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Prospectus Supplement

To the Prospectus Dated August 7, 2009

Up to \$35,000,000

Common Stock

This prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus relate to the offer and sale from time to time of shares of our common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$35,000,000, through Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P., or Sandler O'Neill, as our sales agent, or to Sandler O'Neill as principal for its own account, at a price agreed upon at the time of sale, for resale. If we sell shares of our common stock to Sandler O'Neill as principal or other than in accordance with the sales agency agreement, we will enter into a separate terms agreement setting forth the terms of such transaction and we will describe such agreement in a separate prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Capital Market, or Nasdaq, under the symbol EGBN. On April 30, 2012, the last reported price of the common stock was \$17.79 per share.

The shares of our common stock to which this prospectus supplement relates generally will be offered and sold through our sales agent over a period of time and from time to time in transactions at market prices prevailing at the time, at prices related to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices, pursuant to a sales agency agreement. Accordingly, an indeterminate number of shares of common stock will be sold up to the number of shares having an aggregate offering price of up to \$35,000,000. We will pay Sandler O'Neill a commission equal to 3.5% of the gross sales price per share for any shares sold through Sandler O'Neill under the sales agency agreement. The net proceeds we receive from the sale of the shares to which this prospectus supplement relates will be the gross proceeds received from such sales less the commissions or discounts and any other costs we may incur in issuing the shares. See Plan of Distribution for further information.

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Investing in our common stock involves risks. Please carefully read the Risk Factors beginning on page S - 19 of this prospectus supplement, and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and in any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, for a discussion of certain factors that you should consider before making your investment decision

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities are not deposits, savings accounts, or other obligations of a depository institution and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and Sandler O Neill has not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and Sandler O Neill is not, making an offer to sell our securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, or any documents incorporated by reference herein, is accurate as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since those dates. This prospectus supplement supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information that is different from or in addition to the information in that prospectus.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering, and updates and adds to the information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more general information about us, the common stock, and other securities we may offer from time to time, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with additional information described below under the headings **Where You Can Find Additional Information** and **Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference**. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus we mean this prospectus supplement together with the accompanying prospectus.

If the information set forth in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in this prospectus supplement.

We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. This prospectus supplement does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any common stock offered by this prospectus supplement by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

In this prospectus supplement, unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, the terms **we**, **us**, **the Company**, **Eagle**, and **our** refer to Eagle Bancorp, Inc. and our subsidiaries on a combined basis. References to **EagleBank** or **Bank** refer to EagleBank, Bethesda, Maryland, which is our principal subsidiary.

CAUTION ABOUT FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain or incorporate by reference forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These forward looking statements represent plans, estimates, objectives, goals, guidelines, expectations, intentions, projections and statements of our beliefs concerning future events, business plans, objectives, expected operating results and the assumptions upon which those statements are based. Forward looking statements include without limitation, any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance or achievements, and are typically identified with words such as **may**, **could**, **should**, **will**, **would**, **believe**, **anticipate**, **estimate**, **expect**, **intend**, **plan**, or words or phases of similar meaning. We caution that the forward looking are based largely on our expectations and are subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that are subject to change based on factors which are, in many instances, beyond our control. Actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those contemplated, expressed, or implied by the forward looking statements.

The following factors, among others, could cause our financial performance to differ materially from that expressed in such forward looking statements:

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- The strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which we conduct operations;
- Geopolitical conditions, including acts or threats of terrorism, or actions taken by the United States or other governments in response to acts or threats of terrorism and/or military conflicts, which could impact business and economic conditions in the United States and abroad;
- The effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Reserve Board; inflation, interest rate, market and monetary fluctuations;
- The timely development of competitive new products and services and the acceptance of these products and services by new and existing customers;

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- The willingness of users to substitute competitors' products and services for our products and services;
- The impact of changes in financial services policies, laws and regulations, including laws, regulations and policies concerning taxes, banking, securities and insurance, and the application thereof by regulatory bodies;
- The effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted from time-to-time by bank regulatory agencies, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other accounting standards setters;
- Technological changes;
- The effect of acquisitions we may make, including, without limitation, the failure to achieve the expected revenue growth and/or expense savings from such acquisitions;
- The growth and profitability of non-interest or fee income being less than expected;
- Changes in the level of our non-performing assets and charge-offs;
- Changes in consumer spending and savings habits; and
- Unanticipated regulatory or judicial proceedings.

If one or more of the factors affecting our forward looking information and statements proves incorrect, then our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, forward looking information and statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in the information incorporated by reference herein and therein. Therefore, we caution you not to place undue reliance on our forward looking information and statements. We will not update the forward looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in the factors affecting the forward looking statements.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and may not contain all the information that you need to consider in making your investment decision. To understand this offering fully, you should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully. You should carefully read the sections titled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and the documents identified in the section "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference."

The Company

We are the registered bank holding company for EagleBank, Bethesda, Maryland, a Maryland chartered commercial bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System. We were organized in October 1997 to be the holding company for EagleBank, which commenced operations in July 1998.

We are a growth-oriented company providing a high level of service and developing deep relationships with our customers. The Company offers a broad range of commercial banking services to its business and professional clients as well as full service consumer banking services to individuals living and/or working primarily in our service area. EagleBank was organized as an alternative to the super-regional financial institutions which dominate our market area. EagleBank's philosophy is to provide superior, personalized service to our customers. EagleBank focuses on relationship banking, providing each customer with a number of services, becoming familiar with and addressing the customer's needs in a proactive personalized fashion.

Our common stock is listed for trading on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol EGBN. As of March 31, 2012 there were 20,220,166 shares of our common stock outstanding.

At March 31, 2012, we had total assets of approximately \$2.82 billion, total loans of approximately \$2.19 billion, total deposits of approximately \$2.37 billion, and total shareholders' equity of approximately \$276.0 million. At March 31, 2012, our nonperforming assets (consisting of nonaccrual loans, loans past due 90 or more days and other real estate owned) were approximately \$39.7 million, or 1.41% of total assets. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, we had earnings of \$0.36 per diluted common share. We currently operate from 16 branch offices, seven in Montgomery County, Maryland, five in the District of Columbia, two offices in Arlington County, Virginia and two offices in Fairfax County, Virginia. We have announced plans to open an office in Merrifield, Virginia, which is expected to open in late 2012.

Our principal executive offices are located at 7815 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 and our telephone number is (301) 986-1800. Our internet address is <http://www.eaglebankcorp.com>. The reference to our website does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained on the website, which should not be considered part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Our Strategy

Our goal is to continue to grow our Company, while maintaining sound operations and risk management, in order to provide superior returns to our shareholders. EagleBank has become a leading community bank in the Washington, DC metropolitan area as a result of our relationship banking approach.

We intend to continue to expand our operations, through organic growth, with limited de novo branching and opportunistic acquisitions, while emphasizing asset quality and seeking high levels of profitability. Our strategy has been successful to date, and we believe that we can continue to drive returns to shareholders by focusing on a few key elements as follows:

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- **Driven by Profitability.** The management team and our directors, who currently own approximately 16.8% of the outstanding shares of the Company,(1) are dedicated to producing profits and returns for the shareholders. The Company has historically achieved a strong net interest margin, which is a key driver of our profitability. We are also continuing to focus on expense control, paying particular attention to our efficiency ratio. By striving to constantly improve our net interest margin and efficiency ratio we hope to improve our return on average assets and return on average equity. Through March 31, 2012, the Company has recorded 13 consecutive quarters of increasing net income and net income available to common shareholders.
- **Strong Net interest Margin.** Our net interest margin has consistently been higher than the averages for our Mid-Atlantic peer group,(2) and for all banking companies with assets between \$1 billion to \$3 billion. For the year ended December 31, 2011, our net interest margin was in the 71st percentile of banks with \$1 billion to \$3 billion in assets, and the 78th percentile of our Mid-Atlantic peer group. Our success is as a result of our deep, long-term, core relationships on both the loan and deposit sides of the balance sheet. We have a veteran management team and a dedicated board of directors that have been able to develop deep relationships with customers with an emphasis on core deposit growth. Our banking model is relationship based, and seeks to provide customers with multiple products, based upon our loan and relationship officer's extensive knowledge of the customer's business.
- **Local Banking.** Our banking model provides our customers with ready access to locally-based decision-makers and members of our senior management. While this model often requires a higher degree of direct customer contact than business models based on service centers, 800 numbers and websites, we believe it enables us to both create more ties with our customers and to cross-sell our varied product offerings to generate higher revenues. During the turbulent market conditions of the past several years, many of the national and super-regional banks, which dominate our market area, have been restricting lending compared to prior years due, in many cases, to their own asset quality issues and capital restraints. As a result, we have been presented with, and been able to capitalize on, increased opportunities to provide loan and deposit services to customers of those national and super-regional banks who have had their relationships restricted, terminated or otherwise disrupted. We believe these displaced customers have come to understand the value and benefits of EagleBank's relationship-based banking model. As a result, we have been able to maintain pricing of our products at competitive and attractive rates.
- **Strong Organic Growth.** Our historic growth in assets, loans, deposits and earnings has been consistently strong. We believe that we can continue to attract new customers through relationship banking without having to rely solely on an expansive branch network to compete with the national and super-regional banks. We currently have 16 branch offices. We have announced plans to open an office in Merrifield, Virginia, which is expected to open in late 2012. We intend to continue to explore opportunities for establishing additional branches to enhance our coverage of our market area, including additional branches to expand our presence in Northern Virginia. We have pursued a number of acquisitions during our 13 year history; however, we have pursued only two transactions to completion, the acquisition of Fidelity & Trust Financial Corporation (Fidelity) in 2008, and a branch acquisition in 2011. We continue to recruit experienced bankers and relationship officers with significant customer relationships and deep knowledge of our market. We believe current market conditions in the industry are highly conducive to hiring experienced and capable bankers.
- **Geographic Market Positioning.** EagleBank opened its doors in 1998 with three branches in Montgomery County, Maryland. Since then, EagleBank has established, by de novo expansion and acquisition, 13 additional branch offices, net of consolidations. EagleBank purposefully focused on those sub-markets of the Washington, DC metropolitan area where its officers and directors had existing relationships, and where they were most familiar with the local economy. Supported by the presence of the federal government, many government facilities, government contractors, law and

(1) One of our directors is not standing for re-election at the 2012 Annual Meeting. After the Annual Meeting, our directors and executive officers are expected to own approximately 12.0% of the outstanding shares of common stock, assuming no change in the number of shares

outstanding.

(2) Our Mid-Atlantic peer group consists of publicly-traded commercial banks with assets between \$1 billion and \$5 billion and headquartered in Washington, DC, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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lobbying firms and nonprofit groups, a highly educated workforce, and a per capita income among the highest in the country in the market segments in which we operate, the Washington, DC metropolitan area has weathered the recent financial turmoil better than many areas of the country. Montgomery County, Washington, DC and Arlington and Fairfax Counties represent some of the most stable and densely populated sub-markets in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

- **Experienced and Dedicated Board and Management Team.** Our Company has a management team and a dedicated board of directors with significant banking experience in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Not only are these individuals dedicated to building deep customer relationships for the benefit of the Company, the Company's directors and executive officers also maintain significant ownership of our common stock, currently owning approximately 16.8% of the outstanding shares of common stock.
- **Strong Asset Quality.** At March 31, 2012, approximately 71% of our total portfolio loans consists of commercial real estate loans, including approximately 20% which are acquisition, development and construction loans. As a result of the extensive real estate expertise among our lending and credit administration staff, executive officers, and board of directors, and our strict, quality oriented underwriting and credit monitoring processes, our level of nonperforming assets, was 1.41% of total assets. While overall credit losses and problem assets have increased in recent years over historic levels primarily due to tumultuous economic conditions, credit quality remains our highest focus, and we are vigilant in rapidly responding to these conditions and to specific problem credits, as well as working to minimize losses. With the increased lending opportunities that are available in our market area as a result of retrenching by larger banks, we have been increasingly able to fund only the projects we deem high quality, and to adequately price and reserve for risk.
- **Conservative Investment Securities Portfolio.** We believe that we have been very conservative in our investment securities portfolio strategy. At March 31, 2012, we had 12.2% of our assets in our investment securities portfolio, which is all held as available for sale. The investment securities portfolio consists of mortgage-backed securities, U.S. Government Agency securities and high quality municipal securities.
- **Proven Ability to Evaluate and Execute Acquisitions.** To date, we have completed one whole bank acquisition, and one branch acquisition, although we have pursued a number of opportunities. We plan to continue to review opportunities to acquire other banks, or bank branches, and to review any opportunities in our market to acquire deposits and assets of failed banks from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the FDIC. We anticipate that consolidation in the industry will continue due to continuing slow growth as the economy comes out of recession, continued margin pressure and continuing loan quality issues and securities impairment that weigh on the capital of many banks, and the difficult market conditions for many banks seeking to raise capital. In addition, when consolidation occurs among banks operating in our market, we will be opportunistic and seek to capitalize on the resulting dislocation of customer relationships.

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The Offering

<i>Issuer</i>	Eagle Bancorp, Inc.
<i>Shares offered</i>	Shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$35,000,000.
<i>Use of proceeds</i>	We intend to use the proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes, including but not limited to contribution of capital to our subsidiaries, including the Bank, to support organic growth, de novo branching and opportunistic acquisitions, should appropriate acquisition opportunities arise. Currently, we do not have any agreements, arrangements or understandings regarding any possible acquisitions. See Use of Proceeds at page S - 27.
<i>Nasdaq Capital Market symbol</i>	EGBN
<i>Dividends and distributions</i>	We do not currently pay a dividend on our common stock, based on the Board's determination that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to reinvest earnings in the Company's operations. In addition, the terms of our Series B Preferred Stock issued under the Small Business Lending Fund program place certain restrictions on the payment of dividends or other distributions on the common stock. See Market for Common Stock and Dividends at page S - 27.
<i>Risk Factors</i>	Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the information under Risk Factors beginning on page S - 19 and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing in our common stock.

