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Bank of Santa Clarita Announces Departure of James D. Hicken

SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA – April 9, 2012. Bank of Santa Clarita (OTC BB: BSCA.OB) today announced that James D. Hicken’s service as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank ended on April 6, 2012. The duties of Chief Executive Officer have been assumed, on an interim basis, by Frank Di Tomaso, Chairman of the Board.

“We, the Board of Directors, thank Jim for his long service in establishing the Bank of Santa Clarita as the leading independent bank in the Santa Clarita community,” said Frank Di Tomaso. “We wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.”

Bank of Santa Clarita, founded in 2004, is the only independent, full service commercial bank headquartered in the Santa Clarita Valley and generally serves the needs of retail consumers, small to mid-sized businesses, professionals, entrepreneurs, and high-net worth individuals. The Bank provides local, experienced decision-making and the personalized service that growing businesses need on a daily basis. Bank clients have direct access to executive management and professional staff members to address their SBA and other credit requirements, and also technology-based services that include online bill-paying, remote capture depositing, check imaging and initiating online wire transfers, among other cash management facilities, which services enable its clients to effectively and efficiently manage their cash and credit needs.

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