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Ms. Cecile Peters
Chief, Information Technology
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100 F Street, NE MS 3040
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File No. 001-35389

Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on December 22, 2011 the NYSE Amex LLC (the "Exchange") received from ECB Bancorp, Inc. (the "Registrant"), a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, par value \$3.50 per share

We further certify that the above described securities have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Jamie Paturelli ^(ccw)

Jamie Paturelli
Director, Corporate Compliance
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