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Recent Developments

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the Company reported record quarterly net income of \$7.6 million, a 49% increase over the \$5.1 million net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. Net income available to common shareholders increased 56% to \$7.5 million (\$0.37 per basic common share and \$0.36 per diluted common share), as compared to \$4.8 million (\$0.24 per basic and diluted common share) for the same three month period in 2011.

At March 31, 2012, total assets were \$2.82 billion, compared to \$2.19 billion at March 31, 2011, a 29% increase. As compared to December 31, 2011, total assets at March 31, 2012 declined slightly by \$16 million. Total loans were \$2.19 billion at March 31, 2012 compared to \$1.79 billion at March 31, 2011, a 22% increase. As compared to December 31, 2011, total loans at March 31, 2012 increased by \$130.7 million, a 6% increase. Total deposits were \$2.37 billion at March 31, 2012 compared to deposits of \$1.83 billion at March 31, 2011, a 30% increase. As compared to December 31, 2011, total deposits at March 31, 2012 declined by \$24 million, due substantially to the expected withdrawals from three large accounts amounting to \$60 million. Loans held for sale amounted to \$87.5 million at March 31, 2012 as compared to \$176.8 million at December 31, 2011 and \$12.5 million at March 31, 2011. The investment portfolio totaled \$345.0 million at March 31, 2012, a 51% increase from the \$228.5 million balance at March 31, 2011, as excess liquidity was deployed into new investments. As compared to December 31, 2011, the investment portfolio at March 31, 2012 increased by \$31.2 million, a 10% increase. Total borrowed funds (excluding customer repurchase agreements) were stable at \$49.3 million at March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011. Total shareholders' equity increased to \$276.0 million at March 31, 2012, compared to \$266.7 million and \$210.1 million at December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011, respectively. The Company's capital position remains substantially in excess of regulatory requirements for well capitalized status, with a total risk based capital ratio of 11.60% at March 31, 2012. In addition, the tangible common equity ratio (tangible common equity to tangible assets) increased to 7.66% at March 31, 2012, from 7.29% at December 31, 2011.

At March 31, 2012, the Company's nonperforming assets amounted to \$39.7 million, representing 1.41% of total assets, compared to \$36.7 million of nonperforming assets, or 1.68% of total assets, at March 31, 2011 and \$36.0 million, or 1.27% of total assets, at December 31, 2011. Management remains attentive to early signs of deterioration in borrowers' financial conditions and to taking the appropriate action to mitigate risk. Furthermore, the Company is diligent in placing loans on nonaccrual status and believes, based on its loan portfolio risk analysis, that its allowance for loan losses, at 1.46% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale) at March 31, 2012, was adequate to absorb potential credit losses within the loan portfolio at that date. Included in nonperforming assets at March 31, 2012 were \$3.0 million of other real estate owned (OREO) as compared to \$3.5 million at March 31, 2011 and \$3.2 million at December 31, 2011.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company reported an annualized return on average assets (ROAA) of 1.08% as compared to 0.98% for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The annualized return on average common equity (ROAE) for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 was 13.80%, as compared to 10.49% for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The higher ROAA and ROAE for the first quarter of 2012 as compared to 2011 were due to higher levels of noninterest income and improved cost management and in the case of ROAE, additional balance sheet leverage arising from substantial growth in the loan portfolio.

Net interest income increased 32% for the three months ended March 31, 2012 over the same period in 2011, resulting from strong balance sheet growth, as average earning assets increased by 35%. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the net interest margin was 4.11% as compared to 4.23% for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 3.65% for the three months ended December 31, 2011 (4.15% excluding the impact of the large settlement deposit discussed in the Form 10-K for December 31, 2011).

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The provision for credit losses was \$4.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 as compared to \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. At March 31, 2012, the allowance for credit losses represented 1.46% of loans outstanding, as compared to 1.43% and 1.44% at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The higher provisioning in the first quarter of 2012, as compared to both the first quarter of 2011 and the fourth quarter of 2011, was due to higher amounts of loan growth in the first quarter of 2012. Net charge-

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offs of \$1.7 million in the first quarter of 2012 represented 0.34% of average loans, excluding loans held for sale, as compared to \$1.3 million or 0.30% of average loans, excluding loans held for sale, in the first quarter of 2011. Net charge-offs in the first quarter of 2012 were primarily attributable to charge-offs of commercial and industrial loans (\$768 thousand), consumer loans (\$546 thousand), commercial real estate loans (\$290 thousand), and construction loans (\$145 thousand).

At March 31, 2012, the allowance for credit losses represented 87% of nonperforming loans as compared to 77% at March 31, 2011 and 90% at December 31, 2011.

Noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased to \$6.0 million from \$2.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011, a 105% increase. This increase was due primarily to an increase of \$2.3 million in gains on sales of residential mortgage loans in the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the first quarter of 2011. Also contributing to the increase was \$230 thousand in service charges on deposit accounts, \$262 thousand in other income, primarily associated with loan fee income and \$153 thousand of investment gains. Excluding investment securities gains, total noninterest income was \$5.9 million for the first quarter of 2012 as compared to \$2.9 million for the first quarter of 2011, an increase of 100%.

The efficiency ratio, which measures the ratio of noninterest expense to total revenue, was 53.83% for the first quarter of 2012, as compared to 58.57% for the first quarter of 2011. Noninterest expenses were \$18.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012, as compared to \$14.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011, a 30% increase. Cost increases for salaries and benefits were \$3.1 million primarily due to merit and benefit cost increases, increases in incentive pay, and staffing increases primarily as a result of expansion of the residential lending division, and additional lending and branch personnel. At March 31, 2012, the Company had sixteen branch offices, as compared to thirteen at March 31, 2011. Premises and equipment expenses were \$519 thousand higher due primarily to the cost of three new branch offices and normal increases in lease costs. Data processing costs increased by \$567 thousand due to system enhancements initiated in April 2011, new offices and growth in the number of new accounts and relationships. FDIC insurance premiums were \$254 thousand less due to lower FDIC premiums rates which took effect on April 1, 2011. Other expenses increased by \$287 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.

The following table sets forth selected financial highlights data for the Company as of and for each of the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. You should read this table and the accompanying balance sheet, statement of operations, average balance table for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, and the quarterly trend data together with the historical consolidated financial information contained in our consolidated financial statements and related notes and our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. Information for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 is derived from unaudited interim financial statements and has been prepared on the same basis as our audited financial statements and includes, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the data for such period. The results of operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2012 do not necessarily indicate the results which may be expected for any future period or for the full year.

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(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012 (Unaudited)	2011 (Unaudited)
Balance Sheet - Period End		
Securities	\$ 345,021	\$ 228,507
Loans held for sale	87,496	12,459
Loans	2,186,940	1,790,084
Allowance for credit losses	31,875	25,582
Intangible assets, net	4,066	4,330
Total assets	2,815,549	2,186,268
Deposits	2,368,235	1,826,880
Borrowings	160,880	139,053
Total liabilities	2,539,541	1,976,149
Preferred shareholders' equity	56,600	22,629
Common shareholders' equity	219,408	187,490
Total shareholders' equity	276,008	210,119
Tangible common equity(1)	215,342	183,160
Statement of Operations		
Total interest income	\$ 32,568	\$ 26,296
Total interest expense	4,098	4,790
Net interest income	28,470	21,506
Provision for credit losses	3,970	2,116
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	24,500	19,390
Noninterest income (before investment gains)	5,859	2,933
Investment gains	153	
Total noninterest income	6,012	2,933
Total noninterest expense	18,562	14,313
Income before income tax expense	11,950	8,010
Income tax expense	4,317	2,874
Net income	7,633	5,136
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	141	320
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 7,492	\$ 4,816
Per Common Share Data		
Net income, basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.24
Net income, diluted	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.24
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	20,110,948	19,716,814
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	20,623,681	20,215,244
Actual shares outstanding	20,220,166	19,811,532
Book value	\$ 10.85	\$ 9.46
Tangible book value(1)	\$ 10.65	\$ 9.25
Performance Ratios (annualized)		
Return on average assets	1.08%	0.98%
Return on average common equity	13.80%	10.49%
Net interest margin	4.11%	4.23%

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Efficiency ratio(2)	53.83%	58.57%
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Other Ratios

Allowance for credit losses to total loans	1.46%	1.43%
Allowance for credit losses to total nonperforming loans	86.82%	77.11%
Nonperforming loans to total loans	1.68%	1.85%
Nonperforming assets and loans 90+ past due to total assets	1.41%	1.68%
Net charge-offs (annualized) to average loans	0.34%	0.30%
Common equity to total assets	7.79%	8.58%
Total capital (to risk weighted assets)	11.60%	11.75%
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	10.09%	10.03%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	9.33%	9.44%
Tangible common equity ratio(1)	7.66%	8.39%

Loan Balances - Period End

Commercial and Industrial	\$	492,824	\$	443,251
Commercial real estate - owner occupied	\$	275,723	\$	226,322
Commercial real estate - income producing	\$	829,984	\$	671,803
1-4 Family mortgage	\$	43,057	\$	19,665
Construction - commercial and residential	\$	417,346	\$	317,353
Construction - C&I (owner occupied)	\$	27,412	\$	17,308
Home equity	\$	95,437	\$	88,602
Other consumer	\$	5,157	\$	5,780

Average Balances

Total assets	\$	2,830,693	\$	2,122,677
Total earning assets	\$	2,784,747	\$	2,063,557
Total loans held for sale	\$	120,098	\$	19,532
Total loans	\$	2,086,511	\$	1,713,854
Total deposits	\$	2,393,413	\$	1,764,373
Total borrowings	\$	153,227	\$	140,456
Total shareholders equity	\$	274,923	\$	208,833

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(1) The information set forth above contains certain financial information determined by methods other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures are tangible common equity, tangible book value per common share and the tangible common equity ratio. Our management uses these non-GAAP measures in its analysis of our performance because it believes these measures are material and will be used as a measure of our performance by investors. These disclosures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results determined in accordance with GAAP, and are not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures which may be presented by other bank holding companies. Management compensates for these limitations by providing detailed reconciliations between GAAP information and the non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliation tables are set forth below. Tangible common equity is defined as total common shareholders' equity reduced by goodwill and other intangible assets. Tangible book value per common share is defined as tangible common shareholders' equity divided by total common share outstanding. The tangible common equity ratio is defined as tangible common equity divided by total assets reduced by goodwill and other intangible assets.

GAAP Reconciliation

(dollars in thousands except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011 (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)
Common shareholders' equity	\$ 219,408	\$ 210,111	\$ 187,490
Less: Intangible assets	(4,066)	(4,145)	(4,330)
Tangible common equity	\$ 215,342	\$ 205,966	\$ 183,160
Book value per common share	\$ 10.85	\$ 10.53	\$ 9.46
Less: Intangible book value per common share	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.21)
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 10.65	\$ 10.32	\$ 9.25
Total assets	\$ 2,815,549	\$ 2,831,255	\$ 2,186,268
Less: Intangible assets	(4,066)	(4,145)	(4,330)
Tangible assets	\$ 2,811,483	\$ 2,827,110	\$ 2,181,938
Tangible common equity ratio	7.66%	7.29%	8.39%

(2) Computed by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

Table of Contents**Eagle Bancorp, Inc.****Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2011 (Audited)	March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)
Assets			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 5,838	\$ 5,374	\$ 22,768
Federal funds sold	18,990	21,785	74,209
Interest bearing deposits with banks and other short-term investments	117,326	205,252	10,188
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	345,021	313,811	228,507
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	11,374	10,242	10,406
Loans held for sale	87,496	176,826	12,459
Loans	2,186,940	2,056,256	1,790,084
Less allowance for credit losses	(31,875)	(29,653)	(25,582)
Loans, net	2,155,065	2,026,603	1,764,502
Premises and equipment, net	12,864	12,320	10,217
Deferred income taxes	14,658	14,673	14,302
Bank owned life insurance	13,839	13,743	13,443
Intangible assets, net	4,066	4,145	4,330
Other real estate owned	3,014	3,225	3,529
Other assets	25,998	23,256	17,408
Total Assets	\$ 2,815,549	\$ 2,831,255	\$ 2,186,268
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity			
Liabilities			
Deposits:			
Noninterest bearing demand	\$ 698,636	\$ 688,506	\$ 402,041
Interest bearing transaction	75,751	80,105	61,219
Savings and money market	1,084,622	1,068,370	780,386
Time, \$100,000 or more	293,570	332,470	370,326
Other time	215,656	222,644	212,908
Total deposits	2,368,235	2,392,095	1,826,880
Customer repurchase agreements	111,580	103,362	89,753
Long-term borrowings	49,300	49,300	49,300
Other liabilities	10,426	19,787	10,216
Total liabilities	2,539,541	2,564,544	1,976,149
Shareholders Equity			
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, shares authorized 1,000,000, Series A, \$1,000 per share liquidation preference, shares issued and outstanding 23,235 at March 31, 2011, discount of \$554, net			22,629
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, shares authorized 1,000,000, Series B, \$1,000 per share liquidation preference, shares issued and outstanding 56,600 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011	56,600	56,600	
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; shares authorized 50,000,000, shares issued and outstanding 20,220,166, 19,952,844 and 19,811,532, respectively	199	197	197
Warrant	946	946	946
Additional paid in capital	134,455	132,670	130,703
Retained earnings	78,911	71,423	53,349
Accumulated other comprehensive income	4,897	4,875	2,295

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Total shareholders equity		276,008		266,711		210,119
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	\$	2,815,549	\$	2,831,255	\$	2,186,268

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Table of Contents**Eagle Bancorp, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations****For the Three Month Periods Ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 (Unaudited)****(dollars in thousands except per share data)**

