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***ECB Names Alan Riggs as
Assistant Vice President and Office Executive***

ENGELHARD, N.C. – C. Tim Britton, Vice President and Market Executive for The East Carolina Bank (ECB), announced that Alan Riggs has been named Assistant Vice President and Office Executive for ECB’s University Medical Center office in Greenville, NC.

“With over ten years of experience in the banking industry, Alan joins us ready to hit the ground running,” Britton said. “He knows banking, knows this market, and is excited to be part of ECB. That is a winning combination.”

Over the past 10 years, Riggs gained banking and branch management experience through working with Triangle Bank (now part of RBC), First Citizens Bank, and First South Bank, in progressively more responsible positions.

“ECB is the perfect place for me,” Riggs shared. “I appreciate the bank’s focus on serving not only our customers, but our community. I am pleased to be part of this team.”

Riggs earned his BS in Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing, from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. He is a member of the Greenville Jaycees.

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About ECB Bancorp, Inc.

ECB Bancorp, Inc. is a bank holding company, headquartered in Engelhard, North Carolina, whose wholly-owned subsidiary, The East Carolina Bank, is a state-chartered, independent community bank insured by the FDIC. The Bank provides a full range of financial services through its 25 offices covering eastern North Carolina from Currituck to Ocean Isle Beach and Greenville to Hatteras. The Bank also provides Mortgage, Wealth Management, and Insurance Services through the Bank's licensed agents. The Company's common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "ECBE." More information can be obtained by visiting ECB's web site at www.MyECB.com.

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