Central Bancorp, Inc. (Private; Garland, TX) has agreed to merge with Hanmi Financial Corporation (NASDAQ: HAFC; Los Angeles, CA)

Deal Value: \$50.0 million

Sandler O'Neill served as financial advisor to Central Bancorp, Inc. and rendered a fairness opinion in connection with the transaction. This transaction is Sandler O'Neill's 106th bank or thrift transaction nationwide since January 1, 2011. Sandler O'Neill has served as a financial advisor on more bank and thrift transactions than any other investment bank during that time period.

This transaction represents Sandler O'Neill's 12th bank and thrift transaction in Texas for an aggregate transaction value of \$2.85 billion since January 1, 2011, more than any other investment bank during that time period.¹

LOS ANGELES – Hanmi Financial Corporation (NASDAQ:HAFC) ("Hanmi"), the holding company for Hanmi Bank, announced today that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Central Bancorp, Inc. ("CBI"), parent of Texas-based United Central Bank. The combined company will have 51 banking offices and 2 loan production offices serving a broad range of ethnic communities in California, Texas, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Georgia.

As of September 30, 2013, CBI had approximately \$1.6 billion in assets, \$0.7 billion in gross loans and \$1.4 billion in deposits, and 24 branches across seven states (California, Texas, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Georgia).

Upon closing of the transaction, Hanmi will have approximately \$4.3 billion in assets, \$2.8 billion in gross loans and \$3.8 billion in deposits, and will be the second largest Korean-American bank with a #1 deposit market share ranking among Korean-American banks in Texas, Illinois and Virginia and a significant presence in other key markets. Key strategic benefits of the merger include:

- Access to highly attractive markets with large Asian-American communities, creating business opportunities by leveraging Hanmi's brand and business strategies
- Ability to realize significant cost savings and operational efficiencies for the combined company
- · Opportunity to prudently deploy capital at an attractive return for Hanmi shareholders

Under the terms of the agreement, the total merger consideration payable to CBI common stockholders is \$50 million in cash, subject to potential purchase price adjustments, representing approximately 62% of CBI's tangible book value as of September 30, 2013. The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2014. Excluding one-time merger expenses, the transaction is expected to be immediately accretive to 2014 earnings and significantly accretive to 2015 earnings and beyond; and is expected to generate internal rate of return in excess of 20% for Hanmi shareholders.

Financial Highlights		
(Dollars in millions)	<u>Central</u>	<u>HAFC</u>
Total Assets	\$1,581	\$2,845
Net Loans	\$656	\$2,108
Total Deposits	\$1,374	\$2,430
Total Equity	\$106	\$398
Tang. Comm. Equity / Tang. Assets	5.07%	13.95%
(1) Excludes terminated transactions and self-advisory roles		

Source: SNL Financial

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