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Interest Income		
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 30,723	\$ 24,615
Interest and dividends on investment securities	1,694	1,620
Interest on balances with other banks and short-term investments	137	19
Interest on federal funds sold	14	42
Total interest income	32,568	26,296
Interest Expense		
Interest on deposits	3,468	4,111
Interest on customer repurchase agreements	96	150
Interest on long-term borrowings	534	529
Total interest expense	4,098	4,790
Net Interest Income	28,470	21,506
Provision for Credit Losses	3,970	2,116
Net Interest Income After Provision For Credit Losses	24,500	19,390
Noninterest Income		
Service charges on deposits	979	749
Gain on sale of loans	4,139	1,701
Gain on sale of investment securities	153	
Increase in the cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance	97	101
Other income	644	382
Total noninterest income	6,012	2,933
Noninterest Expense		
Salaries and employee benefits	10,424	7,311
Premises and equipment expenses	2,510	1,991
Marketing and advertising	286	234
Data processing	1,256	689
Legal, accounting and professional fees	1,101	1,136
FDIC insurance	489	743
Other expenses	2,496	2,209
Total noninterest expense	18,562	14,313
Income Before Income Tax Expense	11,950	8,010
Income Tax Expense	4,317	2,874
Net Income	7,633	5,136
Preferred Stock Dividends and Discount Accretion	141	320
Net Income Available to Common Shareholders	\$ 7,492	\$ 4,816
Earnings Per Common Share		
Basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.24
Diluted	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.24

Table of Contents**Eagle Bancorp, Inc.****Consolidated Average Balances, Interest Yields and Rates (Unaudited)**

(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2012			2011		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Rate
ASSETS						
Interest earning assets:						
Interest bearing deposits with other banks and other short-term investments						
	\$ 218,990	\$ 137	0.25%	\$ 10,395	\$ 19	0.74%
Loans held for sale (1)	120,098	1,071	3.57%	19,532	206	4.28%
Loans (1) (2)	2,086,511	29,653	5.72%	1,713,854	24,409	5.78%
Investment securities available for sale (2)						
	340,025	1,694	2.00%	237,579	1,620	2.77%
Federal funds sold	19,123	14	0.29%	82,197	42	0.21%
Total interest earning assets	2,784,747	32,569	4.70%	2,063,557	26,296	5.17%
Total noninterest earning assets						
	75,935			83,998		
Less: allowance for credit losses						
	29,989			24,878		
Total noninterest earning assets						
	45,946			59,120		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,830,693			\$ 2,122,677		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY						
Interest bearing liabilities:						
Interest bearing transaction	\$ 76,845	\$ 71	0.37%	\$ 61,479	\$ 63	0.42%
Savings and money market	1,089,626	1,672	0.62%	754,699	1,909	1.03%
Time deposits	538,542	1,726	1.29%	550,004	2,139	1.58%
Total interest bearing deposits	1,705,013	3,469	0.82%	1,366,182	4,111	1.22%
Customer repurchase agreements	103,927	96	0.37%	91,156	150	0.67%
Other short-term borrowings						
Long-term borrowings	49,300	534	4.29%	49,300	529	4.29%
Total interest bearing liabilities	1,858,240	4,099	0.89%	1,506,638	4,790	1.29%
Noninterest bearing liabilities:						
Noninterest bearing demand	688,400			398,191		
Other liabilities	9,130			9,015		
Total noninterest bearing liabilities	697,530			407,206		
Shareholders equity	274,923			208,833		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 2,830,693			\$ 2,122,677		

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Net interest income	\$	28,470	\$	21,506
Net interest spread		3.81%		3.88%
Net interest margin		4.11%		4.23%

(1) Loans placed on nonaccrual status are included in average balances. Net loan fees and late charges included in interest income on loans totaled \$1.2 million and \$760 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

(2) Interest and fees on loans and investments exclude tax equivalent adjustments.

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Table of Contents**Eagle Bancorp, Inc.****Statements of Operations and Highlights (Quarterly Trends)****(dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended							
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2010	June 30, 2010
Statement of Operations								
Interest income	\$ 32,568	\$ 33,091	\$ 30,741	\$ 28,996	\$ 26,296	\$ 26,040	\$ 24,421	\$ 23,689
Interest expense	4,098	4,820	5,365	5,102	4,790	4,753	4,722	5,072
Net interest income	28,470	28,271	25,376	23,894	21,506	21,287	19,699	18,617
Provision for credit losses	3,970	2,765	2,887	3,215	2,116	3,556	1,962	2,101
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	24,500	25,506	22,489	20,679	19,390	17,731	17,737	16,516
Noninterest income (before investment gains or losses)	5,859	3,864	2,657	2,602	2,933	3,180	2,073	1,437
Investment gains (losses)	153	854	854	591	497	260	573	573
Total noninterest income	6,012	3,864	3,511	3,193	2,933	3,677	2,333	2,010
Salaries and employee benefits	10,424	10,183	9,263	7,761	7,311	7,318	6,549	5,969
Premises and equipment	2,510	2,389	1,939	2,052	1,991	1,735	2,021	2,612
Marketing and advertising	286	411	234	747	234	139	391	281
Other expenses	5,342	5,324	4,287	4,373	4,777	4,283	3,968	4,275
Total noninterest expense	18,562	18,307	15,723	14,933	14,313	13,475	12,929	13,137
Income before income tax expense	11,950	11,063	10,277	8,939	8,010	7,933	7,141	5,389
Income tax expense	4,317	3,889	3,783	3,185	2,874	2,879	2,375	1,942
Net income	7,633	7,174	6,494	5,754	5,136	5,054	4,766	3,447
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	141	142	166	883	320	328	327	324
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 7,492	\$ 7,032	\$ 6,328	\$ 4,871	\$ 4,816	\$ 4,726	\$ 4,439	\$ 3,123
Per Common Share Data								
Earnings per weighted average common share, basic	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.16
Earnings per weighted average common share, diluted	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.16
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	20,110,948	19,919,434	19,867,533	20,050,894	19,716,814	19,683,052	19,659,934	19,641,247
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	20,623,681	20,370,108	20,281,294	20,495,291	20,215,244	20,130,854	20,015,404	20,071,945
Actual shares outstanding	20,220,166	19,952,844	19,890,597	19,849,042	19,811,532	19,700,387	19,671,797	19,652,918
Book value per common share at period end	\$ 10.85	\$ 10.53	\$ 10.15	\$ 9.76	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.14	\$ 8.87

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Performance Ratios (annualized)								
Return on average assets	1.08%	0.91%	1.00%	1.01%	0.98%	0.96%	0.96%	0.73%
Return on average common equity	13.80%	13.40%	12.55%	10.16%	10.49%	10.21%	9.89%	7.27%
Net interest margin	4.11%	3.65%	3.98%	4.32%	4.23%	4.18%	4.10%	4.10%
Efficiency ratio(1)	53.83%	56.97%	54.43%	55.13%	58.57%	53.98%	58.68%	63.69%
Other Ratios								
Allowance for credit losses to total loans(2)	1.46%	1.44%	1.41%	1.41%	1.43%	1.48%	1.45%	1.45%
Nonperforming loans to total loans	1.68%	1.59%	1.55%	1.60%	1.85%	1.51%	1.61%	1.68%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	1.41%	1.27%	1.07%	1.47%	1.68%	1.53%	1.46%	1.49%
Net charge-offs (annualized) to average loans	0.34%	0.34%	0.36%	0.28%	0.30%	0.26%	0.39%	0.38%
Total capital (to risk weighted assets)	11.60%	11.84%	12.11%	11.33%	11.75%	11.64%	12.66%	12.85%
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	10.09%	10.33%	10.49%	9.64%	10.03%	9.91%	10.88%	11.15%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	9.33%	8.21%	9.61%	9.07%	9.44%	9.32%	9.66%	9.84%
Average Balances (in thousands)								
Total assets	\$ 2,830,693	\$ 3,111,952	\$ 2,569,970	\$ 2,278,329	\$ 2,122,677	\$ 2,079,392	\$ 1,964,827	\$ 1,881,761
Total earning assets	\$ 2,784,747	\$ 3,071,903	\$ 2,531,768	\$ 2,220,137	\$ 2,063,557	\$ 2,021,492	\$ 1,907,900	\$ 1,821,943
Total loans held for sale	\$ 120,098	\$ 177,116	\$ 35,320	\$ 19,419	\$ 19,532	\$ 74,210	\$ 46,360	\$ 6,721
Total loans	\$ 2,086,511	\$ 2,030,986	\$ 1,967,214	\$ 1,864,722	\$ 1,713,854	\$ 1,598,362	\$ 1,506,894	\$ 1,482,604
Total deposits	\$ 2,393,413	\$ 2,652,707	\$ 2,124,274	\$ 1,902,837	\$ 1,764,373	\$ 1,710,088	\$ 1,610,813	\$ 1,529,498
Total borrowings	\$ 153,227	\$ 183,632	\$ 184,874	\$ 153,108	\$ 140,456	\$ 154,950	\$ 146,711	\$ 151,240
Total shareholders equity	\$ 274,923	\$ 264,833	\$ 251,916	\$ 214,926	\$ 208,833	\$ 206,191	\$ 200,556	\$ 194,866

(1) Computed by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

(2) Excludes loans held for sale.

Table of Contents**SUMMARY OF SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table shows selected historical consolidated financial data for the Company as of and for each of the five years ended December 31, 2011, which has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. You should read this table together with the historical consolidated financial information contained in our consolidated financial statements and related notes, the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

(dollars in thousands except per share data)	Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Balance Sheet Period End					
Securities	\$ 324,053	\$ 237,576	\$ 245,644	\$ 169,079	\$ 87,117
Loans held for sale	176,826	80,571	1,550	2,718	2,177
Loans	2,056,256	1,675,500	1,399,311	1,265,640	716,677
Allowance for credit losses	29,653	24,754	20,619	18,403	8,037
Intangible assets, net	4,145	4,188	4,379	2,533	236
Total assets	2,831,255	2,089,370	1,805,504	1,496,827	846,400
Deposits	2,392,095	1,726,798	1,460,274	1,129,380	630,936
Borrowings	152,662	146,884	150,090	215,952	128,408
Total liabilities	2,564,544	1,884,654	1,617,183	1,354,456	765,234
Preferred shareholders' equity	56,600	22,582	22,612	36,312	
Common shareholders' equity	210,111	182,134	165,709	106,059	81,166
Total shareholders' equity	266,711	204,716	188,321	142,371	81,166
Tangible common equity(1)	205,966	177,946	161,330	103,526	80,930
Statement of Operations					
Interest income	\$ 119,124	\$ 96,658	\$ 84,338	\$ 65,657	\$ 57,077
Interest expense	20,077	19,832	24,809	23,676	23,729
Provision for credit losses	10,983	9,308	7,669	3,979	1,643
Noninterest income	13,501	9,242	7,297	4,366	5,186
Noninterest expense	63,276	51,005	42,773	30,817	24,921
Income before taxes	38,289	25,755	16,384	11,551	11,970
Income tax expense	13,731	9,098	5,965	4,123	4,269
Net income	24,558	16,657	10,419	7,428	7,701
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	1,511	1,299	2,307	177	
Net income available to common shareholders	23,047	15,358	8,112	7,251	7,701
Per Common Share Data(2)					
Net income, basic	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.73
Net income, diluted	1.14	0.77	0.55	0.62	0.71
Dividends declared				0.11	0.22
Book value	10.53	9.25	8.48	8.34	7.59
Tangible book value(1)	10.32	9.03	8.26	8.14	7.57
Common shares outstanding	19,952,844	19,700,387	19,534,226	12,714,355	10,693,447
Weighted average common shares outstanding	19,835,534	19,648,591	14,643,294	11,556,569	10,531,236
Ratios					
Net interest margin(3)	3.99%	4.09%	3.85%	4.05%	4.37%
Efficiency ratio(4)	56.22%	59.26%	64.01%	66.49%	66.54%

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Return on average assets(3)	0.97%	0.86%	0.65%	0.69%	0.96%
Return on average common equity	11.71%	8.74%	6.52%	8.04%	10.03%
Total capital (to risk weighted assets)	11.84%	11.64%	13.57%	11.93%	11.21%
Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)	10.33%	9.91%	11.82%	9.78%	10.20%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)	8.21%	9.32%	10.29%	9.22%	9.46%
Tangible common equity ratio(1)	7.29%	8.53%	8.96%	6.93%	9.56%

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(dollars in thousands except per share data)	Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Asset Quality					
Nonperforming assets and loans 90+ past due	\$ 36,019	\$ 31,988	\$ 27,131	\$ 26,366	\$ 5,324
Nonperforming assets and loans 90+ past due to total assets	1.27%	1.53%	1.50%	1.76%	0.63%
Allowance for credit losses to loans	1.44%	1.48%	1.47%	1.45%	1.12%
Allowance for credit losses to nonperforming assets	82.33%	77.39%	76.00%	69.80%	150.96%
Net charge-offs	\$ 6,084	\$ 5,172	\$ 5,454	\$ 1,123	\$ 979
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.32%	0.35%	0.42%	0.12%	0.15%

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GAAP Reconciliation (dollars in thousands except per share data)	Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Common stockholders' equity	\$ 210,111	\$ 182,134	\$ 165,709	\$ 106,059	\$ 81,166
Less: Intangible assets	(4,145)	(4,188)	(4,379)	(2,533)	(236)
Tangible common equity	\$ 205,966	\$ 177,946	\$ 161,330	\$ 103,526	\$ 80,930
Book value per common share	\$ 10.53	\$ 9.25	\$ 8.48	\$ 8.34	\$ 7.59
Less: Intangible book value per common share	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.02)
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 10.32	\$ 9.03	\$ 8.26	\$ 8.14	\$ 7.57
Total assets	\$ 2,831,255	\$ 2,089,370	\$ 1,805,504	\$ 1,496,827	\$ 846,400
Less: Intangible assets	4,145	4,188	4,379	2,533	236
Tangible assets	\$ 2,827,110	\$ 2,085,182	\$ 1,801,125	\$ 1,494,294	\$ 846,164
Tangible common equity ratio	7.29%	8.53%	8.96%	6.93%	9.56%

(2) Presented giving retroactive effect to the 10% stock dividend paid on the common stock on October 1, 2008. In July 2008, the Company discontinued the payment of its quarterly cash dividend.

