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VALLEY NATIONAL BANK APPOINTS STEPHEN M. LANG TO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – COMMERCIAL LENDING

WAYNE, N.J. – Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – Valley National Bank, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Valley National Bancorp (NYSE: VLY), has appointed Stephen M. Lang to First Vice President of Commercial Lending located at 275 Madison Avenue in New York City, New York.

Mr. Lang joined Valley in 2005 and has over 32 years of middle market lending experience. In his current role, he is responsible for managing his team of lenders, growing the loan portfolio, cross-selling other Valley services and providing exceptional customer service.



“Valley has a long and impressive history of serving the financial needs of middle market clients,” remarked Mr. Lang. “Our lending officers can provide custom-tailored financial plans that can help customers capture the full potential of their business.”

Mr. Lang received a Bachelor’s Degree in Atmospheric Science from SUNY at Albany, a Master’s Degree in Accounting from C.W. Post and a MBA in Finance from the Roth Graduate School of Business.

“Steve’s expertise and understanding of today’s business banking market has made him an invaluable asset to our commercial lending group,” remarked Executive Vice President James Lawrence.

Mr. Lang is a volunteer and former Events Chairman for the Foundation for Sight & Sound on Long Island. He can be reached at 212-973-6669 or by email at slang@valleynationalbank.com.

About Valley

Valley is a regional bank holding company headquartered in Wayne, New Jersey with nearly \$16 billion in assets after the acquisition of State Bancorp. Its principal subsidiary, Valley National Bank, currently operates 211 branches in 147 communities serving 16 counties throughout northern and central New Jersey, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island. Valley National Bank is one of the largest commercial banks headquartered in New Jersey and is committed to providing the most convenient service, the latest in product innovations and an experienced and knowledgeable staff with a high priority on friendly customer service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.