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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(MARK ONE)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____
Commission file number 000-23877

Heritage Commerce Corp

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

California
*(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)*

77-0469558
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)*

**150 Almaden Boulevard
San Jose, California 95113**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

(408) 947-6900
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on which Registered
Common Stock, no par value	The NASDAQ Stock Market
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None	

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K, or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer <input type="radio"/>	Accelerated filer <input type="radio"/>	Non-accelerated filer <input type="radio"/>	Smaller reporting company <input checked="" type="radio"/>
		(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of June 30, 2010, based upon the closing price on that date of \$3.67 per share, and 9,661,348 shares held, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, was approximately \$35.5 million.

As of February 15, 2011, there were 26,233,001 shares of the Registrant's common stock (no par value) outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 26, 2011 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report. The proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the Registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

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Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Report on Form 10-K contains various statements that may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These forward-looking statements often can be, but are not always, identified by the use of words such as "assume," "expect," "intend," "plan," "project," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "anticipate," "may," "might," "should," "could," "goal," "potential" and similar expressions. We base these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events, our assumptions regarding these events and our knowledge of facts at the time the statements are made. These statements include statements relating to our projected growth, anticipated future financial performance, and management's long-term performance goals, as well as statements relating to the anticipated effects on results of operations and financial condition.

These forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties that may be outside our control and our actual results could differ materially from our projected results. In addition, our past results of operations do not necessarily indicate our future results. The forward-looking statements could be affected by many factors, including but not limited to:

Competition for loans and deposits and failure to attract or retain deposits and loans;

Local, regional, and national economic conditions and events and the impact they may have on us and our customers, and our assessment of that impact on our estimates including, the allowance for loan losses;

Risks associated with concentrations in real estate related loans;

Changes in the level of nonperforming assets and charge-offs and other credit quality measures, and their impact on the adequacy of the Company's allowance for loan losses and the Company's provision for loan losses;

The effects of and changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including the interest rate policies of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve Board;

Stability of funding sources and continued availability of borrowings;

Our compliance with and the effects of the regulatory Written Agreement the Company and Heritage Bank of Commerce, its subsidiary bank, have entered into with their regulators;

The effect of changes in laws and regulations with which the Company and Heritage Bank of Commerce must comply, including any increase in FDIC insurance premiums;

Our ability to raise capital or incur debt on reasonable terms;

Regulatory limits on Heritage Bank of Commerce's ability to pay dividends to the Company;

Future legislative or administrative changes to the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program enacted under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008;

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The impact of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and related rules and regulations on our business operations and competitiveness, including the impact of executive compensation restrictions, which may affect our ability to retain and recruit executives in competition with other firms who do not operate under those restrictions;

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The impact of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act signed by President Obama on July 21, 2010;

The effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the regulatory agencies, as well as the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other accounting standard setters;

Changes in the deferred tax asset valuation allowance in future quarters;

The costs and effects of legal and regulatory developments, including resolution of legal proceedings or regulatory or other governmental inquiries, and the results of regulatory examinations or reviews;

The ability to increase market share and control expenses; and

Our success in managing the risks involved in the foregoing items.

We are not able to predict all the factors that may affect future results. You should not place undue reliance on any forward looking statement, which speaks only as of the date of this Report on Form 10-K. Except as required by applicable laws or regulations, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

PART I

ITEM 1 BUSINESS

General

Heritage Commerce Corp, a California corporation organized in 1997, is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. We provide a wide range of banking services through Heritage Bank of Commerce, our wholly-owned subsidiary and our principal asset. Heritage Bank of Commerce is a California state-chartered bank headquartered in San Jose, California and has been conducting business since 1994.

Heritage Bank of Commerce is a multi-community independent bank that offers a full range of commercial banking services to small and medium-sized businesses and their owners, managers and employees. We operate through 10 full service branch offices located entirely in the southern and eastern regions of the general San Francisco Bay Area of California in the counties of Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa. Our market includes the headquarters of a number of technology based companies in the region commonly known as "Silicon Valley."

Our lending activities are diversified and include commercial, real estate, construction and land development, consumer and SBA guaranteed loans. We generally lend in markets where we have a physical presence through our branch offices and an SBA loan production office. We attract deposits throughout our market area with a customer-oriented product mix, competitive pricing, and convenient locations. We offer a wide range of deposit products for business banking and retail markets. We offer a multitude of other products and services to complement our lending and deposit services.

As a bank holding company, Heritage Commerce Corp is subject to the supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"). We are required to file with the Federal Reserve reports and other information regarding our business operations and the business operations of our subsidiaries. As a California chartered bank, Heritage Bank of Commerce is subject to primary supervision, periodic examination, and regulation by the California Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI"), and by the Federal Reserve, as its primary federal regulator.

Our principal executive office is located at 150 Almaden Boulevard, San Jose, California 95113, telephone number: (408) 947-6900.

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At December 31, 2010, we had consolidated assets of \$1.25 billion, deposits of \$993.9 million and shareholders' equity of \$182.2 million.

When we use "we", "us", "our" or the "Company", we mean the Company on a consolidated basis with Heritage Bank of Commerce. When we refer to "HCC" or the "holding company", we are referring to Heritage Commerce Corp on a standalone basis. When we use "HBC", we mean Heritage Bank of Commerce on a standalone basis.

The Internet address of the Company's website is "<http://www.heritagecommercecorp.com>." The Company makes available free of charge through the Company's website, the Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports. The Company makes these reports available on its website on the same day they appear on the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "SEC") website.

Heritage Bank of Commerce

HBC is a California state-chartered bank headquartered in San Jose, California. It was incorporated in November 1993 and opened for business in January 1994. HBC operates through ten full service branch offices. The locations of HBC's current offices are:

San Jose:	Administrative Office Main Branch 150 Almaden Boulevard San Jose, CA 95113
Fremont:	Branch Office 3077 Stevenson Boulevard Fremont, CA 94538
Danville:	Branch Office 387 Diablo Road Danville, CA 94526
Gilroy:	Branch Office 7598 Monterey Street Suite 110 Gilroy, CA 95020
Los Altos:	Branch Office 419 South San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA 95032
Los Gatos:	Branch Office 15575 Los Gatos Boulevard Los Gatos, CA 95032
Morgan Hill:	Branch Office 18625 Sutter Boulevard Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Mountain View:	Branch Office 175 E. El Camino Real Mountain View, CA 94040

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Pleasanton: Branch Office
300 Main Street
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Walnut Creek: Branch Office
101 Ygnacio Valley Road
Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

HBC is a full-service community bank offering an array of banking products and services to the communities it serves, including accepting time and demand products and originating commercial loans, commercial real estate loans, construction loans, and small business and consumer loans.

Lending Activities

Our commercial loan portfolio is comprised of operating secured loans advanced for working capital, equipment purchases and other business purposes. Generally short-term loans have maturities ranging from thirty days to one year, and "term loans" have maturities ranging from one to five years. Short-term business loans are generally intended to finance current transactions and typically provide for periodic principal payments, with interest payable monthly. Term loans generally provide for floating or fixed interest rates, with monthly payments of both principal and interest. Repayment of secured commercial loans depends substantially on the borrower's underlying business, financial condition and cash flows, as well as the sufficiency of the collateral. Compared to real estate, the collateral may be more difficult to monitor, evaluate and sell. It may also depreciate more rapidly than real estate. Such risks can be significantly affected by economic conditions. HBC's commercial loans are originated for in locally-oriented commercial activities in communities where HBC has a physical presence through its branch offices and loan production office.

HBC actively engages in Small Business Administration ("SBA") lending. HBC has been designated as an SBA Preferred Lender since 1999.

The commercial real estate loan portfolio is comprised of loans secured by commercial real estate. These loans are generally advanced based on the borrower's cash flow, and the underlying collateral provides a secondary source of payment. HBC generally restricts real estate term loans to no more than 75% of the property's appraised value or the purchase price of the property, depending on the type of property and its utilization. HBC offers both fixed and floating rate loans. Maturities on such loans are generally restricted to between five and ten years (with amortization ranging from fifteen to twenty-five years and a balloon payment due at maturity); however, SBA and certain real estate loans that can be sold in the secondary market may be advanced for longer maturities. Commercial real estate loans typically involve large balances to single borrowers or groups of related borrowers. Since payments on these loans are often dependent on the successful operation or management of the properties, as well as the business and financial condition of the borrower, repayment of such loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market, adverse economic conditions or changes in applicable government regulations. If the cash flow from the project decreases, or if leases are not obtained or renewed, the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired.

We make commercial construction loans for rental properties, commercial buildings and homes built by developers on speculative, undeveloped property. The terms of commercial construction loans are made in accordance with our commercial loan policy. Advances on construction loans are made in accordance with a schedule reflecting the cost of construction, but are generally limited to a 75% loan-to-completed-appraised-value ratio. Repayment of construction loans on non-residential properties is normally expected from the property's eventual rental income, income from the borrower's operating entity or the sale of the subject property. In the case of income-producing property, repayment is usually expected from permanent financing upon completion of construction. At times we provide the permanent mortgage financing on our

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construction loans on income-producing property. Construction loans are interest-only loans during the construction period, which typically do not exceed 12 months. If HBC provides permanent financing the short-term loan converts to permanent, amortizing financing following the completion of construction. Generally, before making a commitment to fund a construction loan, we require an appraisal of the property by a state-certified or state-licensed appraiser. We review and inspect properties before disbursement of funds during the term of the construction loan. The repayment of construction loans is dependent upon the successful and timely completion of the construction of the subject property, as well as the sale of the property to third parties or the availability of permanent financing upon completion of all improvements. Construction loans expose us to the risk that improvements will not be completed on time, and in accordance with specifications and projected costs. Construction delays, the financial impairment of the builder, interest rate increases or economic downturn may further impair the borrower's ability to repay the loan. In addition, the borrower may not be able to obtain permanent financing or ultimate sale or rental of the property may not occur as anticipated. HBC utilizes underwriting guidelines to assess the likelihood of repayment from sources such as sale of the property or permanent mortgage financing prior to making the construction loan.

Our home equity line portfolio is comprised of home equity lines to customers in our markets. Home equity lines of credit are underwritten in a manner such that they result in credit risk that is substantially similar to that of residential mortgage loans. Nevertheless, home equity lines of credit have greater credit risk than residential mortgage loans because they are often secured by mortgages that are subordinated to the existing first mortgage on the property, which we may or may not hold, and they are not covered by private mortgage insurance coverage.

The consumer loan portfolio includes miscellaneous consumer loans including loans for financing automobiles, various consumer goods and other personal purposes. Consumer loans are generally secured. Repossessed collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment for the outstanding loan, and the remaining deficiency may not warrant further substantial collection efforts against the borrower. In addition, consumer loan collections are dependent on the borrower's continued financial stability, which can be adversely affected by job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount which can be recovered on such loans.

As of December 31, 2010, the percentage of our total loans for each of the principal areas in which we directed our lending activities were as follows: (i) commercial and industrial 45% (including SBA loans), (ii) real estate secured loans 40%, (iii) land and construction loans 7%, and (iv) consumer (including home equity) 8%. While no specific industry concentration is considered significant, our lending operations are located in market areas dependent on technology and real estate industries and their supporting companies.

Investments

Our investment policy is established by the Board of Directors. The general investment strategies are developed and authorized by our Finance and Investment Committee of the Board of Directors. The investment policy is reviewed annually by the Finance and Investment Committee, and any changes to the policy are subject to approval by the full Board of Directors. The overall objectives of the investment policy are to maintain a portfolio of high quality and diversified investments to maximize interest income over the long term and to minimize risk, to provide collateral for borrowings, to provide additional earnings when loan production is low. The policy dictates that investment decisions give consideration to the safety of principal, liquidity requirements and interest rate risk management. All securities transactions are reported to the Board of Directors' Finance and Investment Committee on a monthly basis.

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Sources of Funds

Deposits traditionally have been our primary source of funds for our investment and lending activities. We also are able to borrow from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco to supplement cash flow needs. Our additional sources of funds are scheduled loan payments, maturing investments, loan repayments, income on other earning assets and the proceeds of loan sales.

Interest rates, maturity terms, service fees and withdrawal penalties are established on a periodic basis. Deposit rates and terms are based primarily on current operating strategies and market interest rates, liquidity requirements and our deposit growth goals.

We offer a wide range of deposit products for retail and business banking markets including checking accounts, interest-bearing transaction accounts, savings accounts, time deposits and retirement accounts. Our branch network enables us to attract deposits from throughout our market area with a customer-oriented product mix, competitive pricing, and convenient locations. HBC joined the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS®) program in August 2008, which enables our local customers to obtain expanded FDIC insurance coverage on their deposits. At December 31, 2010, HBC had approximately 15,600 deposit accounts totaling \$993.9 million, including brokered deposits, compared to 15,700 deposit accounts totaling approximately \$1.09 billion as of December 31, 2009.

Other Banking Services

We offer a multitude of other products and services to complement our lending and deposit services. These include cashier's checks, traveler's checks, bank-by-mail, ATM, night depository, safe deposit boxes, direct deposit, automated payroll services, electronic funds transfers, online banking, online bill pay, and other customary banking services. HBC currently operates ATMs at six different locations. In addition, we have established a convenient customer service group accessible by toll-free telephone to answer questions and promote a high level of customer service. HBC does not have a trust department. In addition to the traditional financial services offered, HBC offers remote deposit capture, automated clearing house origination, electronic data interchange and check imaging. HBC continues to investigate products and services that it believes address the growing needs of its customers and to analyze other markets for potential expansion opportunities.

U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program

On November 21, 2008, HCC issued 40,000 shares of Series A Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock ("Series A Preferred Stock") to the U.S. Treasury under the terms of the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program for \$40.0 million with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The Series A Preferred Stock carries a coupon of 5% for five years and 9% thereafter. The Series A Preferred Stock is non-voting, cumulative, and perpetual and may be redeemed at 100% of its liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends. In addition, HCC issued a warrant to the U.S. Treasury to purchase 462,963 shares of HCC's common stock. The warrant is exercisable immediately at a price of \$12.96 per share, will expire after a period of 10 years from issuance and is transferable by the U.S. Treasury. The U.S. Treasury may transfer a portion or portions of the warrant, and/or exercise the warrant at any time. The U.S. Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any common shares issued to it upon exercise of the warrant. At December 31, 2010, there had been no changes to the number of common shares covered by the warrant nor had the U.S. Treasury exercised any portion of the warrant.

Under the terms of the Capital Purchase Program, HCC is prohibited from increasing dividends above \$0.08 per share on its common stock, and from making certain repurchases of equity securities, including its common stock, without the U.S. Treasury's consent. Furthermore, as long as the preferred stock issued to the U.S. Treasury is outstanding, dividend payments and repurchases or redemptions relating to certain equity securities, including HCC's common stock, are prohibited until all accrued and unpaid dividends are paid on the Series A Preferred Stock. As permitted under the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, HCC

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suspended the payment of dividends on its Series A Preferred Stock in November 2009. HCC is further restricted from paying dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock under its Written Agreement with its regulators. Under the terms of the Written Agreement, HCC may not pay any dividends on its capital stock, including preferred stock without the prior approval of its regulators. As a result, HCC has accrued but has not paid approximately \$2.8 million in dividends on its Series A Preferred Stock as of December 31, 2010. On February 15, 2011, HCC suspended payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for the sixth consecutive quarter, and therefore, the U.S. Treasury has the right to appoint two members to the Company's Board of Directors. If the U.S. Treasury exercises its rights, these directors would serve on the Company's Board of Directors until such time as the Company has paid in full all dividends not previously paid. So long as payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock remain suspended, we may not, among other things and with limited exceptions, pay cash dividends on or repurchase our common stock or preferred stock. Effective during the first quarter of 2011, the Company has permitted the U.S. Treasury to allow an observer employed by the U. S. Treasury to attend meetings of the Company's Board of Directors.

Regulatory Action

On February 17, 2010, HCC and HBC entered into a Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the California Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI"). Under the terms of the Written Agreement, the Company must obtain the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve and DFI before it may (i) declare or pay any dividends on common stock or preferred stock; (ii) make any distributions of principal or interest on HCC's outstanding trust preferred securities and related subordinated debt; (iii) incur, increase or guarantee any debt; (iv) redeem any outstanding stock; or (v) take dividends or any other form of payment that represents a reduction in capital from HBC. The Written Agreement required the Company to submit written plans within certain timeframes to the Federal Reserve and the DFI that addresses the following items (i) strengthening credit risk management practices; (ii) improving HBC's position with respect to problem loans in excess of \$2 million; (iii) maintaining adequate reserves for loan and lease losses; (iv) maintaining sufficient capital at HCC and HBC; (v) improving the management of HBC's liquidity position and funds management practices; and (vi) improving the Company's earnings and overall condition through a business plan and budget.

In addition, the Written Agreement (i) required HBC's Board of Directors or a designated committee thereof to approve any extension, renewal or restructuring of any credit to any borrower whose loans have been "criticized"; (ii) requires HBC to charge off loans classified as "loss" by the Federal Reserve and/or DFI; (iii) requires the Company to notify the Federal Reserve and DFI no more than 30 days after the end of any quarter in which the capital ratios of HCC or HBC fall below the approved capital plan' minimum levels; (iv) requires HCC and HBC to comply with the notice provisions of Section 32 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Subpart H of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in connection with appointing any new director or senior executive officer or changing the responsibilities of any senior executive officer so that the officer would assume a different senior executive officer position; (v) requires HCC and HBC to comply with the restrictions on indemnification and severance payments of Section 18(k) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Part 359 of the FDIC's regulations; and (vi) requires the Company to provide quarterly progress reports to the Federal Reserve and the DFI.

The Board of Directors and management of the Company are committed to addressing and resolving the matters raised in the Written Agreement on a timely basis and actions have been undertaken to comply with the various items addressed by the Written Agreement. A joint compliance committee was formed by the Board of Directors in February 2010 to oversee HCC's and HBC's response to the Written Agreement. The committee reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

Prior to entering into the Written Agreement in February 2010, HCC had already ceased paying dividends on its common stock (in the second quarter of 2009), suspended interest payments on its trust

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preferred securities and related subordinated debt (in the fourth quarter of 2009), and suspended dividend payments on its Series A Preferred Stock (also in the fourth quarter of 2009). As a result, the Company has accrued but has not paid approximately \$2.5 million in interest on its subordinated debt, and approximately \$2.8 million in dividends on its Series A Preferred Stock as of December 31, 2010.

The Company submitted specific plans to the FRB and DFI relating to improving asset quality and credit risk management, improving profitability, liquidity management and its capital plan. All of these plans have been accepted as satisfactory by the FRB and DFI. With respect to credit risk management, management has developed and utilizes risk of loss and loss given default models to evaluate risk exposure limits and potential changes in market conditions and conducts monthly reviews of credit risk management reports with the Boards of Directors of HCC and HBC. With respect to asset improvement, the Company has taken steps to mitigate risk on each real estate loan upon renewal, or sooner based on facts and circumstances, to ensure that HBC has updated appraisals or evaluations which may result in additional collateral or guarantees. If necessary, the loan will be downgraded, placed on nonaccrual status, or foreclosed upon. In addition, the Company has reduced nonperforming loans as evidenced by a 47% decline in nonperforming loans at December 31, 2010 to \$33.3 million compared to nonperforming loans at December 31, 2009 of \$62.4 million. With respect to allowance for loan and lease losses, the Company's current methodology considers HBC's loan grading system, the volume and severity of criticized loans, concentrations, historical losses, and the impact of overall economic and market conditions on loan and collateral values that could result in probable losses within the portfolio, and the methodology is monitored as events and circumstances change. With respect to capital, HCC issued \$75 million of preferred stock on June 21, 2010 and subsequently contributed \$40 million of capital to HBC. In addition, the Company has developed a capital stress testing methodology that is updated each quarter and reviewed by the Finance and Investment Committee of the Board of Directors. With respect to liquidity funds management, the Company has a contingent liquidity plan and updates the contingent liquidity plan and its liquidity models each quarter which are reviewed by the Finance and Investment Committee of the Board of Directors. With respect to earnings and overall condition, the Company's Board of Directors has approved a 2011 budget for the Company.

As of the date of this filing, HCC and HBC believe they are in compliance with the requirements of the Written Agreement. Failure to comply with the Written Agreement may subject HCC and HBC to additional supervisory actions and orders.

Private Placement

On June 21, 2010, HCC issued to various institutional investors 53,996 shares of Series B Mandatorily Convertible Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock ("Series B Preferred Stock") and 21,004 shares of Series C Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock ("Series C Preferred Stock") for an aggregate purchase price of \$75 million. The Series B Preferred Stock was mandatorily convertible into common stock upon approval by the shareholders at a conversion price of \$3.75 per share. The Series C Preferred Stock is mandatorily convertible into common stock at a conversion price of \$3.75 per share upon both approval by the shareholders and, thereafter, a subsequent transfer of the Series C Preferred Stock to third parties not affiliated with the holder in a widely dispersed offering. At HCC's Special Meeting of Shareholders held on September 15, 2010, HCC's shareholders approved the issuance of common stock upon the conversion of the Series B Preferred Stock and upon the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock as required by The NASDAQ Stock Market and California corporate law. As a result, on September 16, 2010, the Series B Preferred Stock was converted into 14,398,992 shares of common stock of HCC and the shares of Series B Preferred Stock ceased to be outstanding. The Series C Preferred Stock remains outstanding until it has been converted into common stock in accordance with its terms. The Series C Preferred Stock is non-voting except in the case of certain transactions that would affect the rights of the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock or applicable law. Holders of Series C Preferred Stock will receive dividends if and only to the extent dividends are paid to holders of common stock. The Series C Preferred Stock is not

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redeemable by HCC or by the holders and has a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The Series C Preferred Stock ranks senior to HCC's common stock and ranks on parity with HCC's Series A Preferred Stock.