(3) The reported figure includes the effect of a \$618 million deposit received on September 13, 2011 in connection with a class action settlement, which was disbursed by year end 2011. The deposit was invested in excess reserves at the Federal Reserve Bank. As the magnitude of the deposit distorts the operational results of the Company, we present in the GAAP reconciliation below, certain performance ratios excluding the effect of this deposit, notably the net interest margin and the return on average assets, which resulted in approximately \$326,000 of interest income and \$170,000 of income, net of tax, during the twelve months period ended December 31, 2011. We believe this information is important to enable shareholders and other interested parties to assess the core operational performance of the Company.

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Twelve Months Ended December 31,

GAAP Reconciliation (dollars in thousands except per share data)	2011			2010		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Rate
Total interest earning assets	\$ 2,482,625	\$ 119,124	4.80%	\$ 1,877,151	\$ 96,658	5.15%
Less: settlement deposit(3)	(117,990)	(326)	(0.28)%			
Adjusted interest earning assets	\$ 2,364,635	\$ 118,798	5.02%	\$ 1,877,151	\$ 96,658	5.15%
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$ 1,679,855	\$ 20,077	1.20%	\$ 1,396,216	\$ 19,832	1.42%
Adjusted interest spread			3.82%			3.73%
Adjusted interest margin			4.17%			4.09%

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(dollars in thousands except per share data)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2011 (Unaudited)	2010 (Unaudited)	2011 (Unaudited)	2010 (Unaudited)
Net income	\$ 24,558	\$ 16,657	\$ 7,174	\$ 5,054
Less: settlement deposit	(326)		(254)	
Adjusted net income	\$ 24,232	\$ 16,657	\$ 6,920	\$ 5,054
Average total assets	2,523,592	1,936,191	3,111,952	2,079,392
Less: settlement deposit	(117,990)		(396,710)	
Adjusted average total assets	2,405,602	1,936,191	2,715,242	2,079,392
Adjusted return on average assets	1.01%	0.86%	1.01%	0.96%

(4) Computed by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves various risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully read and consider the risk factors described below as well as the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as the same may be updated from time to time by our future filings with the SEC under the Exchange Act. Any of these risks, if they are realized, could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect us. In any such case, you could lose all or a portion of your original investment.

Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock

The price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, which may make it difficult for investors to resell shares of common stock at a time or price they find attractive.

Our stock price may fluctuate significantly as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. In addition to those described in Caution About Forward Looking Statements, These factors include:

- 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 us or other financial institutions;
- Reports in the press or investment community generally or relating to our reputation or the financial services industry;
- Strategic actions by us or our competitors, such as acquisitions, restructurings, dispositions, or financings;
- Fluctuations in the stock price and operating results of our competitors;
- Future sales of our equity or equity-related securities;
- Proposed or adopted regulatory changes or developments;
- Anticipated or pending investigations, proceedings, or litigation that involve or affect us;
- 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.

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In addition, in recent years, the stock market in general has experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has had a significant effect on the market price of securities issued by many companies, including for reasons unrelated to their operating performance. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect our stock price, notwithstanding our operating results. We expect that the market price of our common stock will continue to fluctuate and there can be no assurances about the levels of the market prices for our common stock.

Trading in the common stock has been moderate. As a result, shareholders may not be able to quickly and easily sell their common stock, particularly in large quantities.

Although our common stock is listed for trading on Nasdaq and a number of brokers offer to make a market in the common stock on a regular basis, trading volume to date has been limited, averaging approximately 43,618 shares per day over the three months ended March 31, 2012, and there can be no assurance that a more active and liquid market for the common stock will develop or can be maintained. As a result, shareholders may find it difficult to sell a significant number of shares at the prevailing market price.

Our ability to pay dividends on the common stock, or repurchase shares of common stock, may be limited.

Under the terms of the our Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, the Series B Preferred Stock issued to the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Treasury, under the Small Business Lending Fund Program, or SBLF, our ability to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise

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acquire for consideration, shares of common stock is subject to restrictions. No repurchases of common stock may be effected, and no dividends may be declared or paid on the common stock, during the quarter in which there is a failure to declare and pay dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock and the following three quarters. As of the date hereof, the Company has declared and paid all dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock in a timely manner.

Under the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, the Company may only declare and pay a dividend on the common stock, or repurchase shares of the common stock, if, after payment of such dividend, the dollar amount of the Company's Tier 1 Capital would be at least 90% of the Signing Date Tier 1 Capital, as set forth in the Articles Supplementary relating to the Series B Preferred Stock, excluding any subsequent net charge-offs and any redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock. This amount is referred to as the Tier 1 Dividend Threshold. The Tier 1 Dividend Threshold is subject to reduction, beginning on the second anniversary of issuance and ending on the tenth anniversary, by 10% for each one percent increase in qualified small business lending (or QSBL, as defined in the Securities Purchase Agreement between the Company and the Treasury) by the Bank over the baseline level. See Market for Common Stock and Dividends at page S - 27 for additional information on limitations of our ability to pay dividends.

We may issue additional equity securities, or engage in other transactions which could dilute our book value or affect the priority of the common stock, which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our board of directors may determine from time to time that we need to raise additional capital by issuing additional shares of our common stock or other securities. Except as described under Plan of Distribution, we are not restricted from issuing additional shares of common stock, including securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing, or nature of any future offerings, or the prices at which such offerings may be affected. Such offerings could be dilutive to common stockholders. New investors also may have rights, preferences and privileges that are senior to, and that adversely affect, our then-current common shareholders. Additionally, if we raise additional capital by making additional offerings of debt or preferred equity securities, upon liquidation of the Company, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock, and lenders with respect to other borrowings, will receive distributions of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings may dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders or reduce the market price of our common stock, or both. Holders of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive rights or other protections against dilution.

Directors and officers of the Company currently own approximately 16.8% of the outstanding common stock. As a result of their combined ownership, they could make it more difficult to obtain approval for some matters submitted to shareholder vote, including acquisitions of the Company. The results of the vote may be contrary to the desires or interests of the public shareholders.

Directors and executive officers of the Company and their affiliates currently own approximately 16.8% of the outstanding shares of common stock, excluding shares which may be acquired upon the exercise of options. By voting against a proposal submitted to shareholders, the directors and officers, as a group, may be able to make approval more difficult for proposals requiring the vote of shareholders, such as some mergers, share exchanges, asset sales, and amendments to the articles of incorporation. Although the percentage of shares owned by our directors and officers is expected to decline after the 2012 Annual Meeting as a result of a director not standing for re-election, to approximately 12.0% of the outstanding shares assuming no change in the number of shares outstanding, approval of these matters may remain more difficult.

Substantial regulatory limitations on changes of control and anti-takeover provisions of Maryland law may make it more difficult for shareholders to receive a change in control premium.

With certain limited exceptions, federal regulations prohibit a person or company or a group of persons deemed to be acting in concert from, directly or indirectly, acquiring more than 10% (5% if the acquiror is a bank holding company) of any class of the Company's voting stock or obtaining the ability to control in any manner the election of a majority of its directors or otherwise direct the management or policies of the Company without prior

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notice or application to and the approval of the Federal Reserve. There are comparable prior approval requirements for changes in control under Maryland law. Also, Maryland corporate law contains several provisions that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of the Company without the approval of its Board of Directors, and may make it more difficult or expensive for a third party to acquire a majority of its outstanding common stock.

Risks Related to Our Business

The current economic environment poses significant challenges for us and could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The Company is operating in a challenging and uncertain economic environment. Financial institutions continue to be affected by sharp declines in the real estate market and constrained financial markets. There have been dramatic declines in the housing market over the past several years, with falling home prices and high levels of foreclosures and unemployment. While conditions appear to have begun to improve, generally and in the Company's market area, continued declines in real estate values, home sales volumes, and financial stress on borrowers as a result of the uncertain economic environment could have an adverse effect on our borrowers or their customers, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. A worsening of these conditions would likely exacerbate the adverse effects on us and others in the financial institutions industry. For example, further deterioration in local economic conditions in our market could drive losses beyond that which is provided for in our allowance for loan losses. The Company may also face the following risks in connection with these events:

- Economic conditions that negatively affect housing prices and the job market have resulted, and may continue to result, in a deterioration in credit quality of our loan portfolio, and such deterioration in credit quality has had, and could continue to have, a negative impact on our business;
- Market developments may affect consumer confidence levels and may cause adverse changes in payment patterns, causing increases in delinquencies and default rates on loans and other credit facilities;
- A reduction in the size, spending or employment levels of the federal, state and/or local governments in the Washington, DC metropolitan area could have a negative effect on the economy of the region, on our customers, and on real estate prices.
- The methodologies we use to establish our allowance for loan losses may no longer be reliable because they rely on complex judgments, including forecasts of economic conditions, which may no longer be capable of accurate estimation;
- Continued turmoil in the market, and loss of confidence in the banking system, could require the Bank to pay higher interest rates to obtain deposits to meet the needs of its depositors and borrowers, resulting in reduced margin and net interest income. If conditions worsen significantly, it is possible that banks such as the Bank may be unable to meet the needs of their depositors and borrowers, which could, in the worst case, result in the Bank being placed into receivership; and
- Compliance with increased regulation of the banking industry may increase our costs, limit our ability to pursue business opportunities, and divert management efforts.

If these conditions or similar ones continue to exist or worsen, the Company could experience continuing or increased adverse effects on its financial condition.

Our financial condition and results of operations would be adversely affected if our allowance for loan losses is not sufficient to absorb actual losses or if we are required to increase our allowance for loan losses.

Historically, we have experienced a relatively low level of nonperforming assets and net charge-offs, both in absolute dollars, as a percentage of loans and compared to many of our peer institutions. As a result of this historical experience, we have incurred a relatively lower loan loss provision expense, which has positively impacted our earnings. However, experience in the banking industry indicates that a portion of our loans will become delinquent, that some of our loans may only be partially repaid or may never be repaid and we may

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experience other losses for reasons beyond our control. Despite our underwriting criteria and historical experience, we may be particularly susceptible to losses due to: (1) the geographic concentration of our loans, (2) the concentration of commercial real estate, construction and commercial and industrial loans, (3) the relative lack of seasoning of certain of our loans. As a result, we may not be able to maintain our relatively low levels of nonperforming assets and charge-offs. Although we believe that our allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level adequate to absorb any inherent losses in our loan portfolio, these estimates of loan losses are necessarily subjective and their accuracy depends on the outcome of future events. If we need to make significant and unanticipated increases in our loss allowance in the future, our results of operations and financial condition would be materially adversely affected at that time.

While we strive to carefully monitor credit quality and to identify loans that may become nonperforming, at any time there are loans included in the portfolio that have not been identified as nonperforming or potential problem loans, but that will result in losses. We cannot be sure that we will be able to identify deteriorating loans before they become nonperforming assets, or that we will be able to limit losses on those loans that are identified. As a result, future additions to the allowance may be necessary.

Economic conditions and increased uncertainty in the financial markets could adversely affect our ability to accurately assess our allowance for credit losses. Our ability to assess the creditworthiness of our customers or to estimate the values of our assets and collateral for loans will be reduced if the models and approaches we use become less predictive of future behaviors, valuations, assumptions or estimates. We estimate losses inherent in our credit exposure, the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses and the values of certain assets by using estimates based on difficult, subjective, and complex judgments, including estimates as to the effects of economic conditions and how these economic conditions might affect the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans or the value of assets.

Our continued growth depends on our ability to meet minimum regulatory capital levels. Growth and shareholder returns may be adversely affected if sources of capital are not available to help us meet them.

As we grow, we will have to maintain our regulatory capital levels at or above the required minimum levels. If earnings do not meet our current estimates, if we incur unanticipated losses or expenses, or if we grow faster than expected, we may need to obtain additional capital sooner than anticipated. If we do not have continued access to sufficient capital, or if that capital is not available on terms acceptable to us, we may be required to reduce our level of assets or reduce our rate of growth in order to maintain regulatory compliance. Under those circumstances net income and the rate of growth of net income may be adversely affected.

Our results of operations, financial condition and the value of our shares may be adversely affected if we are not able to maintain our historical growth rate.

Since opening for business in 1998, our asset level has increased rapidly, including a 36% increase in 2011. Over the past five fiscal years (2007 - 2011), our net income has increased at a compounded annual rate of 25%, with an increase in net income of 47% in 2011. We may not be able to achieve comparable results in future years. As our asset size and earnings increase, it may become more difficult to achieve high rates of increase in assets and earnings. Additionally, it may become more difficult to achieve continued improvements in our expense levels and efficiency ratio. We may not be able to maintain the relatively low levels of nonperforming assets that we have experienced. Declines in the rate of growth of income or assets or deposits, and increases in operating expenses or nonperforming assets may have an adverse impact on the value of the common stock.

We are subject to liquidity risk in our operations, which could be exacerbated if the Congress does not extend unlimited deposit insurance coverage for noninterest bearing demand deposit accounts.

Liquidity risk is the possibility of being unable to meet obligations as they come due, pay deposits when withdrawn, and fund loan and investment opportunities as they arise, because of an inability to liquidate assets or obtain adequate funding on a timely basis, at a reasonable cost and within acceptable risk tolerances. If a financial institution is unable to meet its payment obligations on a daily basis, it is subject to being placed into receivership,

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regardless of its capital levels. Our largest source of liquidity is customer deposit accounts, including noninterest bearing demand deposit accounts, which at March 31, 2012, constituted 29.5% of our total deposits. If we are unable to increase customer deposits in an amount sufficient to fund loan growth, we may be required to rely on other, potentially more expensive, sources of liquidity, such as FHLB borrowings, brokered deposits and repurchase agreements, to fund loan growth, which would adversely affect our earnings, or to reduce our rate of growth, which could adversely affect our earnings and stock price.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank) provides for temporary unlimited deposit insurance coverage for noninterest bearing demand deposit accounts through December 31, 2012, at no additional premium to the bank holding the deposit. This coverage is effective regardless of the amount of deposits maintained by a customer in the noninterest bearing demand account, or in other accounts at an insured depository institution. If Congress does not extend this unlimited deposit insurance coverage provision, then deposits in such accounts in excess of the generally applicable \$250,000 coverage limit will no longer be insured. In the absence of such insurance, customers who would have uninsured deposits may decide to move their deposits to institutions which are perceived as safer, sounder, or too big to fail or could elect to use other non-deposit funding products, such as repurchase agreements, that would require the Bank to pay interest and to provide securities as collateral for the Bank's repurchase obligation. At March 31, 2012, the Bank had approximately \$531 million of deposits in noninterest bearing demand accounts with balances in excess of \$250,000.

