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Dunbar Promoted to Accounting Manager

ENGELHARD, N.C. – Gary Adams, Senior Vice President and Director of Financial Reporting, recently announced that Tina L. Dunbar has been promoted to Vice President and Accounting Manager for ECB.

“Tina is a dedicated employee to ECB and our organization is better because of her,” said Adams. “As our organization continues to grow and take on further challenges, Tina’s roll will continue to play a critical part to the success of the bank. Her behind-the-scene efforts have not gone unnoticed.”

“I am truly honored by this promotion and ECB has become an important part of my life,” stated Dunbar. “My years of service and experience with the bank have positioned me well for these new and challenging responsibilities.”

Dunbar began her career with ECB in 1990 as an Accounting Clerk and has worked in all phases of the accounting department. As the Accounting Manager, her responsibilities will include the management of day-to-day operations for the accounting department, overseeing a staff of four, and the continuing education of the department to ensure the department is functioning efficiently.

A graduate of Pungo Christian Academy, Dunbar is active within the community serving as the current Co-Chairman of the Hyde County Relay for Life and as a member of the Mt. Olive Church of Christ in Ponzer. In addition to Co-Chairman for Relay for Life, she has served Relay for Life in many other capacities. Dunbar enjoys spending her free time

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with her husband Richard, and their two children Jordan and Joshua. You may contact Dunbar for further comment by telephone at (252) 925-9411.

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 24 offices covering eastern North Carolina from Currituck to Ocean Isle Beach and Greenville to Hatteras. The Bank also provides mortgages, 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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