Correspondent Banks

Correspondent bank deposit accounts are maintained to enable the Company to transact types of activity that it would otherwise be unable to perform or would not be cost effective due to the size of the Company or volume of activity. The Company has utilized several correspondent banks to process a variety of transactions.

Competition

The banking and financial services business in California generally, and in the Company's market areas specifically, is highly competitive. The industry continues to consolidate and unregulated competitors have entered banking markets with products targeted at highly profitable customer segments. Many larger unregulated competitors are able to compete across geographic boundaries, and provide customers with meaningful alternatives to most significant banking services and products. These consolidation trends are likely to continue. The increasingly competitive environment is a result primarily of changes in regulation, changes in technology and product delivery systems, and the consolidation among financial service providers.

With respect to commercial bank competitors, the business is dominated by a relatively small number of major banks that operate a large number of offices within our geographic footprint. For the combined Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa county region, the three counties within which the Company operates, the top three institutions are all multi-billion dollar entities with an aggregate of 387 offices that control a combined 56.08% of deposit market share based on June 30, 2010 FDIC market share data. HBC ranks fifteenth with 0.90% share of total deposits based on June 30, 2010 market share data. These banks have, among other advantages, the ability to finance wide-ranging advertising campaigns and to allocate their resources to regions of highest yield and demand. They can also offer certain services that we do not offer directly, but may offer indirectly through correspondent institutions. By virtue of their greater total capitalization, these banks also have substantially higher lending limits than we do. For customers whose needs exceed our legal lending limit, we arrange for the sale, or "participation," of some of the balances to financial institutions that are not within our geographic footprint.

In addition to other large regional banks and local community banks, our competitors include savings institutions, securities and brokerage companies, mortgage companies, credit unions, finance companies and money market funds. In recent years, we have also witnessed increased competition from specialized companies that offer wholesale finance, credit card, and other consumer finance services, as well as services that circumvent the banking system by facilitating payments via the internet, wireless devices, prepaid cards, or other means. Technological innovations have lowered traditional barriers of entry and enabled many of these companies to compete in financial services markets. Such innovation has, for example, made it possible for non-depository institutions to offer customers automated transfer payment services that previously were considered traditional banking products. In addition, many customers now expect a choice of delivery channels, including telephone and smart phones, mail, personal computer, ATMs, self-service branches, and/or in-store branches. Competitors offering such products include traditional banks and savings associations, credit unions, brokerage firms, asset management groups, finance and insurance companies, internet-based companies, and mortgage banking firms.

Strong competition for deposits and loans among financial institutions and non-banks alike affects interest rates and other terms on which financial products are offered to customers. Mergers between financial institutions have placed additional pressure on other banks within the industry to remain competitive by streamlining operations, reducing expenses, and increasing revenues. Competition has also

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intensified due to federal and state interstate banking laws enacted in the mid-1990's, which permit banking organizations to expand into other states. The relatively large and expanding California market has been particularly attractive to out of state institutions. The Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 has made it possible for full affiliations to occur between banks and securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial companies, and has also intensified competitive conditions. See Item 1 "Business Supervision and Regulation Heritage Commerce Corp Financial Modernization".

In order to compete with the other financial service providers, the Company principally relies upon community-oriented, personalized service, local promotional activities, personal relationships established by officers, directors, and employees with its customers, and specialized services tailored to meet its customers' needs. Our "preferred lender" status with the Small Business Administration allows us to approve SBA loans faster than many of our competitors. In those instances where the Company is unable to accommodate a customer's needs, the Company seeks to arrange for such loans on a participation basis with other financial institutions or to have those services provided in whole or in part by its correspondent banks. See Item 1 "Business Correspondent Banks."

Economic Conditions, Government Policies, Legislation, and Regulation

The Company's profitability, like most financial institutions, is primarily dependent on interest rate differentials. In general, the difference between the interest rates paid by HBC on interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and other borrowings, and the interest rates received by HBC on interest-earning assets, such as loans extended to customers and securities held in the investment portfolio, will comprise the major portion of the Company's earnings. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors that are beyond the control of the Company and HBC, such as inflation, recession and unemployment, and the impact which future changes in domestic and foreign economic conditions might have on the Company and HBC cannot be predicted.

The Company's business is also influenced by the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government and the policies of regulatory agencies, particularly the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board implements national monetary policies (with objectives such as curbing inflation and combating recession) through its open-market operations in U.S. Government securities by adjusting the required level of reserves for depository institutions subject to its reserve requirements, and by varying the target Federal funds and discount rates applicable to borrowings by depository institutions. The actions of the Federal Reserve Board in these areas influence the growth of bank loans, investments, and deposits and also affect interest earned on interest-earning assets and paid on interest-bearing liabilities. The nature and impact of any future changes in monetary and fiscal policies on the Company cannot be predicted.

From time to time, federal and state legislation is enacted which may have the effect of materially increasing the cost of doing business, limiting or expanding permissible activities, or affecting the competitive balance between banks and other financial services providers. In addition, the various bank regulatory agencies often adopt new rules and regulations and policies to implement and enforce existing legislation. It cannot be predicted whether, or in what form, any such legislation or regulations or changes in policy may be enacted or the extent to which the business of the Company would be affected thereby. The Company cannot predict whether or when potential legislation will be enacted and, if enacted, the effect that it, or any implemented regulations and supervisory policies, would have on our financial condition or results of operations. In addition, the outcome of examinations, any litigation or any investigations initiated by state or federal authorities may result in necessary changes in our operations and increased compliance costs.

On October 3, 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was enacted to restore confidence and stabilize the volatility in the U.S. banking system and to encourage financial institutions to increase their lending to customers and to each other. Initially introduced as the Troubled Asset Relief

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Program, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act authorized the U.S. Treasury to purchase from financial institutions and their holding companies up to \$700 billion in mortgage loans, mortgage-related securities and certain other financial instruments, including debt and equity securities issued by financial institutions and their holding companies in a troubled asset relief program. Initially, \$350 billion or half of the \$700 billion was made immediately available to the U.S. Treasury. On January 15, 2009, the remaining \$350 billion was released to the U.S. Treasury.

On October 14, 2008, the U.S. Treasury announced its intention to inject capital into nine large U.S. financial institutions under the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program, and since then has injected capital into many other financial institutions, including the Company. On November 21, 2008, HCC entered into a Letter Agreement and Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms, pursuant to which HCC issued and sold preferred stock for \$40.0 million and issued a common stock warrant.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes various programs intended to stimulate the economy. In addition, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act imposes certain new executive compensation and corporate governance requirements on all current and future Capital Purchase Program recipients, including the Company, until the institution has repaid the U.S. Treasury, which is permitted under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act without penalty, subject to the U.S. Treasury's consultation with the recipient's appropriate regulatory agency.

Dodd-Frank Legislation

On July 21, 2010, the President signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"). This new law will significantly change the current bank regulatory structure and affect the lending, deposit, investment, trading and operating activities of financial institutions and their holding companies. The Dodd-Frank Act requires various federal agencies to adopt a broad range of new implementing rules and regulations, and to prepare numerous studies and reports for Congress. The federal agencies are given significant discretion in drafting the implementing rules and regulations and, consequently, many of the details and much of the impact of the Dodd-Frank Act may not be known for many months or years.

Effective one year after the date of enactment is a provision for the Dodd-Frank Act that eliminates the federal prohibitions on paying interest on demand deposits, thus allowing businesses to have interest bearing checking accounts. Depending on competitive responses, this significant change to existing law could have an adverse impact on our interest expense.

The Dodd-Frank Act also broadens the base for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation deposit insurance assessments. Assessments will now be based on the average consolidated total assets less tangible equity capital of a financial institution, rather than deposits. The Dodd-Frank Act also permanently increases the maximum amount of deposit insurance for banks, savings institutions and credit unions to \$250,000 per account, retroactive to January 1, 2008, and non-interest bearing transaction accounts have unlimited deposit insurance through December 31, 2013. The legislation also increases the required minimum reserve ratio for the Deposit Insurance Fund, from 1.15% to 1.35% of insured deposits, and directs the FDIC to offset the effects of increased assessments on depository institutions with less than \$10 billion in assets.

The Dodd-Frank Act will require publicly traded companies to give stockholders a non-binding vote on executive compensation and so-called "golden parachute" payments, and authorizes the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate rules that would allow stockholders to nominate their own candidates using a company's proxy materials. It also provides that the listing standards of the national securities exchanges must require listed companies to implement and disclose "clawback" policies mandating the recovery of incentive compensation paid to executive officers in connection with accounting restatements. The legislation also directs the Federal Reserve Board to promulgate rules prohibiting excessive compensation paid to bank holding company executives, regardless of whether the company is publicly traded or not.

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The Dodd-Frank Act creates a new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with broad powers to supervise and enforce consumer protection laws. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has broad rule-making authority for a wide range of consumer protection laws that apply to all banks and savings institutions, including the authority to prohibit "unfair, deceptive or abusive" acts and practices. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has examination and enforcement authority over all banks and savings institutions with more than \$10 billion in assets. Banks such as HBC with \$10 billion or less in assets will continue to be examined for compliance with the consumer laws by their primary bank regulators. The Dodd-Frank Act also weakens the federal preemption rules that have been applicable for national banks and federal savings associations, and gives state attorneys general the ability to enforce federal consumer protection laws.

The Dodd-Frank Act requires minimum leverage (Tier 1) and risk based capital requirements for bank and savings and loan holding companies that are no less than those applicable to banks, which will exclude certain instruments that previously have been eligible for inclusion by bank holding companies as Tier 1 capital, such as trust preferred securities.

It is difficult to predict at this time what specific impact the Dodd-Frank Act and the yet to be written implementing rules and regulations will have on community banks. However, it is expected that at a minimum they will increase our operating and compliance costs.

Supervision and Regulation

Introduction

Banking is a complex, highly regulated industry. The primary goals of the regulatory scheme are to maintain a safe and sound banking system, protect depositors and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's ("FDIC") insurance fund, and facilitate the conduct of sound monetary policy. In furtherance of these goals, Congress and the states have created several largely autonomous regulatory agencies and enacted numerous laws that govern banks, bank holding companies and the financial services industry. Consequently, the growth and earnings performance of the Company can be affected not only by management decisions and general economic conditions, but also by the requirements of applicable state and federal statutes, regulations and the policies of various governmental regulatory authorities, including the Federal Reserve Board, FDIC, and the DFI.

The system of supervision and regulation applicable to financial services businesses governs most aspects of the business of the Company, including: (i) the scope of permissible business; (ii) investments; (iii) reserves that must be maintained against deposits; (iv) capital levels that must be maintained; (v) the nature and amount of collateral that may be taken to secure loans; (vi) the establishment of new branches; (vii) mergers and consolidations with other financial institutions; and (viii) the payment of dividends.

Set forth below is a description of the significant elements of the laws and regulations applicable to HCC and HBC. The description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the statutes, regulations and policies that are described. Also, such statutes, regulations and policies are continually under review by the U.S. Congress and state legislatures and federal and state regulatory agencies. A change in statutes, regulations or regulatory policies applicable to HCC or HBC could have a material effect on our business.

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General. As a bank holding company, HCC is registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended ("BHCA"), and is subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve Board. Under the BHCA, HCC and HBC are subject to periodic examination by the Federal Reserve Board. HCC is also required to file periodic reports of its operations and any additional information regarding its activities and those of its subsidiaries, as may be required by the Federal Reserve Board.

HCC is also a bank holding company within the meaning of Section 3700 of the California Financial Code. Consequently, HCC and HBC are subject to examination by, and may be required to file reports

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with, the DFI. Regulations have not yet been proposed or adopted or steps otherwise taken to implement the DFI's powers under this statute.

HCC's stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market (under the trading symbol "HTBK"), and HCC is subject to rules and regulations of The NASDAQ Stock Market, including those related to corporate governance. HCC is also subject to the periodic reporting requirements of Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") which requires HCC to file annual, quarterly and other current reports with the SEC. HCC is subject to additional regulations including, but not limited to, the proxy and tender offer rules promulgated by the SEC under Sections 13 and 14 of the Exchange Act, the reporting requirements of directors, executive officers and principal shareholders regarding transactions in the HCC's common stock and short swing profits rules promulgated by the SEC under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and certain additional reporting requirements by principal shareholders of HCC promulgated by the SEC under Section 13 of the Exchange Act.

Dividends. The principal source of HCC's cash revenues are dividends from its bank subsidiary, HBC. HCC's earnings and activities are affected by legislation, by regulations and by local legislative and administrative bodies and decisions of courts in the jurisdictions in which we conduct business. For example, these include limitations on the ability of HBC to pay dividends to HCC and our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders. It is the policy of the Federal Reserve Board that bank holding companies should pay cash dividends on common stock only out of income available over the past year and only if prospective earnings retention is consistent with the organization's expected future needs and financial condition. The policy provides that bank holding companies should not maintain a level of cash dividends that undermines the bank holding company's ability to serve as a source of strength to its banking subsidiary.

As a member of the Federal Reserve System, HBC is subject to Regulation H, which, among other things, provides that a member bank may not declare or pay a dividend if the total of all dividends declared during the calendar year, including the proposed dividend, exceeds the sum of the bank's net income (as reportable in its Reports of Condition and Income) during the current calendar year and its retained net income for the prior two calendar years, unless the Federal Reserve has approved the dividend. Regulation H also provides that a member bank may not declare or pay a dividend if the dividend would exceed the bank's undivided profits as reportable on its Reports of Condition and Income, unless the Federal Reserve and holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of each class of the bank's outstanding stock have approved the dividend. Additionally, there are potential additional restrictions and prohibitions if a bank were to be less than well-capitalized.

As a California state-chartered bank, HBC is also subject to limitations under California law on the payment of dividends. HCC is entitled to receive dividends, when and as declared by HBC's Board of Directors. Those dividends may come from funds legally available for those dividends, as specified and limited by the California Financial Code. Under the California Financial Code, funds available for cash dividends by a California-chartered bank are restricted to the lesser of: (i) the bank's retained earnings; or (ii) the bank's net income for its last three fiscal years (less any distributions to shareholders made during such period). With the prior approval of the DFI, cash dividends may also be paid out of the greater of: (a) the bank's retained earnings; (b) net income for the bank's last preceding fiscal year; or (c) net income of the bank's current fiscal year. If the DFI determines that the shareholders' equity of the bank paying the dividend is not adequate or that the payment of the dividend would be unsafe or unsound for the bank, the DFI may order the bank not to pay the dividend. Since HBC is an FDIC-insured institution, it is also possible, depending upon its financial condition and other factors, that the FDIC could assert that the payment of dividends or other payments might, under some circumstances, constitute an unsafe or unsound practice and thereby prohibit such payments.

The California General Corporation Law prohibits HCC from paying dividends on the common stock unless: (i) its retained earnings, immediately prior to the dividend payment, equals or exceeds the amount of the dividend; or (ii) immediately after giving effect to the dividend, the sum of HCC's assets (exclusive of goodwill and deferred charges) would be at least equal to 125% of its liabilities (not including deferred

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taxes, deferred income and other deferred credits) and the current assets of HCC would be at least equal to its current liabilities, or, if the average of its earnings before taxes on income and before interest expense for the two preceding fiscal years was less than the average of its interest expense for the two preceding fiscal years, at least equal to 125% of its current liabilities.

The Written Agreement discussed above prohibits both HCC and HBC from paying dividends without the prior written approval of the Federal Reserve and the DFI.

As long as the Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, dividend payments relating to HCC's common stock are prohibited until all accrued and unpaid dividends are paid on the Series A Preferred Stock. As permitted under the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, HCC suspended the payment of dividends on its Series A Preferred Stock in November 2009.

Under the terms of our trust preferred financings, including our related subordinated debentures, we cannot declare or pay any dividends or distributions (other than stock dividends) on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any shares of our capital stock if: (i) an event of default under any of the subordinated debenture agreements has occurred and is continuing; or (ii) if we give notice of our election to begin an extension period whereby we may defer payment of interest on the trust preferred securities for a period of up to sixty consecutive months as long as we are in compliance with all covenants of the agreement. In November 2009, we elected to defer regularly scheduled interest payments on each of our subordinated debentures until further notice. In addition, we are currently restricted from making payments of principal or interest on our subordinated debentures or trust preferred securities under the terms of our Written Agreement without the prior approval of the Federal Reserve.

Affiliate Transactions. There are various restrictions on the ability of the holding company to borrow from, and engage in certain other transactions with its bank subsidiary. In general, these restrictions require that any extensions of credit must be secured by designated amounts of specified collateral and are limited, as to transactions with HBC, to 10% of HBC's capital stock and surplus, and, as HCC, to 20% of HBC's capital stock and surplus.

Federal law also provides that extensions of credit and other transactions between HBC and HCC must be on terms and conditions, including credit standards, that are substantially the same or at least as favorable to HBC as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions involving other non-affiliated companies or, in the absence of comparable transactions, on terms and conditions, including credit standards that in good faith would be offered to or would apply to non-affiliated companies.

Source of Strength Doctrine. Federal Reserve Board policy requires bank holding companies to act as a source of financial and managerial strength to their subsidiary banks. Under this policy, the holding company is expected to commit resources to support its bank subsidiary, including at times when the holding company may not be in a financial position to provide it. It is the Federal Reserve Board's position that bank holding companies should stand ready to use their available resources to provide adequate capital to their subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress or adversity. Bank holding companies must also maintain the financial flexibility and capital raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting their subsidiary bank. Any capital loans by a bank holding company to its subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary bank. The BHCA provides that, in the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a bank subsidiary will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to priority of payment.

Investments and Acquisition of other Banks. Under the BHCA, a bank holding company must obtain the Federal Reserve Board's approval before: (i) directly or indirectly acquiring more than 5% ownership or control of any voting shares of another bank or bank holding company; (ii) acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of another bank; or (iii) merging or consolidating with another bank holding company.

Tie-in Arrangements. Federal law prohibits a bank holding company and any subsidiary banks from engaging in certain tie-in arrangements in connection with the extension of credit. Thus, for example, HBC

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may not extend credit, lease or sell property, or furnish any services, or fix or vary the consideration for any of the foregoing on the condition that: (i) the customer must obtain or provide some additional credit, property or services from or to HBC other than a loan, discount, deposit or trust services; (ii) the customer must obtain or provide some additional credit, property or service from or to HCC or HBC; or (iii) the customer must not obtain some other credit, property or services from competitors, except reasonable requirements to assure soundness of credit extended.

Interstate Banking and Branching. The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the "Interstate Banking Act") regulates the interstate activities of banks and bank holding companies and establishes a framework for nationwide interstate banking and branching. Since June 1, 1997, a bank has generally been permitted to merge with a bank in another state without state law authorization. However, states were given the ability to prohibit interstate mergers with banks in their own state by "opting out" (enacting state legislation applying equality to all out of state banks prohibiting such mergers) prior to June 1, 1997. The Dodd-Frank Act eliminates interstate branching restrictions that were implemented as part of the Interstate Banking Act, and removes many restrictions on de novo interstate branching by national and state-chartered banks.

In 1995, California enacted legislation to implement important provisions of the Interstate Banking Act discussed above and to repeal California's previous interstate banking laws, which were largely preempted by the Interstate Banking Act.

The changes effected by the Interstate Banking Act and California laws have increased competition in the environment in which the Company operates to the extent that out of state financial institutions directly or indirectly enter the Company's market areas. It appears that the Interstate Banking Act has contributed to accelerated consolidation within the banking industry.

Capital Adequacy. Bank holding companies must maintain minimum levels of capital under the Federal Reserve Board's risk-based capital adequacy guidelines. If capital falls below minimum guideline levels, a bank holding company, among other things, may be denied approval to acquire or establish additional banks or non-bank businesses.

The Federal Reserve Board's risk-based capital adequacy guidelines, discussed in more detail below in the section entitled "*Supervision and Regulation Heritage Bank of Commerce Regulatory Capital Guidelines*," assign various risk percentages to different categories of assets, and capital is measured as a percentage of risk-weighted assets. Under the terms of the guidelines, bank holding companies are expected to meet capital adequacy guidelines based both on total risk-weighted assets and on total assets, without regard to risk weights.

The risk-based guidelines are minimum requirements. Higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual organizations. For example, the Federal Reserve Board's capital guidelines contemplate that additional capital may be required to take adequate account of, among other things, interest rate risk, or the risks posed by concentrations of credit, nontraditional activities or securities trading activities. Moreover, any banking organization experiencing or anticipating significant growth or expansion into new activities, particularly under the expanded powers under the Gramm Leach Bliley Act, would be expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions, well above the minimum levels.