While we believe that our strong earnings, capital position, relationship banking model and reputation as a safe and sound institution would mitigate the risk of lost deposits if unlimited insurance coverage for these accounts is not extended, there can be no assurance that that we will not have to replace a significant amount of deposits with alternative funding sources, such as repurchase agreements, federal funds lines, certificates of deposit, brokered deposits, other categories of interest bearing deposits and FHLB borrowings, all of which are more expensive than noninterest bearing deposits. While we believe that we would be able to maintain adequate liquidity at reasonable cost, the loss of a significant amount of noninterest bearing deposits could have a material adverse effect on our earnings, net interest margin, rate of growth and stock price. If unlimited deposit insurance coverage is extended on a basis that calls for additional premiums, our earnings, net interest margin, rate of growth and stock price could be adversely affected.

We may not be able to successfully manage continued growth.

We intend to seek further growth in the level of our assets and deposits and the number of our branches, both within our existing footprint and possibly to expand our footprint in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs, and in Washington, DC. We may not be able to manage increased levels of assets and liabilities, and an expanded branch system, without increased expenses and higher levels of nonperforming assets. We may be required to make additional investments in equipment and personnel to manage higher asset levels and loan balances and a larger branch network, which may adversely impact earnings, shareholder returns and our efficiency ratio. Increases in operating expenses or nonperforming assets may have an adverse impact on the value of our common stock.

We may face risks with respect to future expansion or acquisition activity.

We seek to expand our banking operations through limited *de novo* branching and opportunistic acquisition activities, and expect to continue to explore such opportunities. We cannot be certain that any expansion activity, through *de novo* branching, acquisition of branches of another financial institution or a whole institution, or acquisition of nonbanking financial service companies, will prove profitable or will increase shareholder value. The success of any acquisition will depend, in part, on our ability to realize the estimated cost savings and revenue enhancements from combining the businesses of the Company and the target branch or company. Our ability to realize increases in revenue will depend, in part, on our ability to retain customers and employees, and to capitalize on existing relationships for the provision of additional

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products and services. If our estimates turn out to be incorrect or we are not able to successfully combine companies, the anticipated cost savings and increased revenues may not be realized fully or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected. It is possible that the integration process could result in the loss of key employees, the disruption of each company's ongoing business or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect our ability to maintain relationships with clients and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger. As with any combination of banking institutions,

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there also may be disruptions that cause us to lose customers or cause customers to withdraw their deposits from our banks. Customers may not readily accept changes to their banking arrangements that we make as part of or following an acquisition. Additionally, the value of an acquisition to the Company is dependent on our ability to successfully identify and estimate the magnitude of any asset quality issues of acquired companies.

Our concentrations of loans may create a greater risk of loan defaults and losses.

A substantial portion of our loans are secured by real estate in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and substantially all of our loans are to borrowers in that area. We also have a significant amount of real estate construction loans and land related loans for residential and commercial developments. At March 31, 2012, approximately 71% of our total portfolio loans were commercial real estate loans. Management believes that the commercial real estate concentration risk is mitigated by diversification among the types and characteristics of real estate collateral properties, sound underwriting practices, extensive Board and management experience and ongoing portfolio monitoring and market analysis. Within total portfolio loans, \$444.8 million, or 20%, were construction and land development loans. An additional \$492.8 million, or 23% of portfolio loans, were commercial and industrial loans. The repayment of these loans often depends on the successful operation of a business or the sale or development of the underlying property and as a result, are more likely to be adversely affected by adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy in general. While we believe that our loan portfolio is well diversified in terms of borrowers and industries, these concentrations expose us to the risk that adverse developments in the real estate market, or in the general economic conditions in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, could increase the levels of nonperforming loans and charge-offs, and reduce loan demand. In that event, we would likely experience lower earnings or losses. Additionally, if, for any reason, economic conditions in our market area deteriorate, or there is significant volatility or weakness in the economy or any significant sector of the area's economy, our ability to develop our business relationships may be diminished, the quality and collectability of our loans may be adversely affected, the value of collateral may decline and loan demand may be reduced.

Commercial, commercial real estate and construction loans tend to have larger balances than single family residential mortgages loans and other consumer loans. Because the loan portfolio contains a significant number of commercial and commercial real estate and construction loans with relatively large balances, the deterioration of one or a few of these loans may cause a significant increase in nonperforming assets. All of our 50 largest loan relationships, which have an aggregate outstanding balance of approximately \$660 million as of March 31, 2012, are commercial, commercial real estate or construction loans, representing 30.1% of total portfolio loans. An increase in nonperforming loans could result in a loss of earnings, an increase in the provision for loan losses, or an increase in loan charge-offs, which could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and financial condition.

Further, under guidance adopted by the federal banking regulators, banks which have concentrations in construction, land development or commercial real estate loans (other than loans for majority owner occupied properties) would be expected to maintain higher levels of risk management and, potentially, higher levels of capital. We may be required to maintain higher levels of capital than we would otherwise be expected to maintain as a result of our levels of construction, development and commercial real estate loans, which may require us to obtain additional capital sooner than we would otherwise seek it, resulting in reduced shareholder returns.

Additionally, through Eagle Commercial Ventures, or ECV, we provide subordinated financing for the acquisition, development and construction of real estate or other projects, the primary financing for which may be provided by the Bank. These subordinated financings and the business of ECV will generally entail a higher risk profile (including lower priority and higher loan to value ratios) than loans made by the Bank. A portion of the amount which the Company expects to receive for such loans will be payments based on the success, sale or completion of the underlying project, and as such the income of the Company may be more volatile from period to period, based on the status of such projects. The Company may not be able to successfully operate or manage the business of providing higher loan to value financing. As of March 31, 2012, ECV has approximately \$4.3 million in outstanding loans and commitments.

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Our financial condition, earnings and asset quality could be adversely affected if we are required to repurchase loans originated for sale by our Residential Lending division.

The Bank originates loans for sale to secondary market investors, subject to contractually specified and limited recourse provisions. In 2011, the Company originated \$872 million and sold \$717 million to investors, compared to \$461 million originated and \$450 million sold in 2010 and \$90 million originated and \$91 million sold in 2009. Because the loans are originated with investor guidelines, designated automated underwriting and product specific requirements as part of the loan application, the loans sold have a limited recourse provision. Most contracts with investors contain recourse periods. In general, the Bank may be required to repurchase a previously sold mortgage loan or indemnify the investor if there is non-compliance with defined loan origination or documentation standards, including fraud, negligence, material misstatement in the loan documents or noncompliance with applicable law. In addition, the Company may have an obligation to repurchase a loan if the mortgagor has defaulted early in the loan term. The potential default repurchase period is up to approximately twelve months after sale of the loan to the investor. Mortgages subject to recourse are collateralized by single-family residential properties, have loan-to-value ratios of 80% or less, or have private mortgage insurance. From January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012, we have only been required to repurchase a loan or indemnify a purchaser on two occasions. However, if we become required to repurchase a significant number of loans, whether because of early default, fraud, breach of representations, material misstatement, legal noncompliance or otherwise, our financial condition, earnings and asset quality could be adversely impacted, which could adversely impact our share price.

We may not be able to maintain growth in our Residential Lending division.

Over the past two years, an increasing percentage of our noninterest income has been provided by the Bank's Residential Lending division, which generally originates residential mortgage loans on a pre-sold servicing released basis, for secondary market sale. The volume of loans originated for sale has increased from approximately \$91 million in 2009, to \$872 million in 2011. The residential mortgage business is highly competitive, and highly susceptible to changes in market interest rates, consumer confidence levels, employment statistics, the capacity and willingness of secondary market purchasers to acquire and hold or securitize loans, and other factors beyond our control. Additionally, in many respects, the mortgage origination business is relationship based, and dependent on the services of individual mortgage loan officers. The loss of services of one or more loan officers could have the effect of reducing the level of our mortgage production, or the rate of growth of production. As a result of these factors we cannot be certain that we will not be able to continue to increase the volume or percentage of revenue or net income produced by the residential mortgage business.

Changes in interest rates and other factors beyond our control could have an adverse impact on our financial performance and results.

Our operating income and net income depend to a great extent on our net interest margin, i.e., the difference between (a) the interest yields we receive on loans, securities and other interest bearing assets and (b) the interest rates we pay on interest bearing deposits and other liabilities. Net interest margin is affected by changes in market interest rates, because different types of assets and liabilities may react differently, and at different times, to market interest rate changes. When interest bearing liabilities mature or re-price more quickly than interest earning assets in a period, an increase in market rates of interest could reduce net interest income. Similarly, when interest earning assets mature or re-price more quickly than interest bearing liabilities, falling interest rates could reduce net interest income. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond our control, including competition, general economic conditions and monetary and fiscal policies of various governmental and regulatory authorities, including the Federal Reserve Board.

We attempt to manage our risk from changes in market interest rates by adjusting the rates, maturity, re-pricing, and balances of the different types of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, but interest rate risk management techniques are not exact. As a result, a rapid

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increase or decrease in interest rates could have an adverse effect on our net interest margin and results of operations. At December 31, 2011 our cumulative net asset sensitive twelve month gap position was 14.38% of total assets, which includes loans currently at their floor rates. As such, we expect modest increases of approximately 0.8% and 2.2%, respectively, in projected net interest income and net income over a twelve month period resulting from a 100 basis point increase in rates, as loans currently at

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floor rates which are above the calculated contractual rate do not adjust upon a rate increase. The results of our interest rate sensitivity simulation model depend upon a number of assumptions which may not prove to be accurate. There can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully manage our interest rate risk. Increases in market rates and adverse changes in the local residential real estate market, the general economy or consumer confidence would likely have a significant adverse impact on our noninterest income, as a result of reduced demand for residential mortgage loans, which we make on a pre-sold basis.

Adverse changes in the real estate market in our market area could also have an adverse affect on our cost of funds and net interest margin, as we have a large amount of noninterest bearing deposits related to real estate sales and development. While we expect that we would be able to replace the liquidity provided by these deposits, the replacement funds would likely be more costly, negatively impacting earnings.

Changes in laws, including a 2011 change which permits, but does not obligate, banks to pay interest on checking and demand deposit accounts established by businesses, could have a significant negative effect on net interest income, net income, net interest margin, return on assets and return on equity. At March 31, 2012, 29.5% of our deposits were noninterest bearing demand deposits.

We may not be able to successfully compete with others for business.

The Washington, DC metropolitan area in which we operate is considered highly attractive from an economic and demographic viewpoint, and is a highly competitive banking market. We compete for loans, deposits, and investment dollars with numerous regional and national banks, online divisions of out-of-market banks, and other community banking institutions, as well as other kinds of financial institutions and enterprises, such as securities firms, insurance companies, savings associations, credit unions, mortgage brokers, and private lenders. Many competitors have substantially greater resources than us, and operate under less stringent regulatory environments. The differences in resources and regulations may make it harder for us to compete profitably, reduce the rates that we can earn on loans and investments, increase the rates we must offer on deposits and other funds, and adversely affect our overall financial condition and earnings.

The Company has been very successful in developing new customer relationships by capitalizing on the reluctance of many large regional and nationwide banks to lend over the past several years, and the demise of the commercial mortgage backed securities market and other nonbank sources of financing. These new relationships have resulted in significant increases in both loans and deposits, and have contributed to increased earnings. As the economy improves and these competitors, many of which have access to cheaper sources of funding than the Company, recommence lending, we may not be able to retain the loans and deposits produced by these new relationships. While we believe that our relationship banking model will enable us to keep a significant percentage of these new relationships, there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so, that we will be able to maintain favorable pricing, margins and asset quality, or that we will be able to grow at the same rate we did when such alternative financing was not widely available.

Government regulation will significantly affect the Bank's business, and may result in higher costs and lower shareholder returns.

The banking industry is heavily regulated. Banking regulations are primarily intended to protect the federal deposit insurance funds and depositors, not shareholders. The Company and Bank are regulated and supervised by the Maryland Department of Financial Regulation, the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC. The burden imposed by federal and state regulations puts banks at a competitive disadvantage compared to less regulated competitors such as finance companies, mortgage banking companies and leasing companies. Changes in the laws, regulations

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and regulatory practices affecting the banking industry may increase our costs of doing business or otherwise adversely affect us and create competitive advantages for others. Regulations affecting banks and financial services companies undergo continuous change, and we cannot predict the ultimate effect of these changes, which could have a material adverse effect on our profitability or financial condition. Federal economic and monetary policy may also affect our ability to attract deposits and other funding sources, make loans and investments, and achieve satisfactory interest spreads.

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We intend to use the proceeds of the offering for general corporate purposes, including but not limited to contribution of capital to our subsidiaries, including the Bank, to support organic growth, de novo branching and opportunistic acquisitions, should appropriate acquisition opportunities arise. Currently, we do not have any agreements, arrangements or understandings regarding any possible acquisitions.

MARKET FOR COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDENDS

Our common stock is listed on Nasdaq under the symbol EGBN. Over the three month period ended March 31, 2012, the average daily trading amounted to approximately 43,618 shares. No assurance can be given that a very active trading market will develop in the foreseeable future or can be maintained. As of March 31, 2012, there were 20,220,166 shares of common stock outstanding, held by approximately 4,200 beneficial shareholders, including approximately 1,000 shareholders of record.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices per share for the common stock as reported on Nasdaq. No dividends for common shareholders were declared during such periods.

