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CENTRUST BANK HIRES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008, NORTHBROOK, IL—CenTrust Bank located at 385 Waukegan Road has hired John Benson to be the new CEO and President, bringing 25 years of experience in the commercial banking industry. He has intimate knowledge of lending, deposit gathering and the operational side of banking.

Benson previously was President of Charter National Bank & Trust in Hoffman Estates. Prior to that, Mr. Benson was CEO and President at several First Colonial Banks on Chicago's Northshore. John is well known in the Chicago banking community and has a superior track record of running community banks. Additionally, an entrepreneur, John established a successful equipment leasing company which, after several profitable years, was sold to a major Chicago area commercial banking organization. John has served on the boards of several local charitable organizations and has been involved in many community service groups. John has a B.S. in Management, an MBA, and a law degree.

CenTrust Bank is an independent bank with a community focus. The bank is dedicated to providing exceptional service to its customers through their highly skilled and knowledgeable team of banking and financial professionals. They offer a broad range of financial and credit services to personal and business customers.

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