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FIRST CAPITAL PARTNERS ADDS WESLEY HAMPP AS MANAGING DIRECTOR



Omaha, Neb. (Nov. 30, 2007) – First Capital Partners, LLC has expanded its management team with the addition of Wesley Hampp as a managing director in its Omaha office, announced David McLeese, managing partner. The firm is a direct investor of private equity and

mezzanine capital for middle market businesses in the central U.S., he said.

“We are very pleased to have Wes join our firm, which brings our senior leadership team to full strength,” said McLeese. “Along with Eric Gustavson, who manages our Overland Park, Kansas office, we are positioned to meet our objective of providing mezzanine capital and equity to middle market businesses, which is an underserved segment of the market.”

Hampp, who has considerable experience in private equity and securities analysis, was vice president at Capital For Business, a private equity firm, and an equity analyst at A.G. Edwards, both in St. Louis. He has an undergraduate degree and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis and also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

Eric Gustavson, who joined the firm earlier this year, has extensive mergers and acquisitions experience as well as a background in corporate development and private investing, having previously worked for Frontier Partners Investment Banking in the Kansas City area, KPMG Corporate Finance in New York City, and Koch Industries in Wichita, Kansas. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and holds an MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management.

McLeese started First National Mezzanine Capital, LLC last year as part of First National of Nebraska,

Inc., the largest privately owned banking company in the United States and the parent company of the First National Bank of Omaha. In April 2007, the firm expanded its focus to include investments in private equity and mezzanine capital and changed its name to First Capital Partners, LLC to reflect this broader strategy.

“Through First Capital Partners, we can fulfill all of the capital needs below the senior bank debt level for a privately held business,” McLeese explained. “This includes the ability to acquire a company outright or partner with management teams or other investors to acquire a partial ownership interest in a company.” McLeese explained that in addition to helping to acquire a business, there are other uses for mezzanine capital and private equity such as stock repurchases, recapitalizing the balance sheet of a company, or to support growth initiatives of a business.

McLeese said the investment team recently completed two buyout transactions in which First Capital Partners, along with other investment partners, acquired two companies using a combination of mezzanine capital and equity.

First Capital Partners seeks mezzanine capital and private equity investments ranging from \$2 million to \$10 million in profitable manufacturing or service businesses with revenues between \$5 million and \$100 million. The firm intends to invest \$60 million over the next three years.

First Capital Partners, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of First National of Nebraska, Inc., which has grown into the largest private banking company in the United States. First National and its affiliates, which includes First National Bank of Omaha, have \$20 billion in managed assets and over 7,500 employee associates located in 35 states. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.