



First Quarter 2007 Financial Commentary - Unaudited

The following financial commentary is intended to provide an executive summary of First Citizens Bancorporation's ("Bancorporation") Consolidated Statements of Condition as of March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 and Consolidated Statements of Income for the quarters ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 (collectively, the "consolidated financial statements"). The consolidated financial statements which follow this financial commentary are unaudited.

Net income. Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 was \$11.95 million compared to \$13.99 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. The decrease in net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 was driven primarily by an increase in noninterest expense partially offset by increases in net interest income and noninterest income. The components of net income are discussed in the sections below labeled net interest income, provision for loan losses, and noninterest income and noninterest expense.

Statement of condition. Total assets increased from \$5.83 billion as of December 31, 2006 to \$6.11 billion as of March 31, 2007. Loans and leases, net of deferred fees, as of March 31, 2007 were \$3.88 billion compared to \$3.84 billion as of December 31, 2006. Total deposits as of March 31, 2007 were \$5.07 billion compared to \$4.83 billion as of December 31, 2006.

Net interest income. Net interest income increased by \$1.48 million during the first quarter, or by 3.07%, from \$48.22 million to \$49.70 million. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to average earning asset growth. Average earning assets grew by 9.73% from \$4.89 billion as of March 31, 2006 to \$5.36 billion as of March 31, 2007. Net interest margin decreased from 4.00% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 to 3.76% for the quarter ended March 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily attributable to deposit costs rising at a faster pace than loan yields.

Provision for loan losses. Provision for loan losses increased by \$438 thousand primarily due to loan growth, partially offset by a decline in the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans ("allowance ratio") from 1.31% as of March 31, 2006 to 1.28% as of March 31, 2007. The decline in the allowance ratio was due to continued strength in credit quality trends. In addition, the net charge-off ratio decreased to .07% during the first quarter from .08% during the first quarter of 2006.

Noninterest income. Noninterest income increased by \$432 thousand during the first quarter, or by 2.95%, from \$14.66 million to \$15.10 million. The most significant components of the change in noninterest income were an \$825 thousand increase in commissions and fees from fiduciary activities, a \$404 thousand increase in mortgage income, and a \$495 thousand increase in other noninterest income partially offset by a loss on sale of investment securities of \$1.48 million. The loss on the sale of investment securities was due to repositioning certain United States agency securities that were held at a loss.

The \$825 thousand increase in commissions and fees from fiduciary activities was primarily due to an increase in brokerage income related to First Citizens Securities Corporation ("FCSC") that

commenced operations on November 1, 2006. The \$404 thousand increase in mortgage income was primarily due to increased mortgage production. The most significant components of the \$495 thousand increase in other noninterest income were primarily due to a \$54 thousand increase in credit life insurance premiums and a \$195 thousand increase in gain on sale of fixed assets and other real estate owned.

Noninterest expense. Noninterest expense increased by \$4.51 million during the quarter, or by 11.14%, from \$40.52 million to \$45.03 million. The most significant components of the change in noninterest expense were a \$2.71 million increase in salaries and employee benefits, a \$490 thousand increase in net occupancy expense, and a \$482 thousand increase in bankcard processing fees. The increase in salaries and employee benefits expense was primarily due to increases in salaries, commissions related to FCSC, and an increase in incentive program expense. The increase in net occupancy expense is primarily due to an increase in depreciation expense primarily related to placing the new headquarters building into service in 2006.

The Board of Directors of Bancorporation declared a quarterly common stock dividend of \$0.35 per share for shareholders of record as of May 15, 2007, payable May 25, 2007.

First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc. is a two-bank financial holding company headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, with \$6.11 billion in total consolidated assets as of March 31, 2007.

FIRST CITIZENS BANCORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION - UNAUDITED

(Dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 200,005	\$ 214,343
Investment securities	1,166,208	1,089,828
Federal funds sold	481,013	292,000
Loans and leases, net	3,876,863	3,839,990
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(49,632)	(49,427)
Net loans and leases	3,827,231	3,790,563
Premises and equipment, net	209,465	211,228
Interest receivable	27,406	26,116
Intangible assets	31,955	33,554
Goodwill	112,444	112,444
Other assets	50,634	55,832
Total assets	\$ 6,106,361	\$ 5,825,908
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Demand	\$ 897,102	\$ 854,221
Time and savings	4,171,863	3,975,960
Total deposits	5,068,965	4,830,181
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	323,587	301,396
Short-term borrowings	1,000	3,256
Long-term debt	217,950	217,578
Other liabilities	50,651	44,576
Total liabilities	5,662,153	5,396,987
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock	3,105	3,105
Common stock	4,264	4,264
Surplus	65,081	65,081
Undivided profits	356,647	345,039
Accumulated other comprehensive income	15,111	11,432
Total stockholders' equity	444,208	428,921
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 6,106,361	\$ 5,825,908

FIRST CITIZENS BANCORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME - UNAUDITED

Quarter-to-date Consolidated Actual

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	For the quarter ended March 31,	
	2007	2006
Interest income:		
Interest and fees on loans	\$71,941	\$63,653
Interest on investment securities:		
Taxable	12,618	9,204
Non-taxable	56	84
Federal funds sold	4,833	2,308
Total interest income	89,448	75,249
Interest expense:		
Interest on deposits	32,139	21,109
Interest on securities sold under agreements to repurchase	3,605	2,688
Interest on borrowings	4,003	3,230
Total interest expense	39,747	27,027
Net interest income	49,701	48,222
Provision for loan losses	862	424
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	48,839	47,798
Noninterest income:		
Service charges on deposits	8,986	9,017
Commissions and fees from fiduciary activities	1,611	786
Mortgage income	1,760	1,356
Bankcard discount and fees	1,923	1,787
Loss on sale of investment securities	(1,481)	(84)
Other	2,296	1,801
Total noninterest income	15,095	14,663
Noninterest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	23,048	20,340
Net occupancy expense	4,003	3,513
Furniture and equipment expense	2,814	2,492
Bankcard fees	2,499	2,017
Data processing fees	3,984	3,690
Amortization expense	1,828	2,031
Other	6,855	6,435
Total noninterest expense	45,031	40,518
Income before income tax expense	18,903	21,943
Income tax expense	6,957	7,954
Net income	\$11,946	\$13,989
Net income per common share	\$ 13.96	\$ 16.19
Weighted average common shares outstanding	852,858	861,590