Quarter Ended:		High		Low
June 30, 2012 (through April 30, 2012)	\$	17.94	\$	15.81
March 31, 2012	\$	17.67	\$	14.65
December 31, 2011	\$	15.10	\$	11.26
September 30, 2011	\$	14.55	\$	11.10
June 30, 2011	\$	14.50	\$	11.80
March 31, 2011	\$	15.14	\$	13.00
December 31, 2010	\$	14.89	\$	10.95
September 30, 2010	\$	12.25	\$	10.25
June 30, 2010	\$	14.49	\$	11.06
March 31, 2010	\$	12.98	\$	9.90

Dividends. The Company has not paid a cash dividend on the common stock since the second quarter of 2008, after which the dividend was discontinued in order to conserve capital, based on the Board's determination that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to reinvest earnings in the Company's operations.

The resumption of payment of a cash dividend on common stock will depend largely upon the ability of the Bank, the Company's principal operating business, to declare and pay dividends to the Company. Resumption of dividends on the common stock will also depend upon the Bank's earnings, financial condition, and need for funds, as well as governmental policies and regulations applicable to the Company and the Bank.

Regulations of the Federal Reserve Board and Maryland law place limits on the amount of dividends the Bank may pay to the Company without prior approval. Prior regulatory approval is required to pay dividends which exceed the Bank's net profits for the current year plus its retained net profits for the preceding two calendar years, less required transfers to surplus. Under Maryland law, dividends may only be paid out of retained earnings. State and federal bank regulatory agencies also have authority to prohibit a bank from paying dividends if such payment is deemed to be an unsafe or unsound practice, and the Federal Reserve Board has the same authority over bank holding companies. At December 31, 2011 the Bank could pay dividends to the Company to the extent of its earnings so long as it maintained required capital ratios.

The Federal Reserve Board has established guidelines with respect to the maintenance of appropriate levels of capital by registered bank holding companies. Compliance with such standards, as presently in effect, or as they may be amended from time to time, could possibly limit the amount of dividends that the Company may pay in the future. In 1985, the Federal Reserve Board issued a policy statement on the payment of cash dividends by bank holding

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companies. In the statement, the Federal Reserve Board expressed its view that a holding company experiencing earnings weaknesses should not pay cash dividends exceeding its net income, or which could only be funded in ways that weaken the holding company's financial health, such as by borrowing. As a depository institution, the deposits of which are insured by the FDIC, the Bank may not pay dividends or distribute any of its capital assets while it remains in default on any assessment due the FDIC. The Bank currently is not in default under any of its obligations to the FDIC. Refer to above discussion on conditions precedent to resuming the payment of the cash common stock dividend.

The Company's ability to pay dividends on the common stock is also restricted by the provisions of the Series B Preferred Stock issued under the SBLF. Under the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, no repurchases may be effected, and no dividends may be declared or paid on preferred shares ranking *pari passu* with the Series B Preferred Stock, junior preferred shares, or other junior securities (including the common stock) during the current quarter and for the next three quarters following the failure to declare and pay dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock, except that, in any such quarter in which the dividend is paid, dividend payments on shares ranking *pari passu* may be paid to the extent necessary to avoid any resulting material covenant breach. As of the date hereof, the Company has not failed to declare and pay in a timely manner any dividend on the Series B Preferred Stock.

Under the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, the Company may only declare and pay a dividend on the common stock or other stock junior to the Series B Preferred Stock, or repurchase shares of any such class or series of stock, if, after payment of such dividend, the dollar amount of the Company's Tier 1 Capital would be at least equal to the Tier 1 Dividend Threshold. The Tier 1 Dividend Threshold is subject to reduction, beginning on the second anniversary of issuance and ending on the tenth anniversary, by 10% for each one percent increase in QSBL over the baseline level.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

Eagle Bancorp's authorized capital consists of 50,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.01 par value, the terms of which may be established by the Board of Directors without shareholder action. As of March 31, 2012, there were 20,220,166 shares of common stock outstanding and 56,600 shares of Series B Preferred Stock outstanding. There was also an outstanding warrant to purchase 385,434 of common stock, as well as options with respect to approximately 1,104,120 shares under our equity compensation plans, of which 600,447 were exercisable. Assuming the approval of an amendment to the Company's 2006 Stock Plan at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 17, 2012, an aggregate of approximately 824,000 shares of common stock will be subject to issuance pursuant to future awards under the 2006 Stock Plan.

Common Stock. Holders of common stock are entitled to cast one vote for each share held of record, to receive such dividends as may be declared by the Board of Directors out of legally available funds, and, subject to the rights of any class of stock having preference to the common stock, to share ratably in any distribution of our assets after payment of all debts and other liabilities, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Shareholders do not have cumulative voting rights or preemptive rights or other rights to subscribe for additional shares, and the common stock is not subject to conversion or redemption.

Our ability to pay dividends is limited by the provisions of our Articles of Incorporation related to the Series B Preferred Stock and Federal and state law and regulation. See "Market for Common Stock and Dividends" "Dividends," above.

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Restrictions on Ownership. The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or BHC Act, generally would prohibit any company that is not engaged in banking activities and activities that are permissible for a bank holding company or a financial holding company from acquiring control of the Company. Control is generally defined as ownership of 25% or more of the voting stock or other exercise of a controlling influence. Under the BHC Act, any existing bank holding company would require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board, before acquiring 5% or more of the voting stock of the Company. In addition, the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978, as amended, or CBC Act, prohibits a person or group of persons from acquiring control of a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve Board has been notified and has not objected to the transaction. Under a rebuttable presumption established by the Federal Reserve Board, the acquisition of 10% or more of a class of voting stock of a

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bank holding company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, such as the Company, would, under the circumstances set forth in the presumption, constitute acquisition of control of the bank holding company.

Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent for the common stock is Computershare Shareholder Services, 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021.

Preferred Stock. Our Board of Directors may, from time to time, by action of a majority, authorize the issuance of shares of the authorized, undesignated preferred stock, in one or more classes or series. In connection with any such issuance, the Board may by resolution determine the designation, voting rights, preferences as to dividends, in liquidation or otherwise, participation, redemption, sinking fund, conversion, dividend or other special rights or powers, and the limitations, qualifications and restrictions, of such shares of preferred stock.

We currently have outstanding 56,600 shares of Series B Preferred Stock, all of which was issued to the Secretary of the Treasury under the SBLF on July 14, 2011. The Series B Preferred Stock has a liquidation amount of \$1,000 per share, which would be paid to the holder of the Series B Preferred Stock upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, prior to any payment to the holders of common stock or any other security ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock. The Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to receive non-cumulative dividends on a quarterly basis. The dividend rate, as a percentage of the liquidation amount, can fluctuate on a quarterly basis during the first ten quarters during which the Series B Preferred Stock is outstanding, based upon changes in the level of QSBL. The dividend rate for the first two dividend periods was one percent (1%). For the third through ninth calendar quarters, the dividend rate may be adjusted to between one percent (1%) and five percent (5%) per annum, to reflect the amount of change if any, in the Bank's level of QSBL. If the level of the Bank's qualified small business loans declines so that the percentage increase in QSBL as compared to the baseline level is less than ten percent (10%), then the dividend rate payable on the Series B Preferred Stock would increase. For the tenth calendar quarter through four and one half years after issuance, the dividend rate will be fixed at between one percent (1%) and seven percent (7%) based upon the increase in QSBL as compared to the baseline. After four and one half years from issuance, the dividend rate will increase to nine percent (9%).

The Series B Preferred Stock may be redeemed at any time at the Company's option, at a redemption price of 100% of the liquidation amount plus accrued but unpaid dividends to the date of redemption for the current period, subject to the approval of its federal banking regulator.

The Series B Preferred Stock is non-voting, except in limited circumstances. In the event that the Company misses five dividend payments, whether or not consecutive, the holder of the Series B Preferred Stock will have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint a representative as an observer on the Company's Board of Directors. In the event that the Company misses six dividend payments, whether or not consecutive, and if the then outstanding aggregate liquidation amount of the Series B Preferred Stock is at least \$25,000,000, then the holder of the Series B Preferred Stock will have the right to designate two directors to the Board of Directors of the Company.

The existence of shares of authorized undesignated preferred stock enables us to meet possible contingencies or opportunities in which the issuance of shares of preferred stock may be advisable, such as in the case of acquisition or financing transactions. Having shares of preferred stock available for issuance gives us flexibility in that it would allow us to avoid the expense and delay of calling a meeting of shareholders at the time the contingency or opportunity arises. Any issuance of preferred stock with voting rights or which is convertible into voting shares could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of common stock. The provisions of the Series B Preferred Stock restrict the payment of dividends on, or purchases of, the common stock, under certain circumstances. See *Market for Common Stock and Dividends* Dividends at page S - 27 for additional information.

The existence of authorized shares of preferred stock could have the effect of rendering more difficult or discouraging hostile takeover attempts or of facilitating a negotiated acquisition. Such shares, which may be convertible into shares of common stock, could be issued to shareholders or to a third party in an attempt to frustrate or render a hostile acquisition more expensive.

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Selected Provisions of Our Articles of Incorporation and Maryland Law

Consideration of Business Combinations. Our Articles of Incorporation provide that when the board of directors evaluates any actual or proposed business combination, it shall consider the following factors: the effect of the business combination on the corporation and its subsidiaries, and their respective shareholders, employees, customers and the communities which they serve; the timing of the proposed business combination; the risk that the proposed business combination will not be consummated; the reputation, management capability and performance history of the person proposing the business combination; the current market price of the corporation's capital stock; the relation of the price offered to the current value of the corporation in a freely negotiated transaction and in relation to the directors' estimate of the future value of the corporation and its subsidiaries as an independent entity or entities; tax consequences of the business combination to the corporation and its shareholders; and such other factors deemed by the directors to be relevant. In such considerations, the board of directors may consider all or some of such factors as a whole and may or may not assign relative weights to any of them. The foregoing is not intended as a definitive list of factors to be considered by the board of directors in the discharge of their fiduciary responsibility to the corporation and its shareholders, but rather to guide such consideration and to provide specific authority for the consideration by the board of directors of factors which are not purely economic in nature in light of the circumstances of the corporation and its subsidiaries at the time of such proposed business combination.

Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation. In general, our Articles of Incorporation may be amended upon the vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote, the standard vote required under Maryland law. Unless the proposed amendment adversely affects the rights of the Series B Preferred Stock, the holders of Series B Preferred Stock will not have the right to vote on any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.

Restrictions on Business Combinations with Interested Shareholders. Section 3-602 of the Maryland General Corporation Law (MGCL), as in effect on the date hereof, imposes conditions and restrictions on certain business combinations (including, among other transactions, a merger, consolidation, share exchange, or, in certain circumstances, an asset transfer or issuance of equity securities) between a Maryland corporation and any person who beneficially owns at least 10% of the corporation's stock (an interested shareholder). Unless approved in advance by the board of directors, or otherwise exempted by the statute, such a business combination is prohibited for a period of five years after the most recent date on which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder. After such five-year period, a business combination with an interested shareholder must be: (a) recommended by the corporation's board of directors, and (b) approved by the affirmative vote of at least (i) 80% of the corporation's outstanding shares entitled to vote and (ii) two-thirds of the outstanding shares entitled to vote which are not held by the interested shareholder with whom the business combination is to be effected, unless, among other things, the corporation's common shareholders receive a fair price (as defined by the statute) for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the interested shareholder for his or her shares. Our Articles of Incorporation and bylaws do not include any provisions imposing any special approval requirements for a transaction with a major shareholder, and they do not opt out from the operation of Section 3-602.

Control Share Acquisition Statute. Under the MGCL's control share acquisition law, as in effect on the date hereof, voting rights of shares of stock of a Maryland corporation acquired by an acquiring person at ownership levels of 10%, 33-1/3% and 50% of the outstanding shares are denied unless conferred by a special shareholder vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares held by persons other than the acquiring person and officers and directors of the corporation or, among other exceptions, such acquisition of shares is made pursuant to a merger agreement with the corporation or the corporation's charter or bylaws permit the acquisition of such shares prior to the acquiring person's acquisition thereof. Unless a corporation's charter or bylaws provide otherwise, the statute permits such corporation to redeem the acquired shares at fair value if the voting rights are not approved or if the acquiring person does not deliver a control share acquisition statement to the corporation on or before the tenth day after the control share acquisition. The acquiring person may call a shareholder's meeting to consider authorizing voting rights for control shares subject to meeting disclosure obligations and payment of costs set out in the statute. If voting rights are approved for more than fifty percent of the outstanding stock, objecting shareholders may have their shares appraised and repurchased by the corporation for cash. Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws do not include any provisions restricting the voting ability of major shareholders, and do not opt out from the operation of the control share acquisition law.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into a sales agency agreement with Sandler O'Neill dated April 30, 2012, under which we may issue and sell from time to time shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$35,000,000 through Sandler O'Neill as our sales agent. Sales of the shares of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will be made in at the market offerings as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act of 1933, including sales made by means of ordinary brokers transactions on the Nasdaq or other transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. As sales agent, Sandler O'Neill will not engage in any stabilizing transactions in our common stock in violation of Rule 104 of Regulation M.

Sandler O'Neill will offer our common stock subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agency agreement on a daily basis or as otherwise agreed upon by us and Sandler O'Neill. Upon its acceptance of written instructions from us, Sandler O'Neill will use its commercially reasonable efforts as our sales agent to sell on our behalf all of the designated shares of our common stock under the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the sales agency agreement. We will instruct Sandler O'Neill as to the amount of common stock to be sold by it. We may instruct Sandler O'Neill not to sell common stock if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us in any instruction. We or Sandler O'Neill may suspend the offering of our common stock under certain circumstances under the sales agency agreement by notifying the other party.