Pursuant to the Written Agreement, as discussed above, HCC and HBC submitted a written plan to the Federal Reserve and DFI to continue to maintain sufficient capital at HCC and HBC, respectively. Although the Written Agreement does not require any specific capital levels, it required the capital plan to address, consider and include HCC and HBC's current and future capital needs; the adequacy of HBC's capital, taking into account classified credits, concentrations of credit, allowance for loan losses, current and projected asset growth and projected retained earnings; the source and timing of additional funds to fulfill HCC and HBC's future capital requirements; and that HCC serve as a source of strength to HBC. The capital plan has been approved by the Federal Reserve and DFI. The Written Agreement does not address any prompt corrective action with respect to either HCC or HBC.

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Basel, Basel II and Basel III Accords. The current risk-based capital guidelines that apply to HCC and HBC are based upon the 1988 capital accord of the International Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, a committee of central banks and bank supervisors, as implemented by the Federal Reserve. In 2008, the Federal Reserve began to phase-in capital standards based on a second capital accord, referred to as Basel II, for large or core and international banks (total assets of \$250 billion or more or consolidated foreign exposures of \$10 billion or more). Basel II emphasizes internal assessment of credit, market and operational risk, as well as supervisory assessment and market discipline in determining minimum capital requirements.

On September 12, 2010, the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervision, the oversight body of the Basel Committee, announced agreement on the calibration and phase-in arrangements for a strengthened set of capital requirements, known as the Basel Capital Adequacy Accords or Basel III. Basel III increases the minimum Tier 1 common equity ratio to 4.5%, net of regulatory deductions, and introduces a capital conservation buffer of an additional 2.5% of common equity to risk-weighted assets, raising the target minimum common equity ratio to 7.0%. Basel III increases (a) the minimum Tier 1 capital ratio to 8.5% inclusive of the capital conservation buffer, (b) increases the minimum total capital ratio to 10.5% inclusive of the capital buffer and (c) introduces a countercyclical capital buffer of up to 2.5% of common equity or other fully loss absorbing capital for periods of excess credit growth. Basel III also introduces a non-risk adjusted Tier 1 leverage ratio of 3.0%, based on a measure of total exposure rather than total assets, and new liquidity standards. The new capital standards provide for the capital reduction of certain assets including deferred tax assets. The Basel III capital and liquidity standards are expected to be phased in over a multi-year period. The final package of Basel III reforms was endorsed at the Seoul G20 Leaders Summit in November 2010, and is subject to individual adoption by member nations, including the United States. The Federal Reserve will likely implement changes to the capital adequacy standards applicable to HCC and HBC in light of Basel III.

Non-Banking Activities. The business activities of HCC, as a bank holding company, are restricted by the BHCA. Under the BHCA and the Federal Reserve's bank holding company regulations, HCC may only engage in, acquire, or control voting securities or assets of a company engaged in: (i) banking or managing or controlling banks and other subsidiaries authorized under the BHCA; and (ii) any non-banking activity the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks to be a proper incident thereto. These include any incidental activities necessary to carry on those activities as well as a lengthy list of activities that the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to the business of banking as to be a proper incident thereto.

Financial Modernization. The Gramm Leach Bliley Act, which became effective in March 2000, permits greater affiliation among banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other companies under a new type of financial services company known as a "financial holding company." A financial holding company essentially is a bank holding company with significantly expanded powers. Financial holding companies are authorized by statute to engage in a number of financial activities previously impermissible for bank holding companies, including securities underwriting, dealing and market making; sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies; insurance underwriting and agency; and merchant banking activities. The Gramm Leach Bliley Act also permits the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department to authorize additional activities for financial holding companies if they are "financial in nature" or "incidental" to financial activities. A bank holding company may become a financial holding company if each of its subsidiary banks is well capitalized, well managed, and has at least a "satisfactory" CRA rating. A financial holding company must provide notice to the Federal Reserve within 30 days after commencing activities previously determined by statute or by the Federal Reserve and Department of the Treasury to be permissible. HCC has not and has no present plans to submit notice to the Federal Reserve to be a financial holding company.

In addition, HBC is subject to other provisions of the Gramm Leach Bliley Act, including those relating to CRA, privacy and the safe-guarding of confidential customer information, regardless of whether

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the Company elects to become a financial holding company or to conduct activities through a financial subsidiary of HBC.

HCC and HBC do not believe that the Gramm Leach Bliley Act has had, or will have in the near term, a material adverse effect on their operations. However, to the extent that it permits banks, securities firms, and insurance companies to affiliate, the financial services industry may experience further consolidation. The Gramm Leach Bliley Act is intended to grant to community banks certain powers as a matter of right that larger institutions have accumulated on an ad hoc basis. Nevertheless, the Gramm Leach Bliley Act may have the result of increasing the amount of competition that HCC and HBC face from larger institutions and other types of companies offering financial products, many of which may have substantially more financial resources than HCC and HBC.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("SOX") became effective on July 30, 2002, and represents the most far reaching corporate and accounting reform legislation since the enactment of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Exchange Act. SOX is intended to provide a permanent framework that improves the quality of independent audits and accounting services, improves the quality of financial reporting, strengthens the independence of accounting firms and increases the responsibility of management for corporate disclosures and financial statements.

SOX's provisions are significant to all companies that have a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, or are otherwise reporting to the SEC (or the appropriate federal banking agency) pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including HCC (collectively, "public companies"). In addition to SEC rulemaking to implement SOX, The NASDAQ Stock Market has adopted corporate governance rules intended to allow shareholders to more easily and effectively monitor the performance of companies and directors. The principal provisions of SOX, provide for and include, among other things: (i) the creation of an independent accounting oversight board; (ii) auditor independence provisions that restrict non-audit services that accountants may provide to their audit clients; (iii) additional corporate governance and responsibility measures, including the requirement that the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of a public company certify financial statements; (iv) the forfeiture of bonuses or other incentive-based compensation and profits from the sale of a public company's securities by directors and senior officers in the twelve month period following initial publication of any financial statements that later require restatement; (v) an increase in the oversight of, and enhancement of certain requirements relating to, audit committees of public companies and how they interact with the public company's independent auditors; (vi) requirements that audit committee members must be independent and are barred from accepting consulting, advisory or other compensatory fees from the public company; (vii) requirements that public companies disclose whether at least one member of the audit committee is a "financial expert" (as such term is defined by the SEC) and if not discuss, why the audit committee does not have a financial expert; (viii) expanded disclosure requirements for corporate insiders, including accelerated reporting of stock transactions by insiders and a prohibition on insider trading during pension blackout periods; (ix) a prohibition on personal loans to directors and officers, except certain loans made by insured financial institutions on non-preferential terms and in compliance with other bank regulatory requirements; (x) disclosure of a code of ethics and filing a Form 8-K for a change or waiver of such code; (xi) a range of enhanced penalties for fraud and other violations; and (xii) expanded disclosure and certification relating to a public company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting.

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General. As a California chartered bank, HBC is subject to supervision, periodic examination, and regulation by the DFI and by the Federal Reserve Board, as HBC's primary federal regulator. As a member bank, HBC is a stockholder of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. If, as a result of an examination, the DFI or the Federal Reserve Board should determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity, or other aspects of HBC's operations are unsatisfactory or that HBC or its management is violating or has violated any law or regulation, the

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DFI and the Federal Reserve Board, and separately the FDIC as insurer of HBC's deposits, have residual authority to: (i) require affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from any violation or practice; (ii) direct an increase in capital; (iii) restrict HBC's growth geographically, by products and services or by mergers and acquisitions; (iv) enter into informal nonpublic or formal public memoranda of understanding or written agreements; (v) enjoin unsafe and unsound practices and issue cease and desist orders to take corrective action; (vi) remove officers and directors and assess civil monetary penalties; and (vii) take possession and close and liquidate HBC.

California law permits state chartered commercial banks to engage in any activity permissible for national banks. Therefore, HBC may form subsidiaries to engage in the many so-called "closely related to banking" or "nonbanking" activities commonly conducted by national banks in operating subsidiaries, and further, pursuant to the Gramm Leach Bliley Act, HBC may conduct certain "financial" activities in a subsidiary to the same extent as may a national bank, provided HBC is and remains "well-capitalized," "well-managed" and in satisfactory compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act (discussed below).

HBC is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") of San Francisco. Among other benefits, each FHLB serves as a reserve or central bank for its members within its assigned region and makes available loans or advances to its members. Each FHLB is financed primarily from the sale of consolidated obligations of the FHLB system. As an FHLB member, HBC is required to own a certain amount of capital stock in the FHLB. At December 31, 2010, HBC was in compliance with the FHLB's stock ownership requirement.

Regulatory Capital Guidelines. The federal banking agencies have established minimum capital standards known as risk-based capital guidelines. These guidelines are intended to provide a measure of capital that reflects the degree of risk associated with a bank's operations. The risk-based capital guidelines include both a definition of capital and a framework for calculating the amount of capital that must be maintained against a bank's assets and off-balance sheet items. The amount of capital required to be maintained is based upon the credit risks associated with the various types of a bank's assets and off-balance sheet items. A bank's assets and off-balance sheet items are classified under several risk categories, with each category assigned a particular risk weighting from 0% to 100%. The following table sets forth the regulatory capital guidelines and the actual capitalization levels for HBC and the Company (consolidated) as of December 31, 2010:

	Adequately Capitalized	Well Capitalized	HBC	Company (consolidated)
Total risk-based capital	8.0%	10.0%	18.1%	20.9%
Tier 1 risk-based capital	4.0%	6.0%	16.8%	19.7%
Tier 1 leverage capital ratio	4.0%	5.0%	12.1%	14.1%

As of December 31, 2010, the Company's capital levels met all minimum regulatory requirements and HBC was considered "well capitalized" under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. There are no conditions or events since December 31, 2010 that management believes has changed the Company's or HBC's category.

To enhance regulatory capital and to provide liquidity, the Company, through unconsolidated subsidiary grantor trusts, issued \$23.7 million of trust preferred securities and related subordinated debt. These securities are currently included in our Tier 1 capital for purposes of determining the Company's Tier 1 and total risk-based capital ratios. The Federal Reserve Board has promulgated a modification of the capital regulations affecting trust preferred securities. Under this modification, effective March 31, 2011, the Company will be required to use a more restrictive formula to determine the amount of trust preferred securities that can be included in regulatory Tier 1 capital. When the new regulations become effective, the Company may include in Tier 1 capital an amount of trust preferred securities equal to no more than 25% of the sum of all core capital elements, which is generally defined as shareholders' equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss), less goodwill and other intangible assets and any related deferred income tax liability. The regulations currently in effect through March 31, 2011, limit

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the amount of trust preferred securities that can be included in Tier 1 capital to 25% of the sum of core capital elements without a deduction for goodwill. Management has determined that the Company's Tier 1 capital ratios would be substantially the same had the modification of the capital regulations been in effect at December 31, 2010.

Prompt Corrective Action. The federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of insured banks. Each federal banking agency has issued regulations defining five capital categories: "well capitalized," "adequately capitalized," "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized," and "critically undercapitalized." Under the regulations, a bank shall be deemed to be:

"well capitalized" if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 10.0% or more, has a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.0% or more, has a leverage capital ratio of 5.0% or more, and is not subject to specified requirements to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure;

"adequately capitalized" if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 8.0% or more, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 4.0% or more, and a leverage capital ratio of 4.0% or more (3.0% under certain circumstances) and does not meet the definition of "well capitalized";

"undercapitalized" if it has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than 8.0%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio that is less than 4.0%, or a leverage capital ratio that is less than 4.0% (3.0% under certain circumstances);

"significantly undercapitalized" if it has a total risk-based capital ratio that is less than 6.0%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio that is less than 3.0% or a leverage capital ratio that is less than 3.0%; and

"critically undercapitalized" if it has a ratio of tangible equity to total assets that is equal to or less than 2.0%.

Banks are prohibited from paying dividends or management fees to controlling persons or entities if, after making the payment the bank would be "undercapitalized," that is, the bank fails to meet the required minimum level for any relevant capital measure. Asset growth and branching restrictions apply to "undercapitalized" banks. Banks classified as "undercapitalized" are required to submit acceptable capital plans guaranteed by its holding company, if any. Broad regulatory authority was granted with respect to "significantly undercapitalized" banks, including forced mergers, growth restrictions, ordering new elections for directors, forcing divestiture by its holding company, if any, requiring management changes, and prohibiting the payment of bonuses to senior management. Even more severe restrictions are applicable to "critically undercapitalized" banks, those with capital at or less than 2%. Restrictions for these banks include the appointment of a receiver or conservator. All of the federal banking agencies have promulgated substantially similar regulations to implement this system of prompt corrective action.

A bank, based upon its capital levels, that is classified as "well capitalized," "adequately capitalized" or "undercapitalized" may be treated as though it were in the next lower capital category if the appropriate federal banking agency, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, determines that an unsafe or unsound condition, or an unsafe or unsound practice, warrants such treatment. At each successive lower capital category, an insured bank is subject to more restrictions. The federal banking agencies, however, may not treat an institution as "critically undercapitalized" unless its capital ratios actually warrant such treatment.

In addition to measures taken under the prompt corrective action provisions, insured banks may be subject to potential enforcement actions by the federal banking agencies for unsafe or unsound practices in conducting their businesses or for violations of any law, rule, regulation or any condition imposed in writing by the agency or any written agreement with the agency. Enforcement actions may include the imposition of a conservator or receiver, the issuance of a cease-and-desist order that can be judicially enforced, the termination of insurance of deposits (in the case of a depository institution), the imposition of civil money penalties, the issuance of directives to increase capital, the issuance of formal and informal agreements, and the issuance of removal and prohibition orders against "institution-affiliated" parties. The enforcement of such actions through injunctions or restraining orders may be based upon a judicial determination that the agency would be harmed if such equitable relief was not granted. For information on the Company's recent regulatory action see "*Business Regulatory Action.*"

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Safety and Soundness Standards. The federal banking agencies have also adopted guidelines establishing safety and soundness standards for all insured depository institutions. Those guidelines relate to internal controls, information systems, internal audit systems, loan underwriting and documentation, compensation and interest rate exposure. In general, the standards are designated to assist the federal banking agencies in identifying and addressing problems at insured depository institutions before capital becomes impaired. If an institution fails to meet these standards, the appropriate federal banking agency may require the institution to submit a compliance plan and institute enforcement proceedings if an acceptable compliance plan is not submitted.

FDIC Insurance and Insurance Assessments. The FDIC is an independent federal agency that insures deposits, up to prescribed statutory limits, of federally insured banks and savings institutions and safeguards the safety and soundness of the banking and savings industries. The FDIC insures HBC's customer deposits through the Deposit Insurance Fund ("DIF"). The maximum deposit insurance amount has been permanently increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 under the Dodd-Frank Act.

The amount of FDIC assessments paid by each DIF member institution is based on its relative risk of default as measured by regulatory capital ratios and other supervisory factors. Pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, the FDIC is authorized to set the reserve ratio for the DIF annually at between 1.15% and 1.50% of estimated insured deposits. The FDIC may increase or decrease the assessment rate schedule on a semi-annual basis. In an effort to restore capitalization levels and to ensure the DIF will adequately cover projected losses from future bank failures, the FDIC, in October 2008, proposed a rule to alter the way in which it differentiates for risk in the risk-based assessment system and to revise deposit insurance assessment rates, including base assessment rates. Effective April 1, 2009, initial base assessment rates were increased to between 12 and 45 basis points.

On May 22, 2009, the FDIC adopted a final rule imposing a 5 basis point special assessment on each depository institution's assets minus Tier 1 capital as of June 30, 2009. This special assessment was collected on September 30, 2009.

On November 12, 2009, the FDIC adopted a final rule requiring insured institutions to prepay slightly over three years of estimated insurance assessments. The pre-payment allowed the FDIC to strengthen the cash position of the DIF immediately without impacting earnings of the industry. Payment of the prepaid assessment, along with the payment of institutions' regular third quarter assessment was due on December 30, 2009. HBC received an exemption from prepaying its FDIC insurance premiums.

On February 7, 2011, as required by the Dodd-Frank Act, the FDIC adopted final rules to revise the assessment base to consist of average consolidated total assets during the assessment period minus the average tangible equity during the assessment period. In addition, the revisions eliminate the adjustment for secured borrowings and make certain other changes to the impact of unsecured borrowings and brokered deposits on an institution's deposit insurance assessment. The rule also revises the assessment rate schedule to provide assessments ranging from 5 to 45 basis points, that takes effect on April 1, 2011.

In addition, all institutions with deposits insured by the FDIC are required to pay assessments to fund interest payments on bonds issued by the Financing Corporation, a mixed-ownership government corporation established to recapitalize a predecessor to the DIF. The current annualized assessment rate is 1.04 basis points. These assessments will continue until the Financing Corporation bonds mature in 2017 through 2019.

The FDIC may terminate a depository institution's deposit insurance upon a finding that the institution's financial condition is unsafe or unsound or that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices that pose a risk to the DIF or that may prejudice the interest of depositors. The termination of deposit insurance for a bank would also result in the revocation of the bank's charter by the DFI.

Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program. The FDIC's Transaction Account Guarantee ("TAG") Program, one of two components of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, provides full federal deposit insurance coverage for noninterest-bearing transaction deposit accounts, regardless of dollar

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amount. HBC opted to participate in this program, which was initially set to expire on December 31, 2009. On August 26, 2009, the FDIC extended the program until June 30, 2010, and revised the annualized assessment rate charged for the guarantee to between fifteen and twenty-five basis points, depending on the institution's risk category, on balances in noninterest-bearing transaction accounts that exceed the existing deposit insurance limit of \$250,000. HBC opted into the extension. On April 13, 2010, the FDIC announced a second extension of the program until December 31, 2010, and that it retained the discretion to further extend the program until December 31, 2011 without further rulemaking. HBC did opt into the extension. The Dodd-Frank Act has extended unlimited deposit insurance to non-interest-bearing transaction accounts until December 31, 2012.

The Dodd-Frank Act included a two-year extension of the TAG Program, though the extension does not apply to all accounts covered under the current program. The extension through December 31, 2012 applies only to non-interest bearing transaction accounts. Beginning January 1, 2011, low-interest consumer checking accounts ("NOW Accounts") will no longer be eligible for the unlimited guarantee. Unlike the original TAG Program, which allowed banks to opt in, the extended program will apply to all FDIC-insured institutions and will no longer be funded by separate premiums. The FDIC will account for the additional TAG insurance coverage in determining the amount of the general assessment it charges under the risk-based assessment system.

The second component of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, the Debt Guarantee Program, guarantees certain senior unsecured debt of participating organizations. HBC opted not to participate in this component of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program.

Depositor Preference. In the event of the "liquidation or other resolution" of an insured depository institution, the claims of depositors of the institution, including the claims of the FDIC as subrogee of insured depositors, and certain claims for administrative expenses of the FDIC as a receiver, will have priority over other general unsecured claims against the institution. If an insured depository institution fails, insured and uninsured depositors, along with the FDIC, will have priority in payment ahead of unsecured, non-deposit creditors, including the parent bank holding company, with respect to any extensions of credit they have made to such insured depository institution.

Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA"). The CRA is intended to encourage insured depository institutions, while operating safely and soundly, to help meet the credit needs of their communities. The CRA specifically directs the federal bank regulatory agencies, in examining insured depository institutions, to assess their record of helping to meet the credit needs of their entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The CRA further requires the agencies to take a financial institution's record of meeting its community credit needs into account when evaluating applications for, among other things, domestic branches, consummating mergers or acquisitions, or holding company formations.

The federal banking agencies have adopted regulations which measure a bank's compliance with its CRA obligations on a performance-based evaluation system. This system bases CRA ratings on an institution's actual lending service and investment performance rather than the extent to which the institution conducts needs assessments, documents community outreach or complies with other procedural requirements. The ratings range from "outstanding" to a low of "substantial noncompliance." HBC had a CRA rating of "satisfactory" as of its most recent regulatory examination.

Other Consumer Protection Laws and Regulations. The bank regulatory agencies are increasingly focusing attention on compliance with consumer protection laws and regulations. Banks have been advised to carefully monitor compliance with various consumer protection laws and regulations. The federal Interagency Task Force on Fair Lending issued a policy statement on discrimination in home mortgage lending describing three methods that federal agencies will use to prove discrimination: overt evidence of discrimination, evidence of disparate treatment, and evidence of disparate impact. In addition to CRA and fair lending requirements, HBC is subject to numerous other federal consumer protection statutes and regulations. Due to heightened regulatory concern related to compliance with consumer protection laws

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and regulations generally, HBC may incur additional compliance costs or be required to expend additional funds for investments in the local communities it serves.

Environmental Regulation. Federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding the discharge of harmful materials into the environment may have an impact on HBC. Since HBC is not involved in any business that manufactures, uses or transports chemicals, waste, pollutants or toxins that might have a material adverse effect on the environment, HBC's primary exposure to environmental laws is through its lending activities and through properties or businesses HBC may own, lease or acquire. Based on a general survey of HBC's loan portfolio, conversations with local appraisers and the type of lending currently and historically done by HBC, management is not aware of any potential liability for hazardous waste contamination that would be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company as of December 31, 2010.

