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Press Release

COMMERCE NATIONAL BANK ANNOUNCES 2011 3rd QUARTER RESULTS

NEWPORT BEACH, CA, October 24, 2011 – Commerce National Bank ("the Bank") (OTCBB: CNBF.OB), a community business bank in its eighth year of operation, announced its financial results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2011.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Bank reported net income of \$459 thousand, or \$0.17 per diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$52 thousand, or (\$0.02) per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. For the quarter ended September 30, 2011, the Bank reported net income of \$126 thousand, or \$0.05 per diluted share, compared to a net income of \$180 thousand, or \$0.07 per diluted share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. President and CEO Mark E. Simmons stated, "The Bank is continuing to actively seek new business relationships within the local community, and has seen success during the first nine months of 2011 in increasing fee income."

The Bank's total assets as of September 30, 2011, decreased \$22.6 million, or 8%, to \$242.5 million from \$265.2 million at September 30, 2010, primarily due to the Bank paying off credit advances totaling \$17.6 million from the Federal Home Loan Bank. Net loans at September 30, 2011, decreased \$2.1 million, or 1%, to \$146.4 million from \$148.5 million at September 30, 2010, primarily due to the sale of SBA loans. Total deposits decreased \$4.7 million, or 2%, to \$213.4 million at September 30, 2011, compared to \$218.1 million at September 30, 2010, primarily due to seasonal fluctuations in several major customer accounts. Total equity increased \$448 thousand, or 2%, to \$28.0 million at September 30, 2011, as compared to \$27.4 million at September 30, 2010.

With its headquarters office in Newport Beach near John Wayne airport, the Bank is well positioned to serve businesses, professionals and selected real estate customers throughout Orange County. The Bank is staffed by experienced business bankers who are committed to providing exemplary service to their customers in the business community.

Forward-Looking Statement

This news release contains statements that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about Commerce National Bank's business based, in part, on assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements due to numerous factors, including those described above and the following: Commerce National Bank's timely development of new products and services, technological changes, changes in consumer spending and savings habits and other risks discussed from time to time in Commerce National Bank's reports and filings with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, and general domestic and international economic conditions. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and Commerce National Bank does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release.

Condensed Statements of Operations
In Thousands (Except Per Share Amounts) - Unaudited

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Interest Income	\$2,748	\$2,649	\$8,063	\$7,729
Interest Expense	275	378	980	1,237
Net Interest Income	2,473	2,271	7,083	6,492
Provision for Loan Losses	500	300	1,850	1,375
Net Interest Income After				
Provision for Loan Losses	1,898	1,971	5,158	5,117
Non-Interest Income	450	317	2,074	461
Non-Interest Expense	2,294	1,984	6,549	5,712
Gain / (Loss) on Securities or OREO Sales	93	0	40	0
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	223	304	797	(134)
Income Tax Expense / (Benefit)	97	125	338	(82)
Net Income / (Loss)	\$126	\$180	\$459	(\$52)
Basic Earnings / (Loss) Per Share	\$0.05	\$0.07	0.17	(0.02)
Diluted Earnings / (Loss) Per Share	\$0.05	\$0.07	0.17	(0.02)

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition
In Thousands - Unaudited

	September 30,	
	2011	2010
Assets		
Cash & Due From Banks	\$5,690	\$5,152
Federal Funds Sold & Excess Balances at FRB	10,352	7,592
Investments	73,099	96,900
Loans (Net)	146,426	148,533
Other Assets	6,953	6,993
Total Assets	\$242,520	\$265,170
Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity		
Demand Deposits	\$57,431	\$58,163
Money Market, Savings and NOW Accounts	44,340	47,424
Certificates of Deposit	111,630	112,513
Total Deposits	213,401	218,100
Other Borrowings	0	17,638
Other Liabilities	1,121	1,882
Total Shareholders' Equity	27,998	27,550
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	\$242,520	\$265,170