Sandler O'Neill will receive from us a commission equal to 3.5% of the gross sales price per share for any shares sold through it as our sales agent under the sales agency agreement. The remaining sales proceeds, after deducting any expenses payable by us and any transaction fees imposed by any governmental, regulatory or self-regulatory organization in connection with the sales, will equal our net proceeds for the sale of such shares. We have agreed to reimburse Sandler O'Neill for legal expenses incurred by them subject to certain limitations. We estimate that the total expenses of the offering payable by us, excluding discounts and commissions payable to Sandler O'Neill under the sales agency agreement, will be approximately \$340,000. Pursuant to a requirement of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker/dealer may not be greater than 8% of the gross proceeds received by the offeror for the sale of any securities being registered pursuant to SEC Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Sandler O'Neill will provide written confirmation to us following the close of trading on the Nasdaq each day in which shares of common stock are sold by it for us under the sales agency agreement. Each confirmation will include the number of shares sold on that day, the gross sales price per share, the net proceeds to us and the compensation paid by us to Sandler O'Neill in connection with the sales of common stock.

Settlement for sales of shares of our common stock will occur, unless the parties agree otherwise, on the third business day following the date on which any sales were made in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

Under the terms of the sales agency agreement, we also may sell shares of our common stock to Sandler O'Neill, as principal for its own account, at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. If we sell shares to Sandler O'Neill as principal or other than in accordance with the sales agency agreement, we will enter into a separate agreement with Sandler O'Neill, and we will describe such agreement in a separate prospectus supplement or pricing supplement. We will report in a prospectus supplement and/or our filings under the Exchange Act at least quarterly the number of shares of our common stock sold through Sandler O'Neill under the sales agency agreement, the net proceeds to us and the compensation paid by us to Sandler O'Neill in connection with the sales of our common stock.

In connection with the sale of common stock on our behalf, Sandler O'Neill may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation paid to Sandler O'Neill may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed in the sales agency agreement to indemnify Sandler O'Neill against certain specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to

contribute to payments that Sandler O'Neill may be required to make because of those liabilities.

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In the ordinary course of their business, Sandler O'Neill and/or its affiliates have engaged and may engage in commercial and investment banking transactions, financial advisory and other transactions with us. They have received, or may receive, customary compensation and expenses. To the extent required by Regulation M, Sandler O'Neill will not engage in any market making activities involving our common stock while the offering is ongoing under this prospectus supplement.

The offering of shares of our common stock pursuant to the sales agency agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of all shares of common stock subject to the sales agency agreement and (2) the termination of the sales agency agreement by us or by Sandler O'Neill.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby and selected other legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for us by the law firm of BuckleySandler LLP, Washington, DC. Attorneys at BuckleySandler LLP who have been involved in such matters own an aggregate of approximately 6,226 shares of our common stock. Patton Boggs LLP, Washington, DC, will pass upon certain legal matters for Sandler O'Neill.

EXPERTS

The financial statements of the Company and the report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as amended, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Stegman & Company, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy, at prescribed rates, any documents we have filed with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We also file these documents with the SEC electronically. You can access the electronic versions of these filings on the SEC's internet website found at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also obtain free copies of the documents we have filed with the SEC (other than exhibits to such documents unless we specifically incorporate by reference an exhibit in this proxy statement/prospectus) by contacting Jane E. Cornett, Corporate Secretary, Eagle Bancorp, Inc. 7815 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, telephone 301.986.1800 or from our internet website at <http://www.eaglebankcorp.com>.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus supplement to a contract or other document, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC, as well as through the SEC's internet website.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus supplement from the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (file no. 000-25923). This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document without restating that information in this document. Any information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement from the date we file that document. Any reports filed by us with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede, any information contained in this prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

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We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents, or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;
- (b) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 25, 2012, February 10, 2012 (as amended March 1, 2012), February 10, 2012, February 13, 2012, March 15, 2012, March 30, 2012, April 24, 2012 and April 27, 2012;
- (c) Portions of our proxy statement for the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 17, 2012 that have been incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;
- (d) The description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed April 30, 1999.

All documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement and before the termination of the offering will also be deemed to be incorporated by reference. These additional documents will be deemed to be incorporated by reference, and to be a part of, this prospectus supplement from the date of their filing. These documents include proxy statements and periodic reports, such as Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and, to the extent they are considered filed, Current Reports on Form 8-K. Information incorporated by reference from later filed documents supersedes information that is included in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement or is incorporated by reference from earlier documents, to the extent that they are inconsistent.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in this prospectus supplement or accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement is dated May 1, 2012. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than that date.

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PROSPECTUS

\$100,000,000

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Warrants

Depositary Shares

Debt Securities

Units

We may offer, issue and sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings, shares of our common stock, shares of one or more classes or series of our preferred stock, warrants to purchase any of our equity securities, depositary shares, debt securities, or units consisting of one or more of these securities, having a maximum aggregate offering price of \$100,000,000.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers, and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and the specific manner in which they may be offered, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol **EGBN** .

You should refer to the risk factors that may be included in a prospectus supplement and in our periodic reports and other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and carefully consider that information before buying our securities. See Risk Factors on page 4.

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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities are not savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of any bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

The date of this Prospectus is August 7, 2009

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a shelf registration or delayed offering process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus, in one or more offerings having an initial aggregate offering price of up to \$100,000,000.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of each of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer and sell any of these securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the offering and the specific terms of the securities being offered. The prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and each prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in that prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any of our securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and each prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the headings **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference**.

The registration statement containing this prospectus, including exhibits to the registration statement, provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. The registration statement may be read at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or at the SEC office mentioned under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell our securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, as well as information we previously filed with the SEC and have incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus only. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

In this prospectus, we refer to common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, depositary shares, warrants and units collectively as **securities**. The terms **we**, **us**, **our**, **Eagle** and the **Company** refer to Eagle Bancorp, Inc. and our subsidiaries; except that in the description of the securities we may offer these terms refer solely to Eagle Bancorp, Inc. and not to any of our subsidiaries.

CAUTION ABOUT FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain or incorporate by reference forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. These forward looking statements represent plans, estimates, objectives, goals, guidelines, expectations, intentions, projections and statements of our beliefs concerning future events, business plans, objectives, expected operating results and the assumptions upon which those statements are based. Forward looking statements include without limitation, any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance or achievements, and are typically identified with words such as **may**, **could**, **should**, **will**, **would**, **believe**, **anticipate**, **estimate**, **expect**, **intend**, **plan**, or words or phrases of similar meaning. We caution that the forward looking are based largely on our expectations and are subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that are subject to change based

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on factors which are, in many instances, beyond our control. Actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those contemplated, expressed, or implied by the forward looking statements.

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The following factors, among others, could cause our financial performance to differ materially from that expressed in such forward looking statements:

- The strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which we conduct operations;

- Geopolitical conditions, including acts or threats of terrorism, actions taken by the United States or other governments in response to acts or threats of terrorism and/or military conflicts, which could impact business and economic conditions in the United States and abroad;

- The effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Reserve Board; inflation, interest rate, market and monetary fluctuations;

- The timely development of competitive new products and services and the acceptance of these products and services by new and existing customers;

- The willingness of users to substitute competitors' products and services for our products and services;

- The impact of changes in financial services policies, laws and regulations, including laws, regulations and policies concerning taxes, banking, securities and insurance, and the application thereof by regulatory bodies;

- The effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted from time-to-time by bank regulatory agencies, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other accounting standards setters;

- Technological changes;

- The effect of acquisitions we may make, including, without limitation, the failure to achieve the expected revenue growth and/or expense savings from such acquisitions;

- The growth and profitability of non-interest or fee income being less than expected;

- Changes in the level of our non-performing assets and charge-offs; and
- Changes in consumer spending and savings habits;
- Unanticipated regulatory or judicial proceedings.

If one or more of the factors affecting our forward looking information and statements proves incorrect, then our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, forward looking information and statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in the information incorporated by reference herein and therein. Therefore, we caution you not to place undue reliance on our forward looking information and statements. We will not update the forward looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in the factors affecting the forward looking statements.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT EAGLE BANCORP

We file annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy, at prescribed rates, any documents we have filed with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We also file these documents with the SEC electronically. You can access the electronic versions of these filings on the SEC's internet website found at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also obtain free copies of the

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documents we have filed with the SEC (other than exhibits to such documents unless we specifically incorporate by reference an exhibit in this prospectus) by contacting Jane E. Cornett, Corporate Secretary, Eagle Bancorp, Inc. 7815 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, telephone 301.986.1800 or from our internet website at <http://www.eaglebankcorp.com>.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's internet website.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus from the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (file no. 000-25923) This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document without restating that information in this document. Any information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus from the date we file that document. Any reports filed by us with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede, any information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents, or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008;
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009;
- (c) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 14, 2009, January 30, 2009, and February 4, 2009; and
- (d) The description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed April 30, 1999.

All documents that we file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this the registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering also will be deemed to be incorporated by reference. These additional documents will be deemed to be incorporated by reference, and to be a part of, this prospectus from the date of their filing. These documents include proxy statements and periodic reports, such as Annual

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Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and, to the extent they are considered filed, Current Reports on Form 8-K. Information incorporated by reference from later filed documents supersedes information that is included in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement or is incorporated by reference from earlier documents, to the extent that they are inconsistent.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in this prospectus. This prospectus is dated August 7, 2009. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than that date.

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EAGLE BANCORP, INC.

Eagle Bancorp, Inc. is the registered bank holding company for EagleBank, Bethesda, Maryland, a Maryland chartered commercial bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System. We are a growth oriented institution, providing general commercial and consumer banking services through EagleBank, and subordinated financing for real estate projects through a direct subsidiary, where the primary financing is provided by EagleBank.

EagleBank was organized as an independent, community oriented, and full-service alternative to the national and super regional financial institutions, which dominate its primary market area. EagleBank's philosophy is to provide superior, personalized service to our customers. EagleBank focuses on relationship banking, providing each customer with a number of services, becoming familiar with and addressing customer needs in a proactive, personalized fashion. We were organized in October 1997 to be the holding company for EagleBank.

Our principal executive offices are located at 7815 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, and our telephone number is 301.986.1800.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves significant risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully read and consider the risk factors incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as those contained in any applicable prospectus supplement, as the same may be updated from time to time by our future filings with the SEC under the Exchange Act. You should also refer to other information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, including our financial statements and the related notes incorporated by reference herein or therein. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us at this time or that we currently deem immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business and operations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include, among other purposes, contribution to the capital of our subsidiaries, to support their lending and investing activities; the repayment of our debt; redemption of our capital stock, including the preferred stock and warrants held by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, or the Treasury; to support or fund acquisitions of other institutions or branches, if opportunities for such transactions become available; investments in activities which are permitted for bank holding companies or financial holding companies. We may temporarily invest funds that we do not immediately need for these purposes in investment securities or use them to make payments on our borrowings. The applicable prospectus supplement will provide details on the use of proceeds of any specific offering.

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Our consolidated ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends for each of the five fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and each of the three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 are as set forth in the following table. No shares of any class of preferred stock were outstanding during any annual or quarterly period prior to the three months ended December 31, 2008, and we did not pay or accrue preferred stock dividends during these periods. Consequently, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends for the four years ended December 31, 2007 and the three month period ended March 31, 2008 are the same as the ratios of earnings to fixed charges.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends:							
Including interest on deposits	1.28x	1.48x	1.47x	1.50x	1.71x	2.49x	2.85x
Excluding interest on deposits	2.09x	3.65x	3.56x	4.05x	6.58x	22.86x	14.95x

For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends, earnings are the sum of:

- net income before taxes; and
- fixed charges.

For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends, fixed charges are the sum of:

- interest expenses, including interest on deposits, and, in the second alternative shown above, excluding interest on deposits; and
- that portion of net rental expense deemed to be the equivalent to interest on long-term debt.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

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This prospectus contains summary descriptions of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants, depositary shares, debt securities and units that we may offer from time to time. These summary descriptions are not meant to be complete descriptions of each security. The particular terms of any security will be described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and other offering material. The accompanying prospectus supplement may add, update or change the terms and conditions of the securities as described in this prospectus.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

Under our articles of incorporation, as amended, we are authorized to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share. As of July 29, 2009 there were 12,763,940 shares of common stock outstanding, and an aggregate of 2,116,931 shares of common stock are reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options, warrants to purchase shares of common stock, stock appreciation right and restricted stock units.

Our common stock is listed for trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol EGBN.

Holders of common stock are entitled to cast one vote for each share held of record, to receive such dividends as may be declared by our Board of Directors out of legally available funds, and, subject to the rights of any class of stock having preference to the common stock, to share ratably in any distribution of our assets after payment of all debts and other liabilities upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Shareholders do not have cumulative voting rights or preemptive rights or other rights to subscribe for additional shares, and the common stock is not subject to conversion or redemption.

Until the earlier of December 5, 2011 and the date on which the Treasury no longer holds any shares of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, or the Series A Preferred Stock, our ability to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of Junior Stock (as defined below) and Parity Stock (as defined below) is subject to restrictions, including a restriction against paying any dividends on the common stock.

In addition, our ability to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of Junior Stock and Parity Stock is subject to restrictions in the event that we fail to declare and pay full dividends (or declare and set aside a sum sufficient for payment thereof) on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Junior Stock means our common stock and any other class or series of the Company's stock the terms of which expressly provide that it ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights and/or rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. Parity Stock means any class or series of the Company's stock the terms of which do not expressly provide that such class or series will rank senior or junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights and/or rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

Restrictions on Ownership. The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or BHC Act, generally would prohibit any company that is not engaged in banking activities and activities that are permissible for a bank holding company or a financial holding company from acquiring control of Eagle. Control is generally defined as ownership of 25% or more of the voting stock or other exercise of a controlling influence. Under the BHC Act, any existing bank holding company would require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board, before acquiring 5% or more of the voting stock of Eagle. In addition, the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978, as amended, or CBC Act, prohibits a person or group of persons from acquiring control of a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve Board has been notified and has not objected to the transaction. Under a rebuttable presumption established by the Federal Reserve Board, the acquisition of 10% or more of a class of voting stock of a bank holding company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, such as Eagle, would, under the circumstances set forth in the presumption, constitute acquisition of control of the bank holding company.