Safeguarding of Customer Information and Privacy. The Federal Reserve Board and other bank regulatory agencies have adopted guidelines for safeguarding confidential, personal customer information. These guidelines require financial institutions to create, implement and maintain a comprehensive written information security program designed to ensure the security and confidentiality of customer information, protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information and protect against unauthorized access to or use of such information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer. HBC has adopted a customer information security program to comply with such requirements.

Financial institutions are also required to implement policies and procedures regarding the disclosure of nonpublic personal information about consumers to non-affiliated third parties. In general, financial institutions must provide explanations to consumers on policies and procedures regarding the disclosure of such nonpublic personal information, and, except as otherwise required by law, prohibits disclosing such information except as provided in HBC's policies and procedures. HBC has implemented privacy policies addressing these restrictions which are distributed regularly to all existing and new customers of HBC.

USA Patriot Act of 2001. On October 26, 2001, President Bush signed the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (the "Patriot Act"). Enacted in response to the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001, the Patriot Act is intended to strengthen the ability of U.S. law enforcement agencies and intelligence communities to work cohesively to combat terrorism on a variety of fronts. The impact of the Patriot Act on financial institutions of all kinds has been significant and wide-ranging. The Patriot Act substantially enhanced existing anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws, and required appropriate regulatory authorities to adopt rules to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators, and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism or money laundering. Under the Patriot Act, financial institutions are subject to prohibitions regarding specified financial transactions and account relationships, as well as enhanced due diligence and "know your customer" standards in their dealings with foreign financial institutions and foreign customers. For example, the enhanced due diligence policies, procedures, and controls generally require financial institutions to take reasonable steps:

to conduct enhanced scrutiny of account relationships to guard against money laundering and report any suspicious transactions;

to ascertain the identity of the nominal and beneficial owners of, and the source of funds deposited into, each account as needed to guard against money laundering and report any suspicious transactions;

to ascertain for any foreign bank, the shares of which are not publicly traded, the identity of the owners of the foreign bank, and the nature and extent of the ownership interest of each such owner; and

to ascertain whether any foreign bank provides correspondent accounts to other foreign banks and, if so, the identity of those foreign banks and related due diligence information.

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The Patriot Act also requires all financial institutions to establish anti-money laundering programs, which must include, at a minimum:

the development of internal policies, procedures, and controls;

the designation of a compliance officer;

an ongoing employee training program; and

an independent audit function to test the programs.

Material deficiencies in anti-money laundering compliance can result in public enforcement actions by the banking agencies, including the imposition of civil money penalties and supervisory restrictions on growth and expansion. Such enforcement actions could also have serious reputation consequences for HCC and HBC.

Office of Foreign Assets Control Regulation. The United States has imposed economic sanctions that affect transactions with designated foreign countries, nationals and others. These are typically known as the "OFAC" rules based on their administration by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"). The OFAC-administered sanctions targeting countries take many different forms. Generally, however, they contain one or more of the following elements: (i) restrictions on trade with or investment in a sanctioned country, including prohibitions against direct or indirect imports from and exports to a sanctioned country and prohibitions on "U.S. persons" engaging in financial transactions relating to making investments in, or providing investment-related advice or assistance to, a sanctioned country; and (ii) a blocking of assets in which the government or specially designated nationals of the sanctioned country have an interest, by prohibiting transfers of property subject to U.S. jurisdiction (including property in the possession or control of U.S. persons). Blocked assets (e.g., property and bank deposits) cannot be paid out, withdrawn, set off or transferred in any manner without a license from OFAC. Failure to comply with these sanctions could have serious legal and reputational consequences.

Other Aspects of Banking Law. HBC is also subject to federal statutory and regulatory provisions covering, among other things, security procedures, insider and affiliated party transactions, management interlocks, electronic funds transfers, funds availability, and truth-in-savings.

U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program

On November 21, 2008, HCC entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms with the U.S. Treasury pursuant to the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program authorized under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. In accordance with the Purchase Agreement HCC sold to the U.S. Treasury, for an aggregate purchase price of \$40 million, Series A Preferred Stock and issued a warrant to purchase 462,963 shares of HCC common stock. Under the terms of the Capital Purchase Program, HCC is prohibited from increasing dividends on its common stock, and from making certain repurchases of equity securities, including its common stock, without the U.S. Treasury's consent. Furthermore, as long as the preferred stock issued to the U.S. Treasury is outstanding, dividend payments and repurchases or redemptions relating to certain equity securities, including HCC's common stock, are prohibited until all accrued and unpaid dividends are paid on such preferred stock. In order to participate in the Capital Purchase Program, financial institutions were required to adopt certain standards for executive compensation and corporate governance. These standards generally apply to the chief executive officer, chief financial officer and the three next most highly compensated senior executive officers.

On February 15, 2011, HCC suspended payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for the sixth consecutive quarter, and therefore, the U.S. Treasury has the right to appoint two members to the Company's Board of Directors. If the U.S. Treasury exercises its rights, these directors would serve on the Company's Board of Directors until such time as the Company has paid in full all dividends not previously paid. So long as payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock remain suspended, we may not, among other things and with limited exceptions, pay cash dividends on or repurchase our common stock or preferred stock. As of the date of this filing, the Company has not been advised whether the U.S. Treasury will exercise its rights to elect two members to the Board of Directors and, in the meantime, the U.S.

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Treasury has requested, and the Company has agreed to permit, effective in the first quarter of 2011 an observer employed by the U.S Treasury to attend meetings of the Company's Board of Directors.

The bank regulatory agencies, U.S. Treasury and the Office of Special Inspector General, also created by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, have issued guidance and requests to the financial institutions that participate in the Capital Purchase Program to document their plans and use of the proceeds from the sale of the preferred stock and their plans for addressing the executive compensation requirements associated with the Capital Purchase Program.

In addition, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act imposes certain new executive compensation and corporate expenditure limits on all current and future Capital Purchase Program recipients, including the Company, until the institution has repaid the U.S. Treasury, which is permitted under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act without penalty, subject to the U.S. Treasury's consultation with the recipient's appropriate regulatory agency. The executive compensation standards are more stringent than those in effect under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. The new standards include: (i) prohibitions on bonuses, retention awards and other incentive compensation, other than restricted stock grants which do not fully vest until the preferred stock issued to the U.S. Treasury is no longer outstanding up to one-third of an employee's total annual compensation; (ii) prohibitions on golden parachute payments for departure from a company; (iii) an expanded clawback of bonuses, retention awards, and incentive compensation if payment is based on materially inaccurate statements of earnings, revenues, gains or other criteria; (iv) prohibitions on compensation plans that encourage manipulation of reported earnings; (v) retroactive review of bonuses, retention awards and other compensation previously provided by Capital Purchase Program recipients if found by the U.S. Treasury to be inconsistent with the purposes of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act or otherwise contrary to the public interest; (vi) required establishment of a company-wide policy regarding "excessive or luxury expenditures"; and (vii) inclusion in a participant's proxy statements for annual shareholder meetings of a nonbinding "say on pay" shareholder vote on the compensation of executives.

Other Pending and Proposed Legislation

Other legislative and regulatory initiatives which could affect HCC, HBC and the banking industry in general may be proposed or introduced before the United States Congress, the California legislature and other governmental bodies in the future. Such proposals, if enacted, may further alter the structure, regulation and competitive relationship among financial institutions, and may subject HCC or HBC to increased regulation, disclosure and reporting requirements. In addition, the various banking regulatory agencies often adopt new rules and regulations to implement and enforce existing legislation. It cannot be predicted whether, or in what form, any such legislation or regulations may be enacted or the extent to which the business of HCC or HBC would be affected thereby.

Employees

At December 31, 2010, the Company had 181 full-time equivalent employees. The Company's employees are not represented by any union or collective bargaining agreement and the Company believes its employee relations are satisfactory.

ITEM 1A RISK FACTORS

Our business, financial condition and results of operations are subject to various risks, including those discussed below. The risks discussed below are those that we believe are the most significant risks, although additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem less significant may also adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, perhaps materially.

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Risks Relating to Recent Economic Conditions and Governmental Response Efforts

Our business may be adversely affected by conditions in the financial markets and economic conditions generally.

The United States economy has experienced a downturn since 2007, leading to a general reduction of business activity and growth across industries and regions. Consumer spending, liquidity and availability of credit have all been restricted, and unemployment has increased nationally as well as in the markets we serve.

The financial services industry and the securities markets generally have been materially and adversely affected by significant declines in the values of nearly all asset classes. General declines in home prices and the resulting impact on sub-prime mortgages, and eventually, all mortgage and real estate classes as well as equity markets resulted in widespread shortages of liquidity across the financial services industry. Continuation of the economic downturn, high unemployment and liquidity shortages may negatively impact our operating results. Additionally, adverse changes in the economy may also have a negative effect on the ability of our borrowers to make timely repayments of their loans. These factors could expose us to an increased risk of loan defaults and losses and have an adverse impact on our earnings.

Recent legislative and required regulatory initiatives will impose restrictions and requirements on financial institutions that could have an adverse effect on our business.

The United States Congress, the Treasury Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have taken several steps to support the financial services industry, which have included certain well-publicized programs, such as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, as well as programs enhancing the liquidity available to financial institutions and increasing insurance available on bank deposits. These programs have provided an important source of support to many financial institutions. Partly in response to these programs and the current economic climate, the President signed into law on July 21, 2010 the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act"). Few provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act are effective immediately, with various provisions becoming effective in stages. Many of the provisions require governmental agencies to implement rules over the next 18 months. These rules will increase regulation of the financial services industry and impose restrictions on the ability of firms within the industry to conduct business consistent with historical practices. These rules will, as examples, impact the ability of financial institutions to charge certain banking and other fees, allow interest to be paid on demand deposits, impose new restrictions on lending practices and require depository institution holding companies to maintain capital levels at levels not less than the levels required for insured depository institutions. The Dodd-Frank Act creates a new financial consumer protection agency, known as the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (the "Bureau"), that is empowered to promulgate new consumer protection regulations and revise existing regulations in many areas of consumer compliance, which will increase our regulatory compliance burden and costs and may restrict the financial products and services we offer to our customers. Moreover, the Dodd-Frank Act permits states to adopt stricter consumer protection laws and state attorney generals may enforce consumer protection rules issued by the Bureau. The Dodd-Frank Act prohibits new trust preferred issuances from counting as Tier 1 capital. These restrictions will limit future capital strategies. Although we do not use derivative transactions, the Dodd-Act also increases regulation of derivatives and hedging transactions, which could limit our ability in the future to enter into, or increase the costs associated with, interest rate and other hedging transactions. Although certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, such as direct supervision by the Bureau, will not apply to banking organizations with less than \$10 billion of assets, such as the Company, the changes resulting from the legislation will impact our business. These changes will require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make necessary changes.

Any future FDIC insurance premium increases will adversely affect our earnings.

In April 2009, FDIC revised its risk-based assessment system. The changes to the assessment system involve adjustments to the risk-based calculation of an institution's unsecured debt, secured liabilities and brokered deposits. As a result of the recent revisions, we anticipate paying higher FDIC insurance

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premiums, which will add to our cost of operations and, thus, adversely affect our results of operations. Depending on any future losses that the FDIC insurance fund may suffer due to failed institutions, there can be no assurance that there will not be additional premium increases in order to replenish the fund. FDIC deposit insurance expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 was approximately \$4.0 million. During the latter half of 2009 the FDIC issued a final ruling requiring insured institutions, exclusive of those granted an exemption, to pre-pay their regulatory assessments for 2010, 2011 and 2012. We were granted an exemption.

Risks Related to Our Market and Business

We are subject to a Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve and the California Department of Financial Institutions, and in the future may become subject to additional supervisory actions and/or enhanced regulation that could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating flexibility, financial condition and the value of our common stock.

Under federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the safety and soundness of insured depository institutions, various state regulators (for state chartered-banks), the Federal Reserve (for bank holding companies and state member banks), the California Department of Financial Institutions (for California state-chartered banks) ("DFI") and separately the FDIC as the insurer of bank deposits, each have the authority to compel or restrict certain actions on our part if they determine that we have insufficient capital or are otherwise operating in a manner that may be deemed to be inconsistent with safe and sound banking practices. Under their respective authority, our bank regulators can require us to enter into informal or formal enforcement orders, including board resolutions, memoranda of understanding, written agreements and consent or cease and desist orders, pursuant to which we may be required to take identified corrective actions to address cited concerns and to refrain from taking certain actions.

On February 17, 2010 HCC and HBC entered into a Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the DFI. Among other things, the Written Agreement required HCC and HBC to submit to the Federal Reserve and the DFI their continuing plans to enhance credit risk and administration functions, to maintain policies and procedures for the maintenance of an adequate allowance for loan losses, to improve earnings, to improve HBC's liquidity position and funds management practices, and to update the Company's capital plan in order to maintain capital at or above sufficient levels based on the respective risk profiles of HCC and HBC. The Written Agreement also restricts the payment of dividends and any payments on trust preferred securities and related subordinated debt, or any reduction in capital or the purchase or redemption of stock without the prior approval of the Federal Reserve and the DFI. The Written Agreement requires the Company to comply with restrictions on indemnification and golden parachute payments, and to comply with notice and approval requirements related to the appointment of directors and senior executive officers. Progress reports detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the Written Agreement must be submitted to the Federal Reserve and DFI at least quarterly. See Item 1 "*Business Regulatory Action.*"

If we are unable to comply with the terms of the Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve and DFI, or if we are unable to comply with the terms of any future regulatory orders to which we may become subject, then we could become subject to additional supervisory actions and orders, including cease and desist orders, prompt corrective action and/or other regulatory enforcement actions. If our regulators were to take such additional supervisory actions, then we could, among other things, become subject to significant restrictions on our ability to develop any new business, as well as restrictions on our existing business, and we could be required to raise additional capital, dispose of certain assets and liabilities within a prescribed period of time, or both. Failure to implement the measures in the time frames provided, or at all, could result in additional orders or penalties from the Federal Reserve and the DFI, which could include further restrictions on the Company's business, assessment of civil money penalties on the Company, as well as its directors, officers and other affiliated parties, termination of deposit insurance, removal of one or more officers and/or directors and the liquidation or other closure of the Company. The terms of any such supervisory action and the consequences associated with any failure to comply therewith

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could have a material negative effect on our business, operating flexibility, financial condition and the value of our common stock.

We are subject to credit risk.

There are inherent risks associated with our lending activities. These risks include, among other things, the impact of changes in interest rates and changes in the economic conditions in the markets where we operate as well as those across the United States and abroad. Increases in interest rates and/or weakening economic conditions could adversely impact the ability of borrowers to repay outstanding loans or the value of the collateral securing these loans. We are also subject to various laws and regulations that affect our lending activities. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations could subject us to regulatory enforcement action that could result in the assessment of significant civil money penalties against us.

We seek to mitigate the risks inherent in our loan portfolio by adhering to specific underwriting practices. Although we believe that our underwriting criteria are appropriate for the various kinds of loans we make, we may incur losses on loans that meet our underwriting criteria, and these losses may exceed the amounts set aside as reserves in our allowance for loan losses. Due to recent economic conditions affecting the real estate market, many lending institutions, including us, have experienced substantial declines in the performance of their loans, including construction, land development loans and land loans. The value of real estate collateral supporting many construction and land development loans, land loans, commercial loans and multi-family loans have declined and may continue to decline. Recent negative developments in the financial industry and credit markets may continue to adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

Our allowance for loan losses may not be adequate to cover actual loan losses, which could adversely affect our earnings.

We maintain an allowance for loan losses for probable incurred losses in the portfolio. The allowance is established through a provision for loan losses based on management's evaluation of the risks inherent in the loan portfolio and the general economy. The allowance is also appropriately increased for new loan growth. The allowance is based upon a number of factors, including the size of the loan portfolio, asset classifications, economic trends, industry experience and trends, industry and geographic concentrations, estimated collateral values, management's assessment of the credit risk inherent in the portfolio, historical loan loss experience and loan underwriting policies.

In addition, we evaluate all loans identified as problem loans and allocate an allowance based upon our estimation of the potential loss associated with those problem loans. While we strive to carefully manage and monitor credit quality and to identify loans that may be deteriorating, at any time there are loans included in the portfolio that may result in losses, but that have not yet been identified as potential problem loans. Through established credit practices, we attempt to identify deteriorating loans and adjust the allowance for loan losses accordingly. However, because future events are uncertain and because we may not successfully identify all deteriorating loans in a timely manner, there may be loans that deteriorate in an accelerated time frame. As a result, future additions to the allowance may be necessary. Further, because the loan portfolio contains a number of commercial real estate, construction, and land development loans with relatively large balances, a deterioration in the credit quality of one or more of these loans may require a significant increase to the allowance for loan losses. Future additions to the allowance may also be required based on changes in the financial condition of borrowers, such as changes resulting from the current, and potentially worsening, economic conditions or as a result of incorrect assumptions by management in determining the allowance for loan losses. Our regulators, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowance for loan losses and may require us to increase our allowance for loan losses by recognizing additional provisions for loan losses charged to expense, or to decrease our allowance for loan losses by recognizing loan charge-offs, net of recoveries. Any such additional provisions for loan losses or charge-offs, as required by these regulatory agencies, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

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Nonperforming assets take significant time to resolve and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

At December 31, 2010, nonperforming loans were 3.93% of the total loan portfolio plus nonaccrual loans held-for-sale and 2.78% of total assets. Nonperforming assets adversely affect our earnings in various ways. Until economic and market conditions improve, we may continue to incur losses relating to an increase in nonperforming assets. We do not record interest income on nonaccrual loans or other real estate owned, thereby adversely affecting our income, and increasing our loan administration costs. Upon foreclosure or similar proceedings, we record the repossessed asset at the estimated fair value, less costs to sell, which may result in a loss. An increase in the level of nonperforming assets increases our risk profile and may impact the capital levels our regulators believe are appropriate in light of the increased risk profile. While we reduce problem assets through collection efforts, asset sales, workouts, restructurings and otherwise, decreases in the value of the underlying collateral, or in these borrowers' performance or financial condition, whether or not due to economic and market conditions beyond our control, could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, the resolution of nonperforming assets requires significant commitments of time from management and our directors, which can be detrimental to the performance of their other responsibilities. If the current economic and market conditions persist or worsen, it is likely that we will experience future increases in nonperforming assets, particularly if we are unsuccessful in our efforts to reduce our classified assets, which would have a significant adverse effect on our business.

We may be required to make additional provisions for loan losses and charge off additional loans in the future, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, we recorded a \$26.8 million provision for loan losses, charged-off \$32.2 million of loans, and recovered \$1.8 million of loans. Since 2008 there has been a significant slowdown in the real estate markets in portions of counties in California where a majority of our loan customers, including our largest borrowing relationships, are based. This slowdown reflects declining prices in real estate, higher levels of inventories of homes and higher vacancies in commercial and industrial properties, all of which have contributed to financial strain on real estate developers and suppliers. At December 31, 2010, we had \$337.5 million in commercial and residential real estate loans and \$62.4 million in construction and land real estate loans, of which \$22.1 million were on nonaccrual at December 31, 2010. Construction loans and commercial real estate loans comprise a substantial portion of our nonperforming assets. Continued deterioration in the real estate market could affect the ability of our loan customers to service their debt, which could result in additional loan charge-offs and provisions for loan losses in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and capital.

Our business is subject to interest rate risk and variations in interest rates may negatively affect our financial performance.

Our earnings and cash flows are highly dependent upon net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between interest income earned on interest-earning assets such as loans and securities and interest expense paid on interest-bearing liabilities such as deposits and borrowed funds. Our net interest income (including net interest spread and margin) and ultimately our earnings are impacted by changes in interest rates and monetary policy. Changes in interest rates and monetary policy can impact the demand for new loans, the credit profile of our borrowers, the yields earned on loans and securities and rates paid on deposits and borrowings. Given our current volume and mix of interest-bearing liabilities and interest-earning assets, we would expect our interest rate spread (the difference in the rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities and the yields earned on interest-earning assets) as well as net interest income to increase if interest rates rise and, conversely, to decline if interest rates fall. Additionally, increasing levels of competition in the banking and financial services business may decrease our net interest spread as well as net interest margin by forcing us to offer lower lending interest rates and pay higher deposit interest rates. Although we believe our current level of interest rate sensitivity is reasonable, significant fluctuations in interest rates (such as a sudden and substantial increase in Prime and Overnight Fed Funds rates) as well as increasing competition may require us to increase rates on deposits at a faster pace than the yield we receive on interest-earning assets increases. The impact of any sudden and substantial move in interest rates and/or increased competition may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, as our net interest income (including the net interest spread and margin) may be negatively impacted.

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Additionally, a sustained decrease in market interest rates could adversely affect our earnings. When interest rates decline, borrowers tend to refinance higher-rate, fixed-rate loans at lower rates, prepaying their existing loans. Under those circumstances, we would not be able to reinvest those prepayments in assets earning interest rates as high as the rates on the prepaid loans. In addition, our commercial real estate and commercial loans, which carry interest rates that, in general, adjust in accordance with changes in the prime rate, will adjust to lower rates. We are also significantly affected by the level of loan demand available in our market. The inability to make sufficient loans directly affects the interest income we earn. Lower loan demand will generally result in lower interest income realized as we place funds in lower yielding investments.

