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Hanmi Bank Announces Hiring of Senior Lenders

New experienced lending talent to expand Hanmi's C&I lending capabilities

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Hanmi Bank** ("Hanmi"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hanmi Financial Corporation (NASDAQ:HAFC), today announced the hiring of two experienced lending officers to expand the Bank's C&I lending capabilities in the California and New York markets.

Robert Bartlett joins Hanmi as Executive Vice President & Specialty Lending Officer with a focus on C&I lending efforts, including specialty and entertainment financing, in California. In addition, Don Kim was named Senior Vice President & Commercial Lending Manager and will lead the Bank's corporate banking loan production office located in New York.

"I am very pleased to announce the additions of Robert Bartlett and Don Kim to the Hanmi team," said C. G. Kum, President & CEO of Hanmi. "This is the latest example of our ongoing efforts to expand Hanmi's commercial lending capabilities. Both Bob and Don are experienced commercial lenders with a proven track record of success and established customer relationships in the New York and Los Angeles markets."

Robert Bartlett brings more than 40 years of broad based commercial banking experience to Hanmi. Mr. Bartlett has served in executive management positions at several California banks. Prior to its merger with First California Bank in 2007, Mr. Bartlett was the Chief Credit Officer at National Mercantile Bank and also oversaw the entertainment lending division. Most recently, he was an Executive Vice President at Pacific Mercantile Bank.

Don Kim has more than 10 years of lending experience, primarily focused on commercial lending. Prior to joining Hanmi, Mr. Kim served as a relationship manager at HSBC Bank and Bank of Hope in New York.

About Hanmi Financial Corporation
Headquartered in Los Angeles, California, Hanmi Financial Corporation owns Hanmi Bank, which serves multi-ethnic communities through its network of 41 full-service branches and 6 loan production offices in California, Texas, Illinois, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Washington and Georgia. Hanmi Bank specializes in real estate, commercial, SBA and trade finance lending to small and middle market businesses.

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