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**TEAM CAPITAL BANK APPOINTS ROBERT A. RUPEL TO CHIEF LENDING OFFICER**

**Lehigh Valley, PA, March 15, 2010** – Team Capital Bank announced today that Robert A. Rupel has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer for the Bank. In this role, Rupel will oversee all of the lending and credit functions of the Bank.

Rupel served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Lafayette Ambassador Bank until December 2009 when he announced his retirement. He also served as a Chairman of Lafayette Ambassador Bank. Mr. Rupel joined Lafayette Ambassador Bank in 1999. He has 38 years of banking experience at a variety of banks in Pennsylvania, having begun his career as a management trainee in 1970.

“Bob has great expertise in the community banking industry and we’re pleased to have someone with his talents augment our staff,” said James F. Deutsch, President & CEO for Team Capital Bank. “With Bob’s leadership our lending teams are well-positioned to expand Team Capital Bank’s commercial and consumer loan offerings, providing customers with the financial products and services they need.” Team Capital Bank has been consistent in its lending throughout the recession. The Bank added nearly \$200 million in local community loans in the last two years. “The addition of this position and Bob’s senior level experience will help us to maintain growth and quality in our loan portfolio,” Deutsch added.

Active with many community organizations, Rupel served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association. He has also served on a variety of local boards, including the Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, Northampton Community College Foundation, Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley, Kutztown University Foundation, Valley Youth House of the Lehigh Valley, State Theatre Center for the Arts and the Lehigh Valley March of Dimes. In 2009 he received the recognition of Boy Scouts of American Citizen of the Year from the Minsi Trails Council. He is a graduate of Kent State University, and is a Certified Lending Professional.

**About Team Capital Bank**

Team Capital Bank, a community bank that delivers banking services to personal and business customers, has nine banking offices in Allentown, Bethlehem, Doylestown and Newtown, Pennsylvania and Flemington, Somerville and Phillipsburg, New Jersey. The Bank is expanding into its fifth region: Essex County, New Jersey. Each office is managed locally, staffed by banking professionals with significant industry experience, and has a regional Board of Directors. One of the fastest growing banks in the country, Team Capital Bank is committed to delivering banking services that are Different and Better. Team Capital Bank received its charter from the Office of Thrift Supervision in 2005 and is FDIC insured. Team Capital Bank is a member of the FDIC, an Equal Opportunity Employer and an Equal Opportunity Lender. [www.teamcapitalbank.com](http://www.teamcapitalbank.com)

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