Liquidity risk could impair our ability to fund operations and jeopardize our financial condition.

Liquidity is essential to our business. An inability to raise funds through deposits, borrowings, the sale of loans and other sources could have a substantial negative effect on our liquidity. Our access to funding sources in amounts adequate to finance our activities could be impaired by factors that affect us specifically or the financial services industry in general. Factors that could detrimentally impact our access to liquidity sources include a decrease in the level of our business activity due to a market downturn in markets in which our loans are concentrated or adverse regulatory action against us. Our ability to borrow could also be impaired by factors that are not specific to us, such as a severe disruption of the financial markets or negative views and expectations about the prospects for the financial services industry as a whole.

If we lost a significant portion of our low-cost deposits, it would negatively impact our liquidity and profitability.

Our profitability depends in part on our success in attracting and retaining a stable base of low-cost deposits. At December 31, 2010, 28% of our deposit base was comprised of noninterest-bearing deposits. While we generally do not believe these core deposits are sensitive to interest rate fluctuations, the competition for these deposits in our markets is strong and customers are increasingly seeking investments that are safe, including the purchase of U.S. Treasury securities and other government-guaranteed obligations, as well as the establishment of accounts at the largest, most-well capitalized banks. If we were to lose a significant portion of our low-cost deposits, it would negatively impact our liquidity and profitability.

We borrow from the Federal Home Loan Bank and the Federal Reserve, and there can be no assurance these programs will continue in their current manner.

We, at times, utilize the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco for overnight borrowings and term advances; we also borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and from correspondent banks under our Federal funds lines of credit. The amount loaned to us is generally dependent on the value of the collateral pledged. These lenders could reduce the percentages loaned against various collateral categories, could eliminate certain types of collateral and could otherwise modify or even terminate their loan programs, particularly to the extent they are required to do so because of capital adequacy or other balance sheet concerns. Any change or termination of the programs under which we borrow from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco or correspondent banks could have an adverse effect on our liquidity and profitability.

Our results of operations may be adversely affected by other-than-temporary impairment charges relating to our securities portfolio.

We may be required to record future impairment charges on our securities, including our stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, if they suffer declines in value that we consider other-than-temporary. Numerous factors, including the lack of liquidity for re-sales of certain securities, the absence of reliable pricing information for securities, adverse changes in the business climate, adverse regulatory actions or unanticipated changes in the competitive environment, could have a negative effect

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on our securities portfolio in future periods. Significant impairment charges could also negatively impact our regulatory capital ratios and result in HBC not being classified as "well-capitalized" for regulatory purposes.

We depend on cash dividends from our subsidiary bank to meet our cash obligations, but our Written Agreement prohibits the payment of such dividends without prior regulatory approval, which may impair our ability to fulfill our obligations.

As a holding company, dividends from our subsidiary bank provide a substantial portion of our cash flow used to service the interest payments on our trust preferred securities, dividends on our preferred stock and other obligations, including any cash dividends on our common stock. Various statutory provisions restrict the amount of dividends our subsidiary bank can pay to us without regulatory approval. Under our Written Agreement, HBC cannot pay any cash dividends or other payments to the holding company without prior written consent of the regulatory authorities. Additionally, HCC cannot declare or pay any dividends (including those on outstanding preferred stock issued to the U.S. Treasury under the TARP Capital Purchase Program) or make any distributions of principal, interest or other sums on its trust preferred securities without prior written approval of the Federal Reserve and DFI.

We may need to raise additional capital in the future and such capital may not be available when needed or at all.

We may need to raise additional capital in the future to provide us with sufficient capital resources and liquidity to meet our commitments and business needs. Our ability to raise additional capital, if needed, will depend on, among other things, conditions in the capital markets at that time, which are outside of our control, and our financial performance. The ongoing liquidity crisis and the loss of confidence in financial institutions may increase our cost of funding and limit our access to some of our customary sources of capital, including, but not limited to, inter-bank borrowings, repurchase agreements and borrowings from the discount window of the Federal Reserve.

We cannot assure you that such capital will be available to us on acceptable terms or at all. Any occurrence that may limit our access to the capital markets, such as a decline in the confidence of debt purchasers, depositors of HBC or counterparties participating in the capital markets may adversely affect our capital costs and our ability to raise capital and, in turn, our liquidity. An inability to raise additional capital on acceptable terms when needed could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our profitability is dependent upon the economic conditions of the markets in which we operate.

We operate primarily in Santa Clara County, Contra Costa County and Alameda County and, as a result, our financial condition and results of operations are subject to changes in the economic conditions in those areas. Our success depends upon the business activity, population, income levels, deposits and real estate activity in these markets. Although our customers' business and financial interests may extend well beyond these market areas, adverse economic conditions that affect these market areas could reduce our growth rate, affect the ability of our customers to repay their loans to us and generally affect our financial condition and results of operations. Our lending operations are located in market areas dependent on technology and real estate industries and their supporting companies. Thus, our borrowers could be adversely impacted by a downturn in these sectors of the economy that could reduce the demand for loans and adversely impact the borrowers' ability to repay their loans, which would, in turn, increase our nonperforming assets. Because of our geographic concentration, we are less able than regional or national financial institutions to diversify our credit risks across multiple markets.

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Our loan portfolio has a large concentration of real estate loans in California, which involve risks specific to real estate values.

A further downturn in our real estate markets could adversely affect our business because many of our loans are secured by real estate. Real estate lending (including commercial, land development and construction) is a large portion of our loan portfolio. At December 31, 2010, approximately \$453.5 million, or 54% of our loan portfolio, was secured by various forms of real estate, including residential and commercial real estate. Included in the \$453.5 million of loans secured by real estate were \$252.8 million (or 56%) of owner-occupied loans. The real estate securing our loan portfolio is concentrated in California which has experienced a significant decline in real estate values. There have been adverse developments affecting real estate values in one or more of our markets. The market value of real estate can fluctuate significantly in a short period of time as a result of market conditions in the geographic area in which the real estate is located. Real estate values and real estate markets are generally affected by changes in national, regional or local economic conditions, fluctuations in interest rates and the availability of loans to potential purchasers, changes in tax laws and other governmental statutes, regulations and policies and acts of nature, such as earthquakes and natural disasters particular to California. Additionally, commercial real estate lending typically involves larger loan principal amounts and the repayment of the loans generally is dependent, in large part, on sufficient income from the properties securing the loans to cover operating expenses and debt service. If real estate values, including values of land held for development, continue to decline, the value of real estate collateral securing our loans could be significantly reduced. Our ability to recover on defaulted loans by foreclosing and selling the real estate collateral would then be diminished and we would be more likely to suffer losses on defaulted loans.

Our construction and land development loans are based upon estimates of costs and value associated with the complete project. These estimates may be inaccurate and we may be exposed to more losses on these projects than on other loans.

At December 31, 2010, land and construction loans, including land acquisition and development total \$62.4 million or 7% of our loan portfolio. This amount was comprised of 12% owner-occupied and 88% non-owner occupied construction and land loans. Additionally at December 31, 2010, there were no unfunded amounts in the land and construction real estate loan portfolio. Risk of loss on a construction loan depends largely upon whether our initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction equals or exceeds the cost of the property construction (including interest) and the availability of permanent take-out financing. During the construction phase, a number of factors can result in delays and cost overruns. Because of the uncertainties inherent in estimating construction costs, as well as the market value of the completed project, it is relatively difficult to evaluate accurately the total funds required to complete a project and the related loan-to-value ratio. As a result, construction loans often involve the disbursement of substantial funds with repayment dependent primarily on the completion of the project and the ability of the borrower to sell the property, rather than the ability of the borrower or guarantor to repay principal and interest. If estimates of value are inaccurate or if actual construction costs exceed estimates, the value of the property securing the loan may be insufficient to ensure full repayment. If our appraisal of the value of the completed project proves to be overstated, our collateral may be inadequate for the repayment of the loan upon completion of construction of the project. If we are forced to foreclose on a project prior to or at completion due to a default, there can be no assurance that we will be able to recover all of the unpaid balance of, and accrued interest on, the loan as well as related foreclosure and holding costs. In addition, we may be required to fund additional amounts to complete the project and may have to hold the property for an unspecified period of time.

We must effectively manage our growth strategy.

As part of our general growth strategy, we may expand into additional communities or attempt to strengthen our position in our current markets by opening new offices, subject to any regulatory constraints

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on our ability to open new offices. To the extent that we are able to open additional offices, we are likely to experience the effects of higher operating expenses relative to operating income from the new operations for a period of time, which may have an adverse effect on our levels of reported net income, return on average equity and return on average assets. Our current growth strategies involve internal growth from our current offices and, subject to any regulatory constraints on our ability to open new branch offices, the addition of new offices over time, so that the additional overhead expenses associated with these openings are absorbed prior to opening other new offices.

We have a significant deferred tax asset and cannot assure that it will be fully realized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are the expected future tax amounts for the temporary differences between the carrying amounts and tax basis of assets and liabilities computed using enacted tax rates. If we determine that we will not achieve sufficient future taxable income to realize our net deferred tax asset, we are required under generally accepted accounting principles to establish a full or partial valuation allowance. If we determine that a valuation allowance is necessary, we are required to incur a charge to operations. We regularly assess available positive and negative evidence to determine whether it is more likely than not that our net deferred tax asset will be realized. Realization of a deferred tax asset requires us to apply significant judgment and is inherently speculative because it requires estimates that cannot be made with certainty. At December 31, 2010, we had a net deferred tax asset of \$27.4 million. For the year ended December 31, 2010, we established a partial valuation allowance of \$3.7 million. If we were to determine at some point in the future that we will not achieve sufficient future taxable income to realize our net deferred tax asset, we would be required, under generally accepted accounting principles, to establish a full or increase our partial valuation allowance which would require us to incur a charge to operations for the period in which the determination was made.

We face strong competition from financial service companies and other companies that offer banking services.

We face substantial competition in all phases of our operations from a variety of different competitors. Our competitors, including larger commercial banks, community banks, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, credit unions, consumer finance companies, insurance companies, securities dealers, brokers, mortgage bankers, investment advisors, money market mutual funds and other financial institutions, compete with lending and deposit-gathering services offered by us. Increased competition in our markets may result in reduced loans and deposits.

Many of these competing institutions have much greater financial and marketing resources than we have. Due to their size, many competitors can achieve larger economies of scale and may offer a broader range of products and services than we can. If we are unable to offer competitive products and services, our business may be negatively affected.

Some of the financial services organizations with which we compete are not subject to the same degree of regulation as is imposed on bank holding companies and federally insured financial institutions or are not subject to increased supervisory oversight arising from regulatory examinations. As a result, these non-bank competitors have certain advantages over us in accessing funding and in providing various services. The banking business in our primary market areas is very competitive, and the level of competition facing us may increase further, which may limit our asset growth and financial results.

We are subject to extensive government regulation that could limit or restrict our activities, which in turn may adversely impact our ability to increase our assets and earnings.

We operate in a highly regulated environment and are subject to supervision and regulation by a number of governmental regulatory agencies, including the Federal Reserve, the DFI and the FDIC. Regulations adopted by these agencies, which are generally intended to provide protection for depositors and customers rather than for the benefit of shareholders, govern a comprehensive range of matters

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relating to ownership and control of our shares, our acquisition of other companies and businesses, permissible activities for us to engage in, maintenance of adequate capital levels, and other aspects of our operations. These bank regulators possess broad authority to prevent or remedy unsafe or unsound practices or violations of law. The laws and regulations applicable to the banking industry could change at any time and we cannot predict the effects of these changes on our business and profitability. Increased regulation could increase our cost of compliance and adversely affect profitability. Moreover, certain of these regulations contain significant punitive sanctions for violations, including monetary penalties and limitations on a bank's ability to implement components of its business plan, such as expansion through mergers and acquisitions or the opening of new branch offices. In addition, changes in regulatory requirements may add costs associated with compliance efforts. Furthermore, government policy and regulation, particularly as implemented through the Federal Reserve System, significantly affect credit conditions. As a result of the negative financial market and general economic trends, there is a potential for new federal or state laws and regulation regarding lending and funding practices and liquidity standards, and bank regulatory agencies have been and are expected to be aggressive in responding to concerns and trends identified in examinations, including the expected issuance of many formal enforcement orders. Negative developments in the financial industry and the impact of new legislation and regulation in response to those developments could negatively impact our business operations and adversely impact our financial performance. We are also subject to supervision, regulation and investigation by the U.S. Treasury and the Office of the Special Inspector General under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by virtue of our participation in the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program.

Technology is continually changing and we must effectively implement new technologies.

The financial services industry is undergoing rapid technological changes with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services. In addition to better serving customers, the effective use of technology increases efficiency and enables us to reduce costs. Our future success will depend in part upon our ability to address the needs of our customers by using technology to provide products and services that will satisfy customer demands for convenience as well as to create additional efficiencies in our operations as we continue to grow and expand our market areas. In order to anticipate and develop new technology, we employ a qualified staff of internal information system specialists and consider this area a core part of our business. We do not develop our own software products, but have been able to respond to technological changes in a timely manner through association with leading technology vendors. We must continue to make substantial investments in technology which may affect our results of operations. If we are unable to make such investments, or we are unable to respond to technological changes in a timely manner, our operating costs may increase which could adversely affect our results of operations.

System failure or breaches of our network security could subject us to increased operating costs as well as litigation and other liabilities.

The computer systems and network infrastructure we use could be vulnerable to unforeseen problems. Our operations are dependent upon our ability to protect our computer equipment against damage from physical theft, fire, power loss, telecommunications failure or a similar catastrophic event, as well as from security breaches, denial of service attacks, viruses, worms and other disruptive problems caused by hackers. Any damage or failure that causes an interruption in our operations could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Computer break-ins and other disruptions could also jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through our computer systems and network infrastructure, which may result in significant liability to us and may cause existing and potential customers to refrain from doing business with us. We employ external auditors to conduct auditing and testing for weaknesses in our systems, controls, firewalls and encryption to reduce the likelihood of any security failures or breaches. Although we, with the help of third-party service providers and auditors,

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intend to continue to implement security technology and establish operational procedures to prevent such damage, there can be no assurance that these security measures will be successful. In addition, advances in computer capabilities, new discoveries in the field of cryptography or other developments could result in a compromise or breach of the algorithms we and our third-party service providers use to encrypt and protect customer transaction data. A failure of such security measures could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We are exposed to the risk of environmental liabilities with respect to properties to which we take title.

In the course of our business, when a borrower defaults on a loan secured by real property, we generally purchase the property in foreclosure or accept a deed to the property surrendered by the borrower. We may also take over the management of properties when owners have defaulted on loans. While we have guidelines intended to exclude properties with an unreasonable risk of contamination, hazardous substances may exist on some of the properties that we own, manage or occupy and unknown hazardous risks could impact the value of real estate collateral. We may be held liable to a governmental entity or to third parties for property damage, personal injury, investigation and clean-up costs incurred by these parties in connection with environmental contamination, or may be required to investigate or clean up hazardous or toxic substances, or chemical releases at a property. The costs associated with investigation or remediation activities could be substantial and exceed the value of the property. In addition, if we are the owner or former owner of a contaminated site, we may be subject to common law claims by third parties based on damages and costs resulting from environmental contamination emanating from the property. If we become subject to significant environmental liabilities, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects could be adversely affected.

Managing operational risk is important to attracting and maintaining customers, investors and employees.

Operational risk represents the risk of loss resulting from our operations, including but not limited to, the risk of fraud by employees or persons outside the Company, the execution of unauthorized transactions by employees, transaction processing errors and breaches of the internal control system and compliance requirements. This risk of loss also includes the potential legal actions that could arise as a result of an operational deficiency or as a result of noncompliance with applicable regulatory standards, adverse business decisions or their implementation and customer attrition due to potential negative publicity. Operational risk is inherent in all business activities and the management of this risk is important to the achievement of our business objectives. In the event of a breakdown in our internal control system, improper operation of systems or improper employee actions, we could suffer financial loss, face regulatory action and suffer damage to our reputation. We have policies and procedures in place to protect our reputation and promote ethical conduct, but these policies and procedures may not be fully effective. Negative publicity regarding our business, employees, or customers, with or without merit, may result in the loss of customers, investors and employees, costly litigation, a decline in revenues and increased governmental regulation.

Potential acquisitions may disrupt our business and adversely affect our results of operations.

We have in the past and, subject to any regulatory constraints on our ability to undertake any acquisitions, we may in the future seek to grow our business by acquiring other businesses. We cannot predict the frequency, size or timing of our acquisitions, and we typically do not comment publicly on a possible acquisition until we have signed a definitive agreement. There can be no assurance that our acquisitions will have the anticipated positive results, including results related to the total cost of integration, the time required to complete the integration, the amount of longer-term cost savings, continued growth, or the overall performance of the acquired company or combined entity. Integration of an acquired business can be complex and costly. If we are not able to successfully integrate future acquisitions, there is a risk that our results of operations could be adversely affected. In addition, if

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goodwill recorded in connection with potential future acquisitions was determined to be impaired, then we would be required to recognize a charge against operations, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations during the period in which the impairment was recognized.

We are dependent on key personnel and the loss of one or more of those key personnel may materially and adversely affect our prospects.

Competition for qualified employees and personnel in the banking industry is intense and there are a limited number of qualified persons with knowledge of, and experience in, the California community banking industry. The process of recruiting personnel with the combination of skills and attributes required to carry out our strategies is often lengthy. In addition, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have imposed significant limitations on executive compensation for recipients, such as us, of funds under the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program, which may make it more difficult for us to retain and recruit key personnel. Our success depends to a significant degree upon our ability to attract and retain qualified management, loan origination, finance, administrative, marketing and technical personnel and upon the continued contributions of our management and personnel. In particular, our success has been and continues to be highly dependent upon the abilities of key executives, including our Chief Executive Officer and certain other key employees.

Severe weather, natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism and other external events could significantly impact our business

Severe weather, natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism and other adverse external events could have a significant impact on our ability to conduct business. Such events could affect the stability of our deposit base, impair the ability of borrowers to repay outstanding loans, impair the value of collateral securing loans, cause significant property damage, result in loss of revenue and/or cause us to incur additional expenses. For example, our primary market areas in California are subject to earthquakes and fires. Operations in our market could be disrupted by both the evacuation of large portions of the population as well as damage and or lack of access to our banking and operation facilities. While we have not experienced such an occurrence to date, other severe weather or natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism or other adverse external events may occur in the future. Although management has established disaster recovery policies and procedures, the occurrence of any such event could have a material adverse effect on our business, which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Because of our participation in the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program, we are subject to various restrictions, including restrictions on compensation paid to our executives.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreements we entered into with the U.S. Treasury and provisions of the Emergency Economy Stabilization Act, we adopted certain standards for executive compensation and corporate governance for the period during which the U.S. Treasury holds our Series A Preferred Stock. These standards generally apply to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and the three next most highly compensated senior executive officers. The standards include (i) ensuring that incentive compensation for senior executives does not encourage unnecessary and excessive risks that threaten the value of the financial institution; (ii) required clawback of any bonus or incentive compensation paid to a senior executive based on statements of earnings, gains or other criteria that are later proven to be materially inaccurate; (iii) prohibition on making golden parachute payments to senior executives; and (iv) agreement not to deduct for tax purposes executive compensation in excess of \$500,000 for each senior executive. In addition, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act imposes certain executive compensation and corporate governance requirements on all current and future Capital Purchase Program recipients, including the Company. The executive compensation standards are more stringent than those in effect under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. The standards include (but are not limited to)

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(a) prohibitions on bonuses, retention awards and other incentive compensation, other than restricted stock grants which do not fully vest until the Series A Preferred Stock is no longer outstanding up to one-third of an employee's total annual compensation; (b) prohibitions on golden parachute payments for departure from a company; (c) an expanded clawback of bonuses, retention awards, and incentive compensation if payment is based on materially inaccurate statements of earnings, revenues, gains or other criteria; (d) prohibitions on compensation plans that encourage manipulation of reported earnings; (e) retroactive review of bonuses, retention awards and other compensation previously provided by Capital Purchase Program recipients if found by the U.S. Treasury to be inconsistent with the purposes of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act or otherwise contrary to public interest; (f) establishment of a company-wide policy regarding "excessive or luxury expenditures;" and (g) inclusion in a participant's proxy statements for annual shareholder meetings of a nonbinding "say on pay" shareholder vote on the compensation of executives. Such restrictions and any future restrictions on executive compensation, which may be adopted, could adversely affect our ability to hire and retain senior executive officers and other key employees.

Until we are able to repurchase the Series A Preferred Stock we are required to operate under the restrictions imposed by the U.S. Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program, and such restrictions may have unforeseen and unintended adverse effects on our business.

Until such time as we repurchase the Series A Preferred Stock, we will remain subject to the respective terms and conditions set forth in the agreements we entered into with the U.S. Treasury under the Capital Purchase Program. The continued existence of the Capital Purchase Program investment subjects us to increased regulatory and legislative oversight. Future legal requirements and implementing standards under the Capital Purchase Program may apply retroactively and may have unforeseen or unintended adverse effects on Capital Purchase Program participants and on the financial services industry as a whole. They may require us to expend significant time, effort and resources to ensure compliance, and the evolving regulations concerning executive compensation may impose limitations on us that affect our ability to compete successfully for executive and management talent.

