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LIGHTHOUSE BANK POSTS 3rd QUARTER PROFIT

SANTA CRUZ, CA: October 14, 2009 - Lighthouse Bank posted a \$53,426 profit during the 3rd quarter ending 9-30-09. Adjusting for non cash charges relating to stock option accounting, earnings for the quarter were \$141,980. Company equity increased by \$165,375 during the period.

Lighthouse Bank has grown consistently since opening in October 2007, and is uncommon in having reached quarterly profitability in less than two years of operations. The Bank's standard of providing enhanced personalized service and greater economic value for clients has been well received in the face of cutbacks, consolidations and fee increases currently taking place throughout the banking industry.

Acknowledging the importance of safety, Lighthouse Bank maintains capital that is substantially in excess of the "well capitalized" designation established by financial regulators. While the Bank has not experienced a loan loss since opening in 2007, it has established a loss reserve of 2.35% of loans that is also significantly above industry standards.

Lighthouse Bank continues to execute on its plan of providing superior banking service and support to the Santa Cruz community. The Bank employs a straightforward business concept of raising deposits from within the community and lending back to the community. The Bank accepted no government TARP (bailout) funding and does not engage in exotic lending or investment activities.

	Selected Financial Data (unaudited)								
	Quarter-Ended			Change		Year-to-Date Ended			Change
	9/30/2009		6/30/2009	%	9/30/09		9/30/08		%
Balance Sheet									
Total assets	\$ 84,598	070 \$	\$ 74,860,863	13%	\$	84,598,070	\$	64,998,199	30%
Gross loans	54,256	479	48,213,758	13%		54,256,479		36,996,023	47%
Allowance for loan losses	1,275	000	1,076,000	18%		1,275,000		884,000	44%
Non interest-bearing deposits	10,908	792	9,592,058	14%		10,908,792		10,607,448	3%
Total deposits	63,986	902	54,379,687	18%		63,986,902		48,595,669	32%
Shareholders' equity	16,275	694	16,110,319	1.0%		16,275,694		16,284,997	0%
Income Statement									
Interest income	1,292	158	988,103	31%		3,177,384	\$	1,911,968	66%
Interest expense	197	247	173,867	13%		565,380		430,074	31%
Net interest income	1,094	911	814,236	34%		2,612,004	_	1,481,894	76%
Provision for loan losses	199	000	30,000	563%		304,000		804,000	-62%
Non-interest income	42	564	28,836	48%		94,547		37,004	156%
Non-interest expense	885	049	887,090	0%	_	2,637,672	_	2,473,599	7%
Net profit (loss)	<u>\$53</u>	426	\$ (74,018)	172%	\$	(235,121)	\$	(1,758,701)	87%
Net profit (loss) excluding loan loss provisions	\$ 252	426 \$	\$ (44,018)	673%	\$	68,879	\$	(954,701)	107%
Ratios									
Net interest margin	5	63%	4.70%						
Equity capital-to-total assets	1	9.2%	21.5%						

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE BANK: Lighthouse Bank is a locally owned and operated commercial bank located in Santa Cruz County. The Bank offers a full array of banking products and services to businesses, professionals, individuals, developers, and commercial property owners. Lighthouse Bank's

common stock is listed on the Over-the-Counter (OTC) Bulletin Board under the stock symbol LGHT.OB. The Bank is located at 111 Mission Street in Downtown Santa Cruz, CA. More information on the Bank may be obtained through its website: <u>www.lighthousebank.net</u> or by calling 831-600-4000.

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