 4,786,208 | 3,414,485 |
| Borrowed funds | <u>536,536</u> | <u>633,504</u> | <u>2,303,773</u> | <u>2,399,743</u> |
| Total interest expense | <u>1,866,246</u> | <u>1,595,209</u> | <u>7,089,981</u> | <u>5,814,228</u> |
| Net interest income | 1,297,197 | 1,230,117 | 5,100,909 | 5,042,456 |
| Provision for loan losses | <u>54,345</u> | <u>38,901</u> | <u>156,495</u> | <u>96,078</u> |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 1,242,852 | 1,191,216 | 4,944,414 | 4,946,378 |
| Noninterest income | | | | |
| Service charges | 261,094 | 237,920 | 974,310 | 822,188 |
| Other | <u>95,358</u> | <u>79,769</u> | <u>346,627</u> | <u>319,063</u> |
| Total noninterest income | 356,452 | 317,689 | 1,320,937 | 1,141,251 |
| Noninterest expense | | | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 612,350 | 616,948 | 2,428,593 | 2,448,393 |
| Occupancy and equipment | 128,219 | 113,364 | 465,231 | 453,046 |
| Foreclosed assets, net | (27,444) | (8,852) | (8,560) | 40,972 |
| Data processing fees | 79,352 | 82,312 | 319,054 | 313,037 |
| Other operating | <u>242,727</u> | <u>239,241</u> | <u>924,315</u> | <u>919,359</u> |
| Total noninterest expense | <u>1,035,204</u> | <u>1,043,013</u> | <u>4,128,633</u> | <u>4,174,807</u> |
| Earnings before income taxes | 564,100 | 465,892 | 2,136,718 | 1,912,822 |
| Income tax expense | <u>198,556</u> | <u>166,992</u> | <u>759,761</u> | <u>683,591</u> |
| Net earnings | <u>\$ 365,544</u> | <u>\$ 298,900</u> | <u>\$ 1,376,957</u> | <u>\$ 1,229,231</u> |
| Earnings per common share | | | | |
| Basic | <u>\$.42</u> | <u>\$.34</u> | <u>\$ 1.57</u> | <u>\$ 1.39</u> |
| Diluted | <u>\$.42</u> | <u>\$.34</u> | <u>\$ 1.57</u> | <u>\$ 1.39</u> |
| Dividends per share | <u>\$.1750</u> | <u>\$.1625</u> | <u>\$.6875</u> | <u>\$.6500</u> |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | | | | |
| Basic | <u>869,653</u> | <u>881,733</u> | <u>874,376</u> | <u>883,419</u> |
| Diluted | <u>873,375</u> | <u>885,314</u> | <u>878,098</u> | <u>887,000</u> |