We can make no assurance as to when or if we will be in a position to repurchase the Series A Preferred Stock and the warrant issued to the U.S. Treasury. Furthermore, the repurchase of the Series A Preferred Stock and warrant is subject to regulatory approval.

Risks Related to Our Securities

Our participation in the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program may pose certain risks to holders of our securities.

The Company sold to the U.S. Treasury 40,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, and issued a warrant to purchase 462,963 shares of the Company's common stock. Although the Company believes that its participation in the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program was in the best interests of its shareholders in that it enhanced our capital, it may pose certain risks to the holders of our securities such as the following:

The warrant, if exercised, may be dilutive to current common stockholders.

The warrant is immediately exercisable, thus the U.S. Treasury may at any time become a holder of the Company's common stock and possess voting power.

Although the Series A Preferred Stock issued to the U.S. Treasury is non-voting, the terms of the Capital Purchase Program stipulate that the U.S. Treasury may vote its senior equity in matters deemed by the U.S. Treasury to have an impact on its holdings.

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Under the terms of the Capital Purchase Program, the Company must seek the approval of the U.S. Treasury for any increases in dividends paid to holders of our common stock as well as any repurchases of our common stock.

The U.S. Treasury may at any time change the terms of our participation in the Capital Purchase Program.

The Company has suspended six quarterly dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock, and therefore, the U.S. Treasury has the right to appoint two directors to our Board of Directors.

We are unable to pay any dividends on our common stock unless we are current with our dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock.

We can make no assurance as to when or if we will receive regulatory approval to pay the accrued dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Our securities are not an insured deposit.

Our securities are not bank deposits and, therefore, are not insured against loss by the FDIC, any other deposit insurance fund or by any other public or private entity. Investment in our securities is inherently risky for the reasons described in this section and elsewhere in this report and is subject to the same market forces that affect the price of securities in any company.

Our outstanding preferred stock impacts net income allocable to our common shareholders and earnings per common share, and conversion of our Series C Preferred Stock or exercise of the warrant issued to the U.S. Treasury will be dilutive to holders of our common stock.

The dividends declared and the accretion on our outstanding preferred stock reduce the net income available to common shareholders and our earnings per common share. Our preferred stock will also receive preferential treatment in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

The ownership interest of the existing holders of our common stock will be diluted to the extent the warrant issued to the U.S. Treasury is exercised. The shares of common stock underlying the warrant represent approximately 2% of the shares of our common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2010. Although the U.S. Treasury has agreed to not vote any of the common shares it receives upon exercise of the warrant, a transferee of any portion of the warrant or of any common shares acquired upon exercise of the warrant is not bound by this restriction. The terms of the warrant include an anti-dilution adjustment which provides that, if we issue common shares or securities convertible or exercisable into, or exchangeable for, common shares at a price that is less than 90% of the market price of such shares on the last trading day preceding the date of the agreement to sell such shares, the number of common shares to be issued would increase and the per share price of common shares to be purchased pursuant to the warrant would decrease.

Additionally, we have 21,004 shares of Series C Preferred Stock outstanding. The ownership interest of our existing holders of common stock will be diluted to the extent the Series C Preferred Stock is automatically converted into common stock. The Series C Preferred Stock is convertible into an aggregate of 5,601,000 shares of our common stock upon a transfer of the Series C Preferred Stock to a transferee not affiliated with the holder in a widely dispersed offering. The shares of common stock underlying the Series C Preferred Stock represent approximately 21% of the shares of our common stock outstanding on December 31, 2010.

Holders of our subordinated debt have rights that are senior to those of our common and preferred shareholders.

We have supported our continued growth through four issuances of trust preferred securities from four separate special purpose trusts and related issuance of subordinated debt to these trusts. At

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December 31, 2010, we had outstanding subordinated debt totaling \$23.7 million. Payments of the principal and interest on the subordinated debt are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us. Further, the accompanying subordinated debt we issued to the special purpose trusts are senior to our outstanding shares of common stock and preferred stock. As a result, we must make payments on the subordinated debt before any dividends can be paid on our common stock or preferred stock and, in the event of our bankruptcy, dissolution or liquidation, the holders of the subordinated debt must be satisfied before any distributions can be made on our preferred stock or common stock. We have the right to defer interest payments on our subordinated debt and the related trust preferred securities for up to five years, during which time no cash dividends may be paid on our common stock or preferred stock. In November 2009, we exercised our right to defer the payment of interest on the subordinated debt and related trust preferred securities. Until the accrued interest due on the subordinated debt and related trust preferred securities has been paid, we are unable to make any dividend payment on our common stock or preferred stock. We can make no assurance as to when or if we will be in a position to pay the accrued interest on the subordinated debt and related trust preferred securities.

We are subject to a Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and DFI that prohibits the payment of interest on our subordinated debt (and related trust preferred securities) and dividends on our common and preferred stock without prior approval.

The Written Agreement with our regulators restricts the payment of dividends on common stock and preferred stock, and any payments on our subordinated debt and related trust preferred securities, any reductions in capital or the purchase or redemption of stock without the prior consent of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation of the Federal Reserve and DFI. We can make no assurance as to when or if we will receive regulatory approval to pay interest and dividends in the future.

The price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, and this may make it difficult for you to resell shares of common stock owned by you at times or at prices you find attractive.

The stock market and, in particular, the market for financial institution stocks, have experienced significant volatility. In some cases, the markets have produced downward pressure on stock prices for certain issuers without regard to those issuers' underlying financial strength. As a result, the trading volume in our common stock may fluctuate more than usual and cause significant price variations to occur. This may make it difficult for you to resell shares of Common Stock owned by you at times or at prices you find attractive.

The trading price of the shares of our common stock will depend on many factors, which may change from time to time and which may be beyond our control, including, without limitation, our financial condition, performance, creditworthiness and prospects, future sales or offerings of our equity or equity related securities, and other factors identified above under "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," "Risk Factors" and below. These broad market fluctuations have adversely affected and may continue to adversely affect the market price of our common stock. Among the factors that could affect our stock price are:

actual or anticipated quarterly fluctuations in our operating results and financial condition;

changes in financial estimates or publication of research reports and recommendations by financial analysts or actions taken by rating agencies with respect to our common stock or those of other financial institutions;

failure to meet analysts' revenue or earnings estimates;

speculation in the press or investment community generally or relating to our reputation, our operations, our market area, our competitors or the financial services industry in general;

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strategic actions by us or our competitors, such as acquisitions, restructurings, dispositions or financings;

actions by our current shareholders, including sales of common stock by existing shareholders and/or directors and executive officers;

trends in our nonperforming assets;

the costs and effectiveness of our efforts to reduce our classified assets;

fluctuations in the stock price and operating results of our competitors;

future sales of our equity, equity-related or debt securities;

proposed or adopted regulatory changes or developments;

anticipated or pending investigations, proceedings, or litigation that involve or affect us;

trading activities in our common stock, including short-selling;

domestic and international economic factors unrelated to our performance; and

general market conditions and, in particular, developments related to market conditions for the financial services industry.

Our common stock is listed for trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "HTBK." The trading volume has historically been significantly less than that of larger financial services companies. Stock price volatility may make it more difficult for you to sell your common stock when you want and at prices you find attractive.

A public trading market having the desired characteristics of depth, liquidity and orderliness depends on the presence in the marketplace of willing buyers and sellers of our common stock at any given time. This presence depends on the individual decisions of investors and general economic and market conditions over which we have no control. Given the relatively low trading volume of our common stock, significant sales of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that those sales may occur, could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline or to be lower than it otherwise might be in the absence of those sales or perceptions.

Federal and state law may limit the ability of another party to acquire us, which could cause the price of our securities to decline.

Federal law prohibits a person or group of persons "acting in concert" from acquiring "control" of a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve has been given 60 days prior written notice of such proposed acquisition and within that time period the Federal Reserve has not issued a notice disapproving the proposed acquisition or extending for up to another 30 days the period during which such a disapproval may be issued. An acquisition may be made prior to the expiration of the disapproval period if the Federal Reserve issues written notice of its intent not to disapprove the action. Under a rebuttable presumption established by the Federal Reserve, the acquisition of 10% or more of a class of voting stock of a bank or bank holding company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act would, under the circumstances set forth in the presumption, constitute the acquisition of control. In addition, any "company" would be required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve under the BHCA, before acquiring 25% (5% in the case of an acquiror that is, or is deemed to be, a bank holding company) or more of any class of voting stock, or such lesser number of shares as may constitute control.

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Under the California Financial Code, no person shall, directly or indirectly, acquire control of a California state bank or its holding company unless the DFI has approved such acquisition of control. A person would be deemed to have acquired control of HBC if such person, directly or indirectly, has the power (i) to vote 25% or more of the voting power of Heritage Bank of Commerce; or (ii) to direct or

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cause the direction of the management and policies of HBC. For purposes of this law, a person who directly or indirectly owns or controls 10% or more of our outstanding common stock would be presumed to control HBC.

These provisions of federal and state law may prevent a merger or acquisition that would be attractive to shareholders and could limit the price investors would be willing to pay in the future for our securities.

We may raise additional capital, which could have a dilutive effect on the existing holders of our securities and adversely affect the market price of our securities.

We are not restricted from issuing additional shares of common stock or securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or represent the right to receive shares of common stock. We frequently evaluate opportunities to access the capital markets taking into account our regulatory capital ratios, financial condition and other relevant considerations and, subject to market conditions, we may take further capital actions. Such actions could include, among other things, the issuance of additional shares of common stock or other securities in public or private transactions in order to further increase our capital levels above the requirements for a "well capitalized" institution established by the federal bank regulatory agencies as well as other regulatory targets. These issuances could dilute ownership interests of investors and could dilute the per share book value of our common stock.

The issuance of additional shares of preferred stock could adversely affect holders of common stock, which may negatively impact an investment in our securities.

Our Board of Directors is authorized to issue additional classes or series of preferred stock without any action on the part of the shareholders, except in certain circumstances. Our Board of Directors also has the power, without shareholder approval except in certain circumstances, to set the terms of any such classes or series of preferred stock that may be issued, including voting rights, dividend rights and preferences over the common stock with respect to dividends or upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our business and other terms. If we issue preferred stock in the future that has a preference over the common stock with respect to the payment of dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or if we issue preferred stock with voting rights that dilute the voting power of the common stock, then the rights of holders of the common stock or the market price of the common stock could be adversely affected.

ITEM 1B UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2 PROPERTIES

The main and executive offices of HCC and HBC are located at 150 Almaden Boulevard in San Jose, California 95113, with branch offices located at 15575 Los Gatos Boulevard in Los Gatos, California 95032, at 387 Diablo Road in Danville, California 94526, at 3077 Stevenson Boulevard in Fremont, California 94538, at 300 Main Street in Pleasanton, California 94566, at 101 Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek, California 94596, at 18625 Sutter Boulevard in Morgan Hill, California 95037, at 7598 Monterey Street in Gilroy, California 95020, at 419 S. San Antonio Road in Los Altos, California 94022, and at 175 E. El Camino Real in Mountain View, California 94040.

Main Offices

The main offices of HBC are located at 150 Almaden Boulevard in San Jose, California on the first three floors in a fifteen-story Class-A type office building. All three floors, consisting of approximately 35,547 square feet, are subject to a direct lease dated April 13, 2000, as amended, which expires on May 31, 2015. The current monthly rent payment for the first two floors, consisting of approximately 22,723 square

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feet, is \$56,808 and is subject to 3% annual increases until the lease expires. The current monthly rent payment for the third floor, which consists of approximately 12,824 square feet, is \$53,861 until the lease expires. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for two additional periods of five years each.

In January of 1997, the Company leased approximately 1,255 square feet (referred to as the "Kiosk") located next to the primary operating area at 150 Almaden Boulevard in San Jose, California to be used for meetings, staff training and marketing events. The current monthly rent payment is \$5,271 until the lease expires on May 31, 2015. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for two additional periods of five years each.

Branch Offices

In March of 1999, the Company leased approximately 7,260 square feet in a one-story multi-tenant office building located at 18625 Sutter Boulevard in Morgan Hill, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$12,183 and is subject to adjustment every 36 months, based on the Consumer Price Index of the Labor of Statistics as defined in the lease agreement, until the lease expires on October 31, 2014.

In May of 2006, the Company leased approximately 2,505 square feet on the first floor in a three-story multi-tenant multi-use building located at 7598 Monterey Street in Gilroy, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$4,881 and is subject to annual increases of 2% until the lease expires on September 30, 2016. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for two additional periods of five years each.

In April of 2007, the Company leased approximately 3,850 square feet on the first floor in a four-story multi-tenant office building located at 101 Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$13,883 and is subject to annual increases of 3% until the lease expires on August 15, 2014. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for one additional period of five years.

In June of 2007, as part of the acquisition of Diablo Valley Bank the Company took ownership of an 8,300 square foot one-story commercial building, including the land, located at 387 Diablo Road in Danville, California. The Company also assumed a lease for approximately 4,096 square feet in a one-story stand-alone office building located at 300 Main Street in Pleasanton, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$14,336 and is subject to annual increases of 3% until the lease expires on October 31, 2017.

In August of 2007, the Company extended its lease for approximately 6,590 square feet in a one-story stand-alone office building located at 3077 Stevenson Boulevard in Fremont, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$14,402 and is subject to annual increases of 3% until the lease expires on February 28, 2013. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for one additional period of five years.

In February 2008, the Company extended its lease for approximately 4,840 square feet in a one-story multi-tenant shopping center located at 175 E. El Camino Real in Mountain View, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$14,837 and is subject to annual increases, based on the Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics as defined in the lease agreement. The lease expires on May 31, 2013; however, the Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for one additional period of five years.

In June of 2008, the Company entered into a sublease agreement for approximately 5,213 square feet on the first floor in a two-story multi-tenant office building located at 419 S. San Antonio Road in Los Altos, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$17,697 and is subject to annual increases of 3% until the sublease expires on April 30, 2012. After the sublease has expired, occupancy will continue under a direct lease, also entered into in June of 2008. The monthly rent payment beginning on May 1, 2012 will

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be \$24,501 and is subject to annual increases of 3% until the lease expires on April 30, 2018. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for two additional periods of five years each.

In December of 2008, the Company extended its lease for approximately 1,920 square feet in a one-story stand-alone building located in an office complex at 15575 Los Gatos Boulevard in Los Gatos, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$5,601 and is subject to annual increases of 3% until the lease expires on November 30, 2013. The Company has reserved the right to extend the term of the lease for one additional period of five years.

Loan Production Office

In October of 2009, the Company renewed its lease for approximately 250 square feet of office space located at 740 Fourth Street in Santa Rosa, California. The current monthly rent payment is \$1,287 until the lease expires on October 8, 2011.

For additional information on operating leases and rent expense, refer to Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements following "Item 15 *Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.*"

ITEM 3 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved in certain legal actions arising from normal business activities. Management, based upon the advice of legal counsel, believes the ultimate resolution of all pending legal actions will not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Company.

ITEM 4 RESERVED

PART II

ITEM 5 MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Information

The Company's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "HTBK." Management is aware of the following securities dealers which make a market in the Company's common stock: Credit Suisse Securities, UBS Securities, Goldman Sachs & Company, Citadel Securities, Knight Capital America, L.P., Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Barclays Capital Inc., Howes Barnes Investments, Timber Hill, Susquehanna Capital Group, Susquehanna Financial Group, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Cantor Fitzgerald & Company, Fig Partners, D.A. Davidson & Company, Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, Bloomberg Tradebook, Domestic Securities Inc., E*Trade Capital Markets, Hudson Securities, Nasdaq Execution Services, Sandler, O'Neill & Partners, and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company. These market makers have committed to make a market for the Company's common stock, although they may discontinue making a market at any time. No assurance can be given that an active trading market will be sustained for the common stock at any time in the future.

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The information in the following table for 2010 and 2009 indicates the high and low closing prices for the common stock, based upon information provided by the NASDAQ Global Select Market and cash dividend payment for each quarter presented.

Quarter	Stock Price		Dividend Per Share
	High	Low	
Year ended December 31, 2010:			
Fourth quarter	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.49	\$
Third quarter	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.36	\$
Second quarter	\$ 5.83	\$ 3.55	\$
First quarter	\$ 4.48	\$ 3.40	\$
Year ended December 31, 2009:			
Fourth quarter	\$ 4.64	\$ 2.50	\$
Third quarter	\$ 5.75	\$ 2.99	\$
Second quarter	\$ 8.66	\$ 3.61	\$
First quarter	\$ 11.75	\$ 3.75	\$ 0.02

The closing price of our common stock on February 15, 2011 was \$4.99 per share as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

As of February 15, 2011, there were approximately 700 holders of record of common stock. There are no other classes of common equity outstanding.

Dividend Policy

Under the Written Agreement we are required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation of the Federal Reserve to make any interest payments on our outstanding trust preferred securities and related subordinate debt, or to pay any dividends on our common stock or preferred stock.

The amount of future dividends will depend upon our earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors, and will be determined by our board of directors on a quarterly basis. It is Federal Reserve policy that bank holding companies generally pay dividends on common stock only out of income available over the past year, and only if prospective earnings retention is consistent with the organization's expected future needs and financial condition. It is also Federal Reserve policy that bank holding companies not maintain dividend levels that undermine the holding company's ability to be a source of strength to its banking subsidiaries. Additionally, in consideration of the current financial and economic environment, the Federal Reserve has indicated that bank holding companies should carefully review their dividend policy and has discouraged payment ratios that are at maximum allowable levels unless both asset quality and capital are very strong. Under the federal Prompt Corrective Action regulations, the Federal Reserve or the FDIC may prohibit a bank holding company from paying any dividends if the holding company's bank subsidiary is classified as undercapitalized.

As a holding company, our ability to pay cash dividends is affected by the ability of our bank subsidiary, HBC, to pay cash dividends. The ability of HBC (and our ability) to pay cash dividends in the future and the amount of any such cash dividends is and could be in the future further influenced by bank regulatory requirements and approvals and capital guidelines. Our ability to pay cash dividends is further subject to restrictions set forth in the California General Corporation Law (the "CGCL"). The CGCL provides that a corporation may make a distribution to its shareholders if the corporation's retained earnings equal at least the amount of the proposed distribution. The CGCL further provides that, in the event sufficient retained earnings are not available for the proposed distribution, a corporation may nevertheless make a distribution to its shareholders if, after giving effect to the distribution, it meets two conditions, which generally stated are as follows: (i) the corporation's assets must equal at least 125% of its

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liabilities; and (ii) the corporation's current assets must equal at least its current liabilities or, if the average of the corporation's earnings before taxes on income and before interest expense for the two preceding fiscal years was less than the average of the corporation's interest expense for those fiscal years, then the corporation's current assets must equal at least 125% of its current liabilities.

Funds for payment of any cash dividends by HCC would be obtained from its investments as well as dividends from HBC. As a California banking corporation, the ability of HBC to pay cash dividends is subject to restrictions set forth in the California Financial Code (the "Financial Code"). The Financial Code provides that a bank may not make a cash distribution to its shareholders in excess of the lesser of (i) the bank's retained earnings; or (ii) the bank's net income for its last three fiscal years, less the amount of any distributions made by the bank or by any majority-owned subsidiary of the bank to the shareholders of the bank during such period. However, a bank may, with the approval of the DFI, make a distribution to its shareholders in an amount not exceeding the greater of (a) its retained earnings; (b) its net income for its last fiscal year; or (c) its net income for its current fiscal year. In the event that the DFI determines that the shareholders' equity of a bank is inadequate or that the making of a distribution by the bank would be unsafe or unsound, the Commissioner may order the bank to refrain from making a proposed distribution.

Under the terms of the Capital Purchase Program, for so long as any preferred stock issued under the Capital Purchase Program remains outstanding, we are prohibited from increasing quarterly dividends on our common stock in excess of \$0.08 per share, and from making certain repurchases of equity securities, including our common stock, without the U.S. Treasury's consent until the third anniversary of the U.S. Treasury investment or until the U.S. Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock it purchased to third parties. As long as the Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, dividend payments and repurchases or redemptions relating to certain equity securities, including our common stock and Series C Preferred Stock, are also prohibited until all accrued and unpaid dividends are paid on such preferred stock, subject to certain limited exceptions. In November 2009, we suspended dividend payments on our Series A Preferred Stock. So long as dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock remain suspended, we may not, among other things and with limited exceptions, pay cash dividends on or repurchase our common stock or preferred stock.

We have supported our growth through the issuance of trust preferred securities from special purpose trusts and accompanying sales of subordinated debt to these trusts. The subordinated debt that we issued to the trusts is senior to our shares of common stock, Series A Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock. As a result, we must make payments on the subordinated debt before any dividends can be paid on our common stock, Series A Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock. Under the terms of the subordinated debt, we may defer interest payments for up to five years. In November 2009, we exercised our right to defer regularly scheduled interest payments on our outstanding \$23.7 million of subordinated debt relating to our trust preferred securities. So long as interest payments remain deferred, we may not pay cash dividends on or repurchase our common stock or preferred stock.

