



PRESS RELEASE
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blueharbor bank Reports Third Quarter Net Income and Share Repurchase Plan

MOORESVILLE, NC, October 21, 2015 – **blueharbor bank** (the “Bank”) today reported net income of \$310,775, or \$0.14 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$352,675, or \$0.14 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2014. For the nine-months ended September 30, 2015, the bank reported net income of \$663,994, or \$0.29 per diluted share, compared to \$898,268, or \$0.36 per diluted share, for the nine-months ended September 30, 2014.

In addition, the Bank reported today that its Board of Directors approved the repurchase of \$400,000 of common stock over the coming year. The share repurchase plan calls for the repurchase of approximately 2.4% of the 2,279,991 common shares currently outstanding. The share repurchases will be at times and in amounts decided by management in its discretion. The Board has also established a range of purchase prices, with management being directed to take into consideration market and economic trends, the number of shares to be repurchased and other factors in determining the price within such range to be offered from time to time. The Board may terminate or suspend such repurchase authority at any time. Jim Marshall, President and Chief Executive Officer noted, “The board believes that given our strong balance sheet, deep capital position and book value of \$9.82 per share, the repurchase of a modest amount of our stock is a prudent thing to do in this environment.”

Mr. Marshall stated, “We have experienced our best quarter of the year in several regards in an environment that is tepid at best for quality loan and deposit growth. Total assets have increased 12.3% year-to-date to \$152.1 million at September 30, 2015. In addition, our loan and deposit growth has been solid relative to our peers as our gross loans have increased 8.7% to \$122.0 million, while our total deposits have increased 18.8% to \$127.2 million.”

Mr. Marshall continued, “Our balance sheet strength is at its peak since our inception. Our asset quality for the quarter is outstanding with a Texas Ratio of less than 5% compared to a NC average of over 20% (as of the last measured period of June 30, 2015) while our nonperforming assets are 0.72% of total assets. Both of these figures are solid by any measurement.”

Mr. Marshall concluded, “Overall, all our fundamentals are sound and our recently invested resources for growth and relationship building are beginning to reflect on our balance sheet and income statement. The environment remains competitive for top quality growth and profitability but we continue to remain optimistic in our markets, our exceptional employees, and our relationships with our customers.”

blueharbor bank, with \$152.1 million in assets, is headquartered in Mooresville with branches in Huntersville and Statesville with a loan production office in Gastonia. blueharbor bank’s website is www.blueharborbank.com and our common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol “BLHK.” The blueharbor wealth advisors website is www.blueharborwealthadvisors.com.

Summary Selected Financial Data schedule attached.

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