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BWC FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2005 EARNINGS

James L. Ryan, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of BWC Financial Corp. and its subsidiaries Bank of Walnut Creek and BWC Mortgage Services, announced First Quarter 2006 income of \$2,076,000 or \$0.50 diluted earnings per share, compared to First Quarter 2005 income of \$1,680,000 or \$0.39 diluted earnings per share.

Earnings for First Quarter 2006 represent a return on average assets (ROA) of 1.55 % and return on average equity (ROE) of 16.24 %, compared to a 1.40% ROA and 14.33% ROE for the same period last year. Total assets of the Corporation at March 31, 2006 were \$564,239,000 compared to total assets of \$521,715,000 at the end of the First Quarter 2005.

Additional details may be found in the Summary of Consolidated Financial Results for First Quarter 2006:

Selected Financial Data - Summary:

The following table provides certain selected consolidated financial data as of and for the three month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

| SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT (Unaudited in thousands except share data) | Quarter Ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| Interest Income (not taxable equivalent) | \$ 9,995 | \$ 8,020 |
| Interest Expense | 2,498 | 1,512 |
| Net Interest Income | 7,497 | 6,508 |
| Allowance for Credit Losses | - | - |
| Net Interest Income after allowance for credit losses | 7,497 | 6,508 |
| Non-interest Income | 4,135 | 3,402 |
| Non-interest Expenses | 8,242 | 7,015 |
| Minority Interest | 63 | 104 |
| Income before income taxes | 3,327 | 2,791 |
| Provision for income taxes | 1,251 | 1,111 |
| Net Income | \$ 2,076 | \$ 1,680 |
| Per share: | | |
| Net Income - basic | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.40 |
| Net Income - diluted | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.39 |
| Weighted avg. shares used in Basic E.P.S calculation | 4,128,868 | 4,228,838 |
| Weighted avg. shares used in Diluted E.P.S calculation | 4,182,253 | 4,284,146 |
| Cash dividends | \$ 0.10 | \$ 0.08 |
| Book value at periodend | \$ 12.76 | \$ 11.41 |
| Ending Shares | 4,129,029 | 4,224,705 |

Financial Ratios:

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Return on Average Assets | 1.55% | 1.40% |
| Return on Average Equity | 16.24% | 14.33% |
| Net Interest Margin (taxable equivalent yield) | 5.89% | 5.59% |
| Net loan losses (recoveries) to avg. loans | 0.00 | (0.00) |
| Efficiency Ratio (Bank only) | 57.70% | 59.29% |

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

In thousands

Assets:

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash and Equivalents | \$ 23,238 | \$ 52,268 |
| Investments | 102,446 | 66,250 |
| Loans | 424,391 | 385,377 |
| Allowance for Credit Losses | (7,511) | (7,694) |
| BWC Mortgage Services | | |
| Loans Held-for-Sale | 5,473 | 10,899 |
| Other Assets | 16,202 | 14,615 |
| Total Assets | \$ 564,239 | \$ 521,715 |

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|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Deposits | \$ 431,666 | \$ 408,926 |
| REPO Sweeps | \$ 6,309 | \$ - |
| FHLB Borrowings | 63,710 | 49,778 |
| BWC Mortgage Services Borrowings | 5,303 | 10,695 |
| Other Liabilities | 4,581 | 4,114 |
| Total Liabilities | 511,569 | 473,513 |

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|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Equity | 52,670 | 48,202 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 564,239 | \$ 521,715 |

Founded in 1980, Bank of Walnut Creek's headquarters and main office are at 1400 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Additional branch offices are in Orinda, San Ramon, Danville, Pleasanton, and Livermore, with a regional commercial banking office in San Jose. BWC Mortgage Services, with headquarters at 3130 Crow Canyon Place in San Ramon, has mortgage consultants in each of the Bank's branch offices and additional offices in Tahoe City, Reno, Concord, Manteca, Redding and Las Vegas.

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