At such time as we become current with the dividends payable on the Series A Preferred Stock and interest payments on our trust preferred securities and related subordinated debt, the decision whether to pay dividends will be made by our Board of Directors in light of conditions then existing, including factors such as our results of operations, financial condition, business conditions, regulatory capital requirements and covenants under any applicable contractual arrangements, including agreements with regulatory authorities.

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Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2010 regarding equity compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company were authorized for issuance:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,150,821(1)	\$15.47	716,193(5)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	13,500(2)	\$3.57	716,193(5)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	12,750(3)	\$18.15	N/A
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	462,963(4)	\$12.96	N/A

- (1) Consists of 142,919 options to acquire shares of common stock issued under the Company's 1994 stock option plan, and 1,007,902 options to acquire shares under the Company's Amended and Restated 2004 Equity Plan.
- (2) Consist of 13,500 shares of restricted stock issued under the Company's Amended and Restated 2004 Equity Plan.
- (3) Consists of restricted stock issued to the Company's chief executive officer pursuant to a restricted stock agreement dated March 17, 2005.
- (4) Consists of a warrant issued to the U.S. Treasury to purchase 462,963 shares of the Company's common stock. The warrant is immediately exercisable and has a 10-year term with an initial exercise price of \$12.96 pursuant to a Written Agreement of Securities Purchase dated November 21, 2008.
- (5) Available under the Company's Amended and Restated 2004 Equity Plan.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares the stock performance of the Company from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2010, to the performance of several specific industry indices. The performance of the S&P 500 Index, NASDAQ Stock Index and NASDAQ Bank Stocks were used as comparisons to the Company's stock performance. Management believes that a performance comparison to these indices provides meaningful information and has therefore included those comparisons in the following graph.

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The following chart compares the stock performance of the Company from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2010, to the performance of several specific industry indices. The performance of the S&P 500 Index, NASDAQ Stock Index and NASDAQ Bank Stocks were used as comparisons to the Company's stock performance.

Index	Period Ended					
	12/31/05	12/31/06	12/31/07	12/31/08	12/31/09	12/31/10
Heritage Commerce Corp*	100	124	86	52	19	14
S&P 500*	100	114	118	72	89	101
NASDAQ Total US*	100	110	120	72	103	120
NASDAQ Bank Index*	100	111	87	66	54	60

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Source: SNL Financial Bank Information Group (434) 977-1600

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ITEM 6 SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents a summary of selected financial information that should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included under Item 8 "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA."

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

	AT OR FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,					
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts and ratios)					
INCOME STATEMENT DATA:						
Interest income	\$ 55,087	\$ 62,293	\$ 75,957	\$ 78,712	\$ 72,957	
Interest expense	10,512	16,326	24,444	27,012	22,525	
Net interest income before provision for loan losses	44,575	45,967	51,513	51,700	50,432	
Provision for loan losses	26,804	33,928	15,537	(11)	(503)	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	17,771	12,039	35,976	51,711	50,935	
Noninterest income	8,733	8,027	6,791	8,052	9,840	
Noninterest expense	88,127	44,760	42,392	37,530	34,268	
Income (loss) before income taxes	(61,623)	(24,694)	375	22,233	26,507	
Income tax expense (benefit)	(5,766)	(12,709)	(1,387)	8,137	9,237	
Net income (loss)	(55,857)	(11,985)	1,762	14,096	17,270	
Dividends and discount accretion on preferred stock	(2,398)	(2,376)	(255)			
Net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders	\$ (58,255)	\$ (14,361)	\$ 1,507	\$ 14,096	\$ 17,270	
PER COMMON SHARE DATA:						
Basic net income (loss)(1)	\$ (3.64)	\$ (1.21)	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.47	
Diluted net income (loss)(2)	\$ (3.64)	\$ (1.21)	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.44	
Book value per common share(3)	\$ 4.73	\$ 11.34	\$ 12.38	\$ 12.90	\$ 10.54	
Tangible book value per common share(4)	\$ 4.61	\$ 7.38	\$ 8.37	\$ 9.20	\$ 10.54	
Pro forma tangible book value per share, assuming Series C Preferred Stock was converted into common stock(5)	\$ 4.41	\$ 7.38	8.37	9.20	10.54	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding basic	16,026,058	11,820,509	12,002,910	12,449,270	11,776,671	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding diluted	16,026,058	11,820,509	12,039,776	12,566,801	11,966,397	
Shares outstanding at period end	26,233,001	11,820,509	11,820,509	12,774,926	11,656,943	
Pro forma common shares outstanding at period end, assuming Series C Preferred Stock was converted into common stock(6)	31,834,001	11,820,509	11,820,509	12,774,926	11,656,943	
BALANCE SHEET DATA:						
Securities	\$ 232,165	\$ 109,966	\$ 104,475	\$ 135,402	\$ 172,298	
Net loans	\$ 820,845	\$ 1,041,345	\$ 1,223,624	\$ 1,024,247	\$ 699,957	
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 25,204	\$ 28,768	\$ 25,007	\$ 12,218	\$ 9,279	
Goodwill and other intangible assets	\$ 3,014	\$ 46,770	\$ 47,412	\$ 48,153	\$	
Total assets	\$ 1,246,369	\$ 1,363,870	\$ 1,499,227	\$ 1,347,472	\$ 1,037,138	
Total deposits	\$ 993,918	\$ 1,089,285	\$ 1,154,050	\$ 1,064,226	\$ 846,593	
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 10,900	\$ 21,800	
Subordinated debt	\$ 23,702	\$ 23,702	\$ 23,702	\$ 23,702	\$ 23,702	
Note payable	\$	\$	\$ 15,000	\$	\$	
Short-term borrowings	\$ 2,445	\$ 20,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000	\$	
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 182,152	\$ 172,305	\$ 184,267	\$ 164,824	\$ 122,820	
SELECTED PERFORMANCE RATIOS:(7)						
Return (loss) on average assets	-4.17%	-0.83%	0.12%	1.18%	1.57%	
Return (loss) on average tangible assets	-4.25%	-0.86%	0.13%	1.21%	1.57%	
Return (loss) on average equity	-30.82%	-6.68%	1.15%	9.47%	14.62%	
Return (loss) on average tangible equity	-35.66%	-9.06%	1.67%	11.43%	14.62%	
Net interest margin	3.69%	3.53%	3.94%	4.86%	5.06%	
Efficiency ratio, excluding impairment of goodwill	84.31%	82.90%	72.71%	62.81%	56.86%	

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Average net loans (excludes loans held for sale) as a percentage of average deposits	87.53%	98.98%	100.01%	84.06%	77.61%
Average total shareholders' equity as a percentage of average total assets	13.55%	12.46%	10.52%	12.47%	10.75%
SELECTED ASSET QUALITY DATA:(8)					
Net loan charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans	3.18%	2.59%	0.23%	(0.10)%	0.06%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	2.98%	2.69%	2.00%	1.18%	1.31%
Nonperforming loans to total loans plus nonaccrual loans held-for-sale	3.93%	5.83%	3.24%	0.33%	0.61%
Nonperforming assets	\$ 34,635	\$ 64,616	\$ 41,101	\$ 4,526	\$ 4,317
CAPITAL RATIOS:					
Total risk-based	20.9%	12.9%	13.4%	12.5%	18.4%
Tier 1 risk-based	19.7%	11.6%	12.1%	11.5%	17.3%
Leverage	14.1%	10.1%	11.3%	11.1%	13.6%

Notes:

- 1) Represents net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders divided by the average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the respective period. For years prior to 2009, earnings per share ("EPS") and weighted average shares outstanding have been adjusted retrospectively to apply new accounting guidance that became effective in 2009. Except for reducing basic EPS from \$1.14 to \$1.13 in 2007, this change in computation did not involve a sufficient number of shares to change basic or diluted EPS from amounts previously reported.

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- 2) Represents net income (loss) allocable to common shareholders divided by the average number of shares of common stock and common stock-equivalents outstanding for the respective period.
- 3) Represents shareholders' equity minus preferred stock divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the end of the period indicated.
- 4) Represents shareholders' equity minus preferred stock and minus goodwill and other intangible assets divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the end of period indicated.
- 5) Represents shareholders' equity minus preferred stock and minus goodwill and other intangible assets divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the end of period indicated, assuming Series C Preferred Stock was converted into common stock.
- 6) Assumes 21,004 shares of Series C Preferred Stock were converted into 5,601,000 shares of common stock at December 31, 2010.
- 7) Average balances used in this table and throughout this Annual Report are based on daily averages.
- 8) Average loans and total loans exclude loans held-for-sale.

ITEM 7 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion provides information about the results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, and capital resources of HCC and its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBC. This information is intended to facilitate the understanding and assessment of significant changes and trends related to our financial condition and the results of operations. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes presented elsewhere in this report.

Executive Summary

This summary is intended to identify the most important matters on which management focuses when it evaluates the financial condition and performance of the Company. When evaluating financial condition and performance, management looks at certain key metrics and measures. The Company's evaluation includes comparisons with peer group financial institutions and its own performance objectives established in the internal planning process.

The primary activity of the Company is commercial banking. The Company's operations are located entirely in the southern and eastern regions of the general San Francisco Bay Area of California in the counties of Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa. The largest city in this area is San Jose and the Company's market includes the headquarters of a number of technology based companies in the region known commonly as Silicon Valley. The Company's customers are primarily closely held businesses and professionals.

On February 17, 2010 HCC and HBC entered into a Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and the California Department of Financial Institutions. The Board of Directors and management of the Company are committed to addressing and resolving the matters raised in the Written Agreement on a timely basis and actions have been undertaken to comply with the various items addressed by the Written Agreement. As of the date of this filing, both HCC and HBC were in compliance with all of the provisions of the Written Agreement. Further discussion of the Written Agreement appears under "Item 1 *BUSINESS Regulatory Action*" and Note 12 to the financial statements located elsewhere herein.

Performance Overview

During 2010, there were several significant events that impacted the Company's financial condition and operations:

The Company completed a private placement of convertible preferred stock for \$75 million in the second quarter of 2010 which significantly improved the Company's regulatory capital ratios.

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During the second quarter of 2010, the Company identified \$31.0 million of real estate loans classified as substandard or substandard-nonaccrual that it transferred to the held-for-sale portfolio

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and the Company recorded \$13.9 million of related loan charge-offs. During the third quarter of 2010, \$11.2 million of these loans were sold which resulted in a loss on sale of other loans of \$887,000. The remaining problem real estate loans held-for-sale were written down by an additional \$1.1 million during the third quarter of 2010. After additional liquidations efforts during the fourth quarter of 2010, problem real estate loans held-for-sale were reduced to \$2.3 million at December 31, 2010.

Due to the continued depressed economic conditions and the length of time and amount by which the Company's book value exceeded the market value per common share, and the Company's closing of a private placement at a conversion price of \$3.75 per share, the Company determined that goodwill related to the acquisition of Diablo Valley Bank of \$43.2 million was fully impaired.

After an analysis in the second quarter of 2010 of both the positive and negative evidence regarding the realization of the deferred tax asset, the Company recorded a \$3.7 million partial valuation allowance on the Company's deferred tax asset.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, the net loss was (\$55.9) million and the net loss allocable to common shareholders was (\$58.3) million, or (\$3.64) per diluted common share, which included a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$43.2 million and loan charge-offs of \$13.9 million related to problem real estate loans transferred to loans held-for-sale in the second quarter of 2010. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the net loss was (\$12.0) million and the net loss allocable to common shareholders was (\$14.4) million, or \$(1.21) per diluted common share. For the year ended December 31, 2008, net income was \$1.8 million and net income allocable to common shareholders was \$1.5 million, or \$0.13 per diluted common share.

The annualized return (loss) on average assets and average equity for the year ended December 31, 2010 were -4.17% and -30.82%, respectively, compared to -0.83% and -6.68%, respectively, for 2009, and 0.12% and 1.15%, respectively, for 2008. The annualized return (loss) on average tangible assets and average tangible equity for the year ended December 31, 2010 were -4.25% and -35.66%, respectively, compared to -0.86% and -9.06%, respectively, for 2009, and 0.13% and 1.67%, respectively, for 2008.

The following are major factors that impacted the Company's results of operations:

Net interest income decreased 3% to \$44.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 from \$46.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, primarily due to a decrease in loan balances. Net interest income decreased 11% to \$46.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$51.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, primarily due to compression of the net interest margin.

The net interest margin increased 16 basis points to 3.69% for the year ended December 31, 2010, compared with 3.53% for the year ended December 31, 2009. The increase in the net interest margin for 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to an increase in the yields on loans and securities and a decrease in rates paid on deposits and borrowings. The net interest margin decreased 41 basis points to 3.53% for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared with 3.94% for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in the net interest margin for 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily due to the 325 basis points decline in short-term interest rates from January 22, 2008 through December 16, 2008, with the prime rate remaining at a historically low level of 3.25% for all of 2009 and 2010.

The provision for loan losses was \$26.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, compared to \$33.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, and \$15.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in the 2010 provision for loan losses compared to 2009 reflects the decline in the size of the loan portfolio and improvement in credit quality in the latter half of the year. The significant increase in the provision for loan losses in 2009 compared to 2008 reflects a higher volume of classified and nonperforming loans and an increase in loan charge-offs caused by

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challenging conditions in commercial lending and the residential housing market, turmoil in the financial markets, and the prolonged downturn in the overall economy.

Noninterest income increased 9% to \$8.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 from \$8.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. The increase in noninterest income in 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to \$2.0 million in gains on the sale of securities in 2010, offset by an \$887,000 loss on sale of other loans. Noninterest income increased by 18% in 2009 to \$8.0 million, compared to \$6.8 million in 2008, primarily a result of gains on the sale of SBA loans in 2009.

Noninterest expense, excluding the \$43.2 million impairment of goodwill, was \$44.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, compared to \$44.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. Noninterest expense increased to \$44.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$42.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, primarily due to higher FDIC deposit insurance costs.

The income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$5.8 million, compared to an income tax benefit of \$12.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, and an income tax benefit of \$1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The income tax benefit for 2010 included \$3.7 million of income tax expense in the second quarter of 2010 to establish a partial valuation allowance on the Company's net deferred tax asset. The difference in the effective tax rate compared to the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate of 42% is primarily the result of the Company's investment in life insurance policies whose earnings are not subject to taxes, and tax credits related to investments in low income housing limited partnerships.

The following are important factors in understanding our current financial condition and liquidity position:

Cash, Federal funds sold, interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions and securities available-for-sale increased 96% to \$304.3 million at December 31, 2010, from \$155.5 million at December 31, 2009. The increase in liquid assets is primarily due to: proceeds from the June 2010 private placement; proceeds from loan sales; and loan paydowns.

Total loans, excluding loans held-for-sale, decreased \$224.2 million, or 21%, to \$845.2 million at December 31, 2010, compared to \$1.07 billion at December 31, 2009. Land and construction loans decreased \$120.5 million to \$62.4 million at December 31, 2010 from \$182.9 million at December 31, 2009. In addition, real estate mortgage loans decreased \$63.2 million to \$337.5 million at December 31, 2010 from \$400.7 million at December 31, 2009.

Classified assets decreased to \$91.8 million at December 31, 2010, compared to \$166.3 million at December 31, 2009.

The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2010 was \$25.2 million, or 2.98% of total loans, representing 75.60% of nonperforming loans and 80.49% of nonperforming loans excluding nonaccrual loans in loans held-for-sale. The allowance for loan losses for December 31, 2009 was \$28.8 million, or 2.69% of total loans and 46.12% of nonperforming loans.

Nonperforming assets decreased \$30.0 million to \$34.6 million, or 2.78% of total assets at December 31, 2010, from \$64.6 million, or 4.74% of total assets at December 31, 2009.

Net loan charge-offs were \$30.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, compared to \$30.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Brokered deposits decreased to \$98.5 million at December 31, 2010, compared to \$178.0 million at December 31, 2009.

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The ratio of noncore funding (which consists of time deposits \$100,000 and over, CDARS deposits, brokered deposits, securities under agreement to repurchase, and short-term borrowings) to total assets was 20.96% at December 31, 2010, compared to 28.67% at December 31, 2009.

The liquidity position improved with a loan to deposit ratio of 85.12% at December 31, 2010, compared to 98.24% at December 31, 2009.

The \$75 million of new capital raised in June 2010 increased tangible equity to \$179.1 million at December 31, 2010, from \$125.5 million at December 31, 2009.

Capital ratios substantially exceed regulatory requirements for a well-capitalized financial institution, both at the holding company and the bank. The leverage ratio at the holding company was 14.1%, with a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 19.7%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of 20.9% at December 31, 2010. The leverage ratio for HBC was 12.1%, with a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 16.8%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of 18.1% at December 31, 2010. The regulatory well-capitalized guidelines are a minimum of a 5% leverage ratio, a 6% Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio, and a 10% total risk-based capital ratio.

Deposits

The composition and cost of the Company's deposit base are important in analyzing the Company's net interest margin and balance sheet liquidity characteristics. Except for brokered time deposits, the Company's depositors are generally located in its primary market area. Depending on loan demand and other funding requirements, the Company also obtains deposits from wholesale sources including deposit brokers. The Company had \$98.5 million in brokered deposits at December 31, 2010, compared to \$178.0 million at December 31, 2009. The Company has a policy to monitor all deposits that may be sensitive to interest rate changes to help assure that liquidity risk does not become excessive due to deposit concentrations. Deposits at December 31, 2010 were \$993.9 million, compared to \$1.09 billion at December 31, 2009. Increases in core deposit balances allowed the Company to decrease higher-cost wholesale funding.

HBC is a member of the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service ("CDARS") program. The CDARS program allows customers with deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits to obtain coverage on time deposits through a network of banks within the CDARS program. Deposits gathered through this program are considered brokered deposits under regulatory guidelines. Deposits in the CDARS program totaled \$17.9 million at December 31, 2010, and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2009.

Liquidity

Our liquidity position refers to our ability to maintain cash flows sufficient to fund operations and to meet obligations and other commitments in a timely fashion. We believe that our liquidity position is more than sufficient to meet our operating expenses, borrowing needs and other obligations for 2011. Our liquidity has been significantly enhanced from the proceeds from the June 2010 private placement, proceeds from loan sales, and loan paydowns. At December 31, 2010, we had \$72.2 million in cash and cash equivalents and approximately \$219.7 million in available borrowing capacity from various sources including the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB"), the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco ("FRB"), and Federal funds facilities with several financial institutions. The Company also had \$199.1 million in unpledged securities available at December 31, 2010. Our loan to deposit ratio decreased to 85.12% at December 31, 2010, compared to 98.24% at December 31, 2009, primarily due to a \$224.2 million reduction in the loan portfolio.

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Lending

Our lending business originates primarily through our branch offices located in our primary market. The Company also has an additional SBA loan production office in Santa Rosa, California. As a result of the weakened economy in our primary service area throughout 2010 and 2009 and loan payoffs, we have seen a contraction in our loan portfolio during the last two years. The total loan portfolio remains well diversified with commercial loans accounting for 45% of the portfolio at December 31, 2010. Commercial real estate loans accounted for 40% of the total loan portfolio at December 31, 2010, of which 57% were owner-occupied by businesses. Land and construction loans continued to decrease, accounting for 7% of the portfolio at December 31, 2010, compared to 17% at December 31, 2009. Consumer and home equity loans accounted for the remaining 8% of total loans at December 31, 2010. The decline in gross loans in 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to loans transferred to loans held-for-sale, diminished loan demand, and loan payoffs exceeding draw downs of loan commitments. Lower volume of loan originations can be attributed in part to lower demand for certain types of credit as well as more selectivity with respect to the types of loans the Company chooses to originate.

Net Interest Income

The management of interest income and expense is fundamental to the performance of the Company. Net interest income, the difference between interest income and interest expense, is the largest component of the Company's total revenue. Management closely monitors both total net interest income and the net interest margin (net interest income divided by average earning assets).

The Company, through its asset and liability policies and practices, seeks to maximize net interest income without exposing the Company to an excessive level of interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is managed by monitoring the pricing, maturity and repricing options of all classes of interest bearing assets and liabilities. This is discussed in more detail under *Liquidity and Asset/Liability Management*. In addition, we believe there are measures and initiatives we can take to improve the net interest margin, including increasing loan rates, adding floors on floating rate loans, reducing nonperforming assets, managing deposit interest rates, and reducing higher cost deposits.

From January 22, 2008 through December 16, 2008, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System reduced short-term interest rates by 325 basis points. This decrease in short-term rates immediately affected the rates applicable to the majority of the Company's loans. While the decrease in interest rates also lowered the cost of interest bearing deposits, which represents the Company's primary funding source, these deposits tend to price more slowly than floating rate loans. The rapid, substantial drop in short-term interest rates, including the prime rate, has significantly compressed the Company's net interest margin. The Company's net interest margin expanded in the first half of 2010, as yields on loans and securities increased and the costs of deposits and borrowings continued to decline. However, the net interest margin decreased in the third and fourth quarters of 2010, primarily due to investment of proceeds from the June 2010 capital raise in short-term investments and deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank, partially offset by maturing higher-cost wholesale funding and a more cost-effective blend of core deposits.

The net interest margin is also adversely impacted by the reversal of interest on nonaccrual loans and the reinvestment of loan payoffs into lower yielding investment securities and other short-term investments.

Management of Credit Risk

We continue to proactively identify, quantify, and manage our problem loans. Early identification of problem loans and potential future losses helps enable us to resolve credit issues with potentially less risk and ultimate losses. We maintain an allowance for loan losses in an amount that we believe is adequate to absorb probable incurred losses in the portfolio. While we strive to carefully manage and monitor credit quality and to identify loans that may be deteriorating, circumstances can change at any time for loans

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included in the portfolio that may result in future losses, that as of the date of the financial statements have not yet been identified as potential problem loans. Through established credit practices, we adjust the allowance for loan losses accordingly. However, because future events are uncertain, there may be loans that deteriorate some of which could occur in an accelerated time frame. As a result, future additions to the allowance may be necessary. Because the loan portfolio contains a number of commercial loans, commercial real estate, construction and land development loans with relatively large balances, deterioration in the credit quality of one or more of these loans may require a significant increase to the allowance for loan losses. Future additions to the allowance may also be required based on changes in the financial condition of borrowers, such as have resulted due to the current, and potentially worsening, economic conditions. Additionally, Federal and state banking regulators, as an integral part of their supervisory function, periodically review our allowance for loan losses. These regulatory agencies may require us to recognize further loan loss provisions or charge-offs based upon their judgments, which may be different from ours. Any increase in the allowance for loan losses would have an adverse effect, which may be material, on our financial condition and results of operation.

Further discussion of the management of credit risk appears under "*Provision for Loan Losses*" and "*Allowance for Loan Losses*."

Noninterest Income

While net interest income remains the largest single component of total revenues, noninterest income is an important component.

The Company sold \$44.0 million of investment securities for total gross proceeds of \$46.0 million resulting in a \$2.0 million gain on sale of securities for 2010, compared to a \$231,000 gain on sale of securities for 2009, and no gain on sale of securities in 2008.

Prior to the third quarter of 2007, a significant percentage of the Company's noninterest income was associated with its SBA lending activity, consisting of gains on the sale of loans sold in the secondary market and servicing income from loans sold with servicing retained. From the third quarter of 2007 through the second quarter of 2009, the Company retained its SBA production. In the third quarter of 2009, the Company began to again sell loans in the secondary market. When the Company sells SBA loans to third parties, the loans are subject to a 90 day SBA warranty. The Company adopted new accounting guidance in the first quarter of 2010 that requires the Company to treat the SBA loans sold as secured borrowings during the warranty period. The Company has \$2.4 million of SBA loans that were transferred to third parties during the fourth quarter of 2010. Provided the loans remain current through the end of the warranty period, all elements necessary to record the sale will have been met. The Company has deferred gains of \$194,000 associated with these loans, which are included in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the net gain on sales of SBA loans was \$1.1 million, compared to \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, and no gain for the year ended December 31, 2008. During the third quarter of 2010, the sale of \$11.2 million of problem real estate loans held-for-sale resulted in net proceeds of \$10.3 million, with a loss on sale of \$887,000.

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During the second quarter of 2010, the Company identified \$31.0 million of problem real estate loans for sale. These loans were written down by \$13.9 million to reflect the estimated proceeds from the sale, resulting in a net balance of \$17.1 million which was transferred into the loans held-for-sale portfolio. The following table shows the detail of the problem loans transferred to the loans held-for-sale portfolio from June 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010:

	Balance Prior to Transfer	Amount Charged-off	June 30, 2010 Balance Transferred to Loans Held-for-Sale	Paydowns/ Sales	Writedowns	December 31, 2010 Balance
(Dollars in thousands)						
Real estate:						
Commercial and residential	\$ 9,893	\$ (2,781)	\$ 7,112	\$ (5,032)	\$ (917)	\$ 1,163
Land and construction	21,112	(11,145)	9,967	(8,707)	(163)	1,097
Total	\$ 31,005	\$ (13,926)	\$ 17,079	\$ (13,739)	\$ (1,080)	\$ 2,260

Noninterest Expense

Management considers the control of operating expenses to be a critical element of the Company's performance. Over the last several quarters, the Company has undertaken several initiatives to reduce its noninterest expense and improve its efficiency. Operating expense (excluding impairment of goodwill) increased \$186,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to the year ended December 31, 2009, primarily due to a \$1.1 million writedown of loans held-for-sale and an increase in FDIC deposit insurance premiums, partially offset by lower salaries and employee benefits expense. Noninterest expense, excluding the \$43.2 million impairment of goodwill which was recorded in the second quarter of 2010, was \$44.9 million for year ended December 31, 2010, compared to \$44.8 million for year ended December 31, 2009.

Capital Management

As part of its asset and liability process, the Company continually assesses its capital position to take into consideration growth, expected earnings, risk profile and potential corporate activities that it may choose to pursue.

On November 21, 2008, the Company issued to the U.S. Treasury under its Capital Purchase Program 40,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock for \$40.0 million and issued a warrant to purchase 462,963 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$12.96. The terms of the U.S. Treasury Capital Purchase Program could reduce investment returns to our shareholders by restricting dividends to common shareholders, diluting existing shareholders' interests, and restricting capital management practices.

Under the terms of the Capital Purchase Program with the U.S. Treasury, so long as our Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, we are prohibited from increasing quarterly dividends on our common stock in excess of \$0.08 per share, and from making certain repurchases of equity securities, including our common stock, without the U.S. Treasury consent until the third anniversary of the U.S. Treasury investment or until the U.S. Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock it purchased under the Capital Purchase Program to third parties. As long as the Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, dividend payments and repurchases or redemptions relating to certain equity securities, including our common stock, and the Series C Preferred Stock, are also prohibited until all accrued and unpaid dividends are paid on such preferred stock, subject to certain limited exceptions. On November 6, 2009, we suspended dividend payments on our Series A Preferred Stock. As a result, the Company has accrued but has not paid approximately \$2.8 million in dividends on its Series A Preferred Stock as of December 31, 2010. The Company's dividend payment on its outstanding Series A Preferred Stock issued to the U.S. Treasury that was due on February 15, 2011 was the sixth consecutive dividend payment suspended. Under

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the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, if the Company fails to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for a total of six quarters, whether or not consecutive, the U.S. Treasury has the right to elect two members of the Company's Board of Directors. These directors would serve on the Company's Board of Directors until such time as the Company has paid in full all dividends not previously paid. Although the U.S. Treasury has not indicated if or when it may exercise its right to have two members appointed to the Board of Directors, effective during the first quarter of 2011, the Company has permitted the U.S. Treasury to allow an observer employed by the U. S. Treasury to attend meetings of the Company's Board of Directors. So long as payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock remain suspended, we may not, among other things and with limited exceptions, pay cash dividends on or repurchase our common stock or preferred stock.

On June 21, 2010, the Company issued Series B Mandatorily Convertible Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock ("Series B Preferred Stock") and Series C Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock ("Series C Preferred Stock") to a limited number of institutional investors for an aggregate amount of \$75.0 million. HCC then downstreamed \$40 million of the proceeds from the private placement to the capital of HBC.

After receiving shareholder approval in September 2010, the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock converted into approximately 14.4 million shares of the Company's common stock. The Series C Preferred Stock remains outstanding until converted to common stock upon the transfer of the Series C Preferred Stock in accordance with its terms. Holders of Series C Preferred Stock will receive dividends if and only to the extent dividends are paid to holders of common stock.

We have supported our growth through the issuance of trust preferred securities from special purpose trusts and accompanying sales of subordinated debt to these trusts. The subordinated debt that we issued to the trusts is senior to our shares of common stock, Series A Preferred Stock, and Series C Preferred Stock. As a result, we must make payments on the subordinated debt before any dividends can be paid on our common stock, Series A Preferred Stock, and Series C Preferred Stock. Under the terms of the subordinated debt, we may defer interest payments for up to five years. On November 6, 2009, we exercised our right to defer regularly scheduled interest payments on our \$23.7 million of subordinated debt relating to our trust preferred securities. As a result the Company has accrued but has not paid approximately \$2.5 million in interest on its subordinated debt as of December 31, 2010. So long as interest payments remain deferred, we may not pay cash dividends on or repurchase our common stock or preferred stock.

Under the Written Agreement with our regulators we are required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation of the Federal Reserve to make any interest payments on our outstanding trust preferred securities and related subordinate debt, or to pay any dividends on our common stock or preferred stock. At December 31, 2010, HBC's total risk-based capital ratio was 18.1%, compared to the 10% regulatory requirement for well-capitalized banks under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective actions. HBC's Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 16.8% and leverage ratio of 12.1% at December 31, 2010 also exceeded regulatory guidelines for well-capitalized banks under the prompt corrective actions framework. On a consolidated basis, the Company has a leverage ratio of 14.1%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 19.7%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of 21.0% at December 31, 2010.

Results of Operations

The Company earns income from two primary sources. The first is net interest income, which is interest income generated by earning assets less interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities. The second is noninterest income, which primarily consists of gains on the sale of SBA loans, loan servicing fees, customer service charges and fees, the increase in cash surrender value of life insurance, and gains on the

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sale of securities. The majority of the Company's noninterest expenses are operating costs that relate to providing a full range of banking services to our customers.

Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin

The level of net interest income depends on several factors in combination, including growth in earning assets, yields on earning assets, the cost of interest-bearing liabilities, the relative volumes of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, and the mix of products that comprise the Company's earning assets, deposits, and other interest-bearing liabilities. To maintain its net interest margin, the Company must manage the relationship between interest earned and paid.

The following Distribution, Rate and Yield table presents for each of the past three years, the average amounts outstanding for the major categories of the Company's balance sheet, the average interest rates earned or paid thereon, and the resulting net interest margin on average interest earning assets for the periods indicated. Average balances are based on daily averages.

Distribution, Rate and Yield

	Year Ended December 31,								
	2010			2009			2008		
	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Yield/ Rate
(Dollars in thousands)									
Assets:									
Loans, gross(1)	\$ 971,025	\$ 49,633	5.11%	\$ 1,171,537	\$ 58,602	5.00%	\$ 1,178,194	\$ 70,488	5.98%
Securities	148,069	5,236	3.54%	106,806	3,628	3.40%	126,223	5,395	4.27%
Federal funds sold and interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	89,082	218	0.24%	23,260	63	0.27%	3,941	74	1.88%
Total interest earning assets	1,208,176	55,087	4.56%	1,301,603	62,293	4.79%	1,308,358	75,957	5.81%
Cash and due from banks	21,235			24,985			34,339		
Premises and equipment, net	8,742			9,311			9,273		
Goodwill and other intangible assets	24,609			47,105			47,788		
Other assets	75,216			56,940			56,603		
Total assets	\$ 1,337,978			\$ 1,439,944			\$ 1,456,361		
Liabilities and shareholders' equity:									
Deposits:									
Demand, interest-bearing	\$ 153,618	341	0.22%	\$ 136,734	\$ 336	0.25%	\$ 145,785	\$ 1,513	1.04%
Savings and money market	297,257	1,440	0.48%	334,657	2,514	0.75%	433,839	7,679	1.77%
Time deposits-under \$100	37,889	496	1.31%	43,946	983	2.24%	36,301	1,101	3.03%
Time deposits-\$100 and over	134,024	1,900	1.42%	155,475	2,813	1.81%	162,298	4,853	2.99%
Time deposits-CDARS	18,252	159	0.87%	19,702	303	1.54%	3,488	81	2.32%
Time deposits-brokered	155,558	3,750	2.41%	196,113	6,513	3.32%	120,591	4,808	3.99%
Subordinated debt	23,702	1,878	7.92%	23,702	1,933	8.15%	23,702	2,148	9.06%
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	18,767	418	2.23%	28,822	787	2.73%	32,030	937	2.93%
Note payable			N/A	2,507	82	3.27%	10,243	292	2.85%
Short-term borrowings	8,347	130	1.56%	24,940	62	0.25%	48,238	1,032	2.14%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	847,414	10,512	1.24%	966,598	16,326	1.69%	1,016,515	24,444	2.40%
Demand, noninterest-bearing	265,546			261,539			258,624		
Total interest-bearing liabilities and demand, noninterest-bearing / cost of funds	1,112,960	10,512	0.94%	1,228,137	16,326	1.33%	1,275,139	24,444	1.92%
Other liabilities	43,776			32,417			28,006		

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Total liabilities	1,156,736		1,260,554		1,303,145
Shareholders' equity	181,242		179,390		153,216
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,337,978		\$ 1,439,944		\$ 1,456,361
 Net interest income / margin	 \$ 44,575	 3.69%	 \$ 45,967	 3.53%	 \$ 51,513 3.94%

(1)

Includes loans held-for-sale. Yields and amounts earned on loans include loan fees and costs. Nonaccrual loans are included in average balance.

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The Volume and Rate Variances table below sets forth the dollar difference in interest earned and paid for each major category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities for the noted periods, and the amount of such change attributable to changes in average balances (volume) or changes in average interest rates. Volume variances are equal to the increase or decrease in the average balance times the prior period rate and rate variances are equal to the increase or decrease in the average rate times the prior period average balance. Variances attributable to both rate and volume changes are equal to the change in rate times the change in average balance and are included below in the average volume column.

Volume and Rate Variances

	2010 vs. 2009			2009 vs. 2008		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to			Increase (Decrease) Due to		
	Change in:			Change in:		
	Average	Average	Net	Average	Average	Net
	Volume	Rate	Change	Volume	Rate	Change
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Income from the interest earning assets:						
Loans, gross	\$ (10,233)	\$ 1,264	\$ (8,969)	\$ (308)	\$ (11,578)	\$ (11,886)
Securities	1,455	153	1,608	(664)	(1,103)	(1,767)
Federal funds sold and interest-bearing deposits in other financial institutions	163	(8)	155	52	(63)	(11)
Total interest income on interest earning assets	(8,615)	1,409	(7,206)	(920)	(12,744)	(13,664)
Expense from the interest-bearing liabilities:						
Demand, interest-bearing	40	(35)	5	(28)	(1,149)	(1,177)
Savings and money market	(166)	(908)	(1,074)	(740)	(4,425)	(5,165)
Time deposits-under \$100	(80)	(407)	(487)	170	(288)	(118)
Time deposits-\$100 and over	(308)	(605)	(913)	(125)	(1,915)	(2,040)
Time deposits-CDARS	(12)	(132)	(144)	249	(27)	222
Time deposits-brokered	(976)	(1,787)	(2,763)	2,509	(804)	1,705
Subordinated debt		(55)	(55)		(216)	(216)
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	(225)	(144)	(369)	(87)	(63)	(150)
Notes payable	(82)		(82)	(253)	43	(210)
Short-term borrowings	(259)	327	68	(58)	(911)	(969)
Total interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities	(2,068)	(3,746)	(5,814)	1,637	(9,755)	(8,118)
Net interest income	\$ (6,547)	\$ 5,155	\$ (1,392)	\$ (2,557)	\$ (2,989)	\$ (5,546)

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The Company's net interest margin, expressed as a percentage of average earning assets was 3.69% for 2010, an increase of 16 basis points from 3.53% for 2009. The Company's net interest margin expanded in 2010 as yields on loans and securities increased and the costs of deposits and borrowings continued to decline. The yield on interest earning assets decreased by 23 basis points to 4.56% in 2010 from 4.79% in 2009, primarily due to the investment of proceeds from the June 2010 capital raise in short-term investments and deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank. The Company's relatively short-term investments allow the Company to maximize yields on excess liquidity while providing cash flow to support potential loan growth in future periods. The cost of total deposits, including noninterest-bearing demand deposits, decreased 41 basis points to 0.76% in 2010 from 1.17% in 2009. The cost of funds decreased 39 basis points

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to 0.94% in 2010 from 1.33% in 2009, as a result of maturing higher-cost wholesale funding and a more cost-effective blend of core deposits.

Net interest income for the year ended December 31, 2010 decreased \$1.4 million to \$44.6 million, compared to \$46.0 million a year ago, primarily due to a decrease in average loan balances, partially offset by an increase in average investment securities, an increase in average Federal funds sold, and interest-bearing deposits, as well as a lower cost of funds.

Net interest income for 2009 decreased \$5.5 million from 2008, primarily due to compression of the net interest margin. The decrease in the net interest margin in 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily due to the 325 basis points decline in short-term interest rates from January 22, 2008 through December 16, 2008, with the prime rate remaining at a historically low level of 3.25% for all of 2009 and 2010. The Company's net interest margin was 3.53% in 2009, compared to 3.94% in 2008, a decrease of 41 basis points. The net interest margin was also lower in 2009 due to an increase in nonaccrual loans.

A substantial portion of the Company's earning assets are variable-rate loans that re-price when the Company's prime lending rate is changed, in contrast to a large base of core deposits that are generally slower to re-price. This causes the Company's balance sheet to be asset-sensitive which means that, all else being equal, the Company's net interest margin will be lower during periods when short-term interest rates are falling and higher when rates are rising.

Provision for Loan Losses

Credit risk is inherent in the business of making loans. The Company establishes an allowance for loan losses through charges to earnings, which are shown in the statements of operations as the provision for loan losses. Specifically identifiable and quantifiable known losses are promptly charged off against the allowance. The provision for loan losses is determined by conducting a quarterly evaluation of the adequacy of the Company's allowance for loan losses and charging the shortfall, if any, to the current quarter's expense. This has the effect of creating variability in the amount and frequency of charges to the Company's earnings. The provision for loan losses and level of allowance for each period are dependent upon many factors, including loan growth, net charge-offs, changes in the composition of the loan portfolio, delinquencies, management's assessment of the quality of the loan portfolio, the valuation of problem loans and the general economic conditions in the Company's market area.

For 2010, the Company had a provision for loan losses of \$26.8 million, compared to a provision for loan losses of \$33.9 million for 2009 and a provision for loan losses of \$15.5 million for 2008. The decrease in the 2010 provision for loan losses compared to 2009 reflects the decrease in the size of the loan portfolio and improvement in credit quality in the latter half of the year. The significant increase in the provision for loan losses in 2009 compared to 2008 reflects a higher volume of classified and nonperforming loans and an increase in loan charge-offs caused by challenging conditions in commercial lending and the residential housing market, turmoil in the financial markets, and the prolonged downturn in the overall economy.

The allowance for loan losses represented 2.98%, 2.69% and 2.00% of total loans at December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Provisions for loan losses are charged to operations to bring the allowance for loan losses to a level deemed appropriate by the Company based on the factors discussed under "*Allowance for Loan Losses.*"

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The following table sets forth the various components of the Company's noninterest income:

	Year Ended December 31,			Increase (decrease) 2010 versus 2009		Increase (decrease) 2009 versus 2008	
	2010	2009	2008	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
(Dollars in thousands)							
Service charges and fees on deposit accounts	\$ 2,228	\$ 2,221	\$ 2,007	\$ 7	0%	\$ 214	11%
Gain on sale of securities	1,955	231		1,724	746%	231	N/A
Servicing income	1,719	1,587	1,790	132	8%	(203)	(11)%
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	1,677	1,664	1,645	13	1%	19	1%
Gain on sale of SBA loans	1,058	1,306		(248)	(19)%	1,306	N/A
Loss on sale of other loans	(887)			(887)	N/A		N/A
Other	983	1,018	1,349	(35)	(3)%	(331)	(25)%
Total	\$ 8,733	\$ 8,027	\$ 6,791	\$ 706	9%	\$ 1,236	18%

The increase in noninterest income in 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to \$2.0 million in gains on the sale of securities in 2010, partially offset by an \$887,000 loss on the sale of problem loans. The increase in noninterest income in 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily attributable to a \$1.3 million increase in gain on sale of SBA loans. Other sources of noninterest income include loan servicing fees, service charges and fees, and the cash surrender value from company owned life insurance policies.

In 2010, the Company sold \$44.0 million of investment securities for total gross proceeds of \$46.0 million resulting in a \$2.0 million gain on sale of securities, compared to a \$231,000 gain on sale of securities in 2009, and no gain on sale of securities in 2008.

Historically, a significant percentage of the Company's noninterest income has been associated with its SBA lending activity, as gains on the sale of loans sold in the secondary market and servicing income from loans sold with servicing rights retained. During 2010, SBA loan sales resulted in a \$1.1 million gain, compared to a \$1.3 million gain on sale of SBA loans in 2009, and no gain on sale of SBA loans in 2008. The servicing assets that result from the sale of SBA loans with servicing retained are amortized over the expected term of the loans using a method approximating the interest method. Servicing income generally declines as the respective loans are repaid.

The increase in cash surrender value of life insurance approximates a 4.02% after tax yield on the policies. To realize this tax advantaged yield the policies must be held until death of the insured individuals, who are current and former officers and directors of the Company.

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The following table sets forth the various components of the Company's noninterest expense:

	Year Ended December 31,			Increase (decrease) 2010 versus 2009		Increase (decrease) 2009 versus 2008	
	2010	2009	2008	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
(Dollars in thousands)							
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 21,234	\$ 22,927	\$ 22,624	\$ (1,693)	(7)%	\$ 303	1 %
Occupancy and equipment	4,087	3,937	4,623	150	4 %	(686)	(15)%
FDIC deposit insurance premiums	4,002	3,321	766				