Transfer Agent. The Transfer Agent for the common stock is Computershare Shareholder Services, 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021.

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Selected Provisions of Our Articles of Incorporation and Maryland Law

Consideration of Business Combinations. Our Articles of Incorporation provide that where the board of directors evaluates any actual or proposed business combination, it shall consider the following factors: the effect of the business combination on the corporation and its subsidiaries, and their respective shareholders, employees, customers and the communities which they serve; the timing of the proposed business combination; the risk that the proposed business combination will not be consummated; the reputation, management capability and performance history of the person proposing the business combination; the current market price of the corporation's capital stock; the relation of the price offered to the current value of the corporation in a freely negotiated transaction and in relation to the directors' estimate of the future value of the corporation and its subsidiaries as an independent entity or entities; tax consequences of the business combination to the corporation and its shareholders; and such other factors deemed by the directors to be relevant. In such considerations, the board of directors may consider all or some of such factors as a whole and may or may not assign relative weights to any of them. The foregoing is not intended as a definitive list of factors to be considered by the board of directors in the discharge of their fiduciary responsibility to the corporation and its shareholders, but rather to guide such consideration and to provide specific authority for the consideration by the board of directors of factors which are not purely economic in nature in light of the circumstances of the corporation and its subsidiaries at the time of such proposed business combination.

Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation. In general, the Articles of Incorporation may be amended upon the vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote, the standard vote required under Maryland law. Unless the proposed amendment adversely affects the rights of the Series A Preferred Stock, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will not have the right to vote on any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.

Restrictions on Business Combinations with Interested Shareholders. Section 3-602 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, or the MGCL, as in effect on the date hereof, imposes conditions and restrictions on certain business combinations (including, among other transactions, a merger, consolidation, share exchange, or, in certain circumstances, an asset transfer or issuance of equity securities) between a Maryland corporation and any person who beneficially owns at least 10% of the corporation's stock (an interested shareholder). Unless approved in advance by the board of directors, or otherwise exempted by the statute, such a business combination is prohibited for a period of five years after the most recent date on which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder. After such five-year period, a business combination with an interested shareholder must be: (a) recommended by the corporation's board of directors, and (b) approved by the affirmative vote of at least (i) 80% of the corporation's outstanding shares entitled to vote and (ii) two-thirds of the outstanding shares entitled to vote which are not held by the interested shareholder with whom the business combination is to be effected, unless, among other things, the corporation's common shareholders receive a fair price (as defined by the statute) for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the interested shareholder for his or her shares. The Articles of Incorporation and our bylaws do not include any provisions imposing any special approval requirements for a transaction with a major shareholder, and they do not opt out from the operation of Section 3-602.

Control Share Acquisition Statute. Under the MGCL's control share acquisition law, as in effect on the date hereof, voting rights of shares of stock of a Maryland corporation acquired by an acquiring person at ownership levels of 10%, 33 1/3% and 50% of the outstanding shares are denied unless conferred by a special shareholder vote of two-thirds of the outstanding shares held by persons other than the acquiring person and officers and directors of the corporation or, among other exceptions, such acquisition of shares is made pursuant to a merger agreement with the corporation or the

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corporation's charter or bylaws permit the acquisition of such shares prior to the acquiring person's acquisition thereof. Unless a corporation's charter or bylaws provide otherwise, the statute permits such corporation to redeem the acquired shares at fair value if the voting rights are not approved or if the acquiring person does not deliver a control share acquisition statement to the corporation on or before the tenth day after the control share acquisition. The acquiring person may call a shareholder's meeting to consider authorizing voting rights for control shares subject to meeting disclosure obligations and payment of costs set out in the statute. If voting rights are approved for more than fifty percent of the outstanding stock, objecting shareholders may have their shares appraised and repurchased by the corporation for cash. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Eagle do not include any provisions restricting the voting ability of major shareholders, and do not opt out from the operation of the control share acquisition law.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

Under our articles of incorporation, as amended, we are authorized to issue up to 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share, of which 38,235 have been designated as Series A Preferred Stock. Our Board of Directors may, from time to time, by action of a majority, issue shares of the authorized, undesignated preferred stock, in one or more classes or series. In connection with any such issuance, our Board of Directors may by resolution determine the designation, voting rights, preferences as to dividends, in liquidation or otherwise, participation, redemption, sinking fund, conversion, dividend or other special rights or powers, and the limitations, qualifications and restrictions of such shares of preferred stock.

Prior to the issuance of a new series of preferred stock, we will amend our articles of incorporation by filing articles supplementary, which will designate the number of shares of that series and the terms of that series. The issuance of any preferred stock could adversely affect the rights of the holders of common stock and, therefore, reduce the value of the common stock. The ability of our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock could discourage, delay or prevent a takeover or other corporate action.

The terms of any particular series of preferred stock will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series of preferred stock, including, where applicable:

- the designation, stated value and liquidation preference of such preferred stock and the number of shares offered;

- the offering price;

- the dividend rate or rates (or method of calculation), the date or dates from which dividends shall accrue, and whether such dividends shall be cumulative or noncumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends shall commence to cumulate;

- any redemption or sinking fund provisions;

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- the amount that shares of such series shall be entitled to receive in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up;
- the terms and conditions, if any, on which shares of such series shall be convertible or exchangeable for shares of our stock of any other class or classes, or other series of the same class;
- the voting rights, if any, of shares of such series;
- the status as to reissuance or sale of shares of such series redeemed, purchased or otherwise reacquired, or surrendered to us on conversion or exchange

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- the conditions and restrictions, if any, on the payment of dividends or on the making of other distributions on, or the purchase, redemption or other acquisition by us or any subsidiary, of the Common stock or of any other class of our shares ranking junior to the shares of such series as to dividends or upon liquidation;
- the conditions and restrictions, if any, on the creation of indebtedness of us or of any subsidiary, or on the issuance of any additional stock ranking on a parity with or prior to the shares of such series as to dividends or upon liquidation; and
- any additional dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking or retirement fund and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions of such preferred stock.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each series of preferred stock will, upon issuance, rank senior to the common stock and on a parity in all respects with each other outstanding series of preferred stock. The rights of the holders of our preferred stock will be subordinate to those of our general creditors. The description of any series of preferred stock which may be issued is qualified by reference to the provisions of the applicable articles supplementary establishing the terms of such series.

The transfer agent and registrar for the preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Series A Preferred Stock. We currently have outstanding 38,235 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, all of which are held by the Treasury. The Series A Preferred Stock has a liquidation amount of \$1,000 per share, which would be paid to the holder of the Series A Preferred Stock prior to any payment upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company to the holders of common stock or any other security ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock pays cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per year through February 15, 2013, and thereafter at a rate of 9% per year. We may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock at the liquidation amount plus accrued and unpaid dividends, subject to regulatory approval. The Series A Preferred Stock is non-voting, except in limited circumstances. In the event that we do not pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for six dividend periods, whether or not consecutive, the size of our Board of Directors will automatically be increased by two and the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have the right to elect two directors to fill such newly created directorships at the next annual meeting and at each subsequent annual meeting until all accrued and unpaid dividends for all past dividend periods, including the latest completed dividend period, on all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock have been declared and paid in full. Prior to December 5, 2011, unless we have redeemed all of the Series A Preferred Stock or the Treasury has transferred all of the Series A Preferred Stock to a third party, Treasury consent will be required to increase our common stock dividend or repurchase our common stock or other equity or capital securities, other than in limited circumstances. Additionally, as discussed above, our ability to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of Junior Stock and Parity Stock is subject to restrictions in the event that we fail to declare and pay full dividends (or declare and set aside a sum sufficient for payment thereof) on the Series A Preferred Stock.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue, together with other securities or separately, warrants to purchase our common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares. We may issue the warrants under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, all as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The warrant agent would act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants of the series being offered and would not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

This section, along with the description in the applicable prospectus supplement, is a summary of certain provisions of the forms of warrant agreements and warrant certificates and is not complete. We urge you to read any applicable warrant agreements and warrant certificates, because those documents, and not these descriptions, define your rights as a holder of warrants. We will file copies of the forms of the warrant agreements and warrant certificates as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or an amendment thereto, or as exhibits to a Current Report on Form 8-K.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms, where applicable, of warrants in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title of the warrants;

- the designation, amount and terms of the securities for which the warrants are exercisable and the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of such warrants;

- the designation and terms of the other securities, if any, with which the warrants are to be issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security;

- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;

- the aggregate number of warrants;

- any provisions for adjustment of the number or amount of securities receivable upon exercise of the warrants or the exercise price of the warrants;

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- the price or prices at which the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants will be separately transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the warrants;
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants;
- the date on which the right to exercise the warrants shall commence and the date on which the right shall expire;
- the maximum or minimum number of warrants which may be exercised at any time;
- whether the warrants are to be issued in registered or bearer form;
- whether the warrants are extendible and the period or periods of such extendibility; and
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

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Each warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase for cash the amount of shares of common stock or preferred stock at the exercise price as will in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the applicable prospectus supplement. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void. Warrants may be exercised as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the purchased securities. If less than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, that holder's warrant(s).

In connection with the purchase of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Treasury was issued a warrant to purchase 770,867 shares of our common stock at an initial exercise price of \$7.44 per share. The exercise price of the warrant and the number of shares issuable upon exercise of the warrant will be adjusted under customary anti-dilution provisions, such as upon stock splits or distributions of securities or other assets to holders of the common stock, and upon certain issuances of the common stock (or securities exercisable or exchangeable for, or convertible into, common stock) at or below 90% of the market price of the common stock on the trading day prior to the date of the agreement on pricing such securities. Among other permitted transactions, a public or broadly marketed offering and sale of common stock or convertible securities for cash conducted by in a registered offering or under Rule 144A on a basis consistent with capital raising transactions by comparable financial institutions will not result in adjustment of the warrant. The warrant expires December 5, 2018. The number of shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the warrant will be reduced by one-half if, on or prior to December 31, 2009, we receive aggregate gross cash proceeds of not less than \$38,235,000 from qualified equity offerings announced after October 13, 2008. If we redeem the Series A Preferred Stock in full prior to exercise of the warrant, the warrant will be liquidated based upon the then current fair market value of the common stock (as determined in accordance with the warrant). The Treasury has agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any shares of common stock issued upon exercise of the warrant.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

We may offer fractional interests in shares of our preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. If we do, we will provide for the issuance by a depositary to the public of receipts for depositary shares, each of which will represent a fractional interest in a share of a particular series of preferred stock.

The shares of any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a separate deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of such amount as may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, which we refer to in this section as the depositary. We will name the depositary in the applicable prospectus supplement. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will have a fractional interest in all the rights and preferences of the

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preferred stock underlying the depositary share. Those rights include any dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued under the deposit agreement. If you purchase fractional interests in shares of the related series of preferred stock, you will receive depositary receipts as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, you will not be entitled to receive the whole shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or required by law, the form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may be amended at any time by an agreement between us and the depositary. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or required by law, a deposit agreement may be terminated by either the depositary or us only if:

- all outstanding depositary shares relating to the deposit agreement have been redeemed; or
- there has been a final distribution on the preferred stock of the relevant series in connection with our liquidation, dissolution or winding up and the distribution has been distributed to the holders of the related depositary receipts evidencing the depositary shares.

If necessary, the prospectus supplement will provide a description of U.S. Federal income tax consequences relating to the purchase and ownership of the series of depositary shares offered by that prospectus supplement.

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay charges of the depositary associated with the initial deposit and any redemption of the preferred stock. Holders of depositary shares will pay transfer and other taxes and governmental charges, and any other charges that are stated to be their responsibility in the deposit agreement.

The depositary will forward to the holders of depositary shares all reports and communications that it receives from us, and that we are required to furnish to the holders of the preferred stock. The description in the applicable prospectus supplement and other offering material of any depositary shares we offer will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable depositary agreement, which will be filed with the SEC if we offer depositary shares, and the terms of the underlying preferred stock.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following is a description of the material features, terms and provisions of debt securities that we may offer. This summary does not purport to be exhaustive and may not contain all the information that is important to you. Therefore, you should read the applicable prospectus supplement relating to those debt securities and any other offering materials that we may provide.

We may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not be limited in the amount of debt securities that we may issue, and neither the senior debt securities nor the subordinated debt securities will be secured by any of our property or assets. Thus, by owning debt securities, you are one of our unsecured creditors.

We are a holding company and conduct substantially all of our operations through subsidiaries. As a result, claims of holders of debt securities will generally have a junior position to claims of creditors of our subsidiaries (including, without limitation, EagleBank), except to the extent that we may be recognized as a creditor of those subsidiaries. In addition, our right to participate as a stockholder in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary (and thus the ability of holders of debt securities to benefit

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from such distribution as our creditors) is junior to creditors of each subsidiary, including depositors of the Bank.

We may issue senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities under one or separate indentures, which may be supplemented or amended from time to time. Senior debt securities will be issued under one or more senior indentures and subordinated debt securities will be issued under one or more subordinated indentures. Any senior debt indentures and subordinated debt indentures are referred to individually in this prospectus as the indenture and collectively as the indentures. The particular terms of a series of debt securities will be described in an prospectus supplement relating to such series of debt securities. Any indentures will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and may be supplemented or amended from time to time following their execution.

Any indentures will contain the full legal text of the matters described in this section of the prospectus. Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the debt securities or any applicable indentures. This summary is therefore subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to all the provisions of any applicable indentures, including any definitions of terms used in such indentures. Your rights will be defined by the terms of any applicable indentures, not the summary provided herein. This summary is also subject to and qualified by reference to the description of the particular terms of a particular series of debt securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement or supplements.

The debt securities may be denominated and payable in U.S. dollars. We may also issue debt securities, from time to time, with the principal amount, interest or other amounts payable on any relevant payment date to be determined by reference to one or more currency exchange rates, securities or baskets of securities, commodity prices, indices or any other financial, economic or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance. In addition, we may issue debt securities as part of any units issued by us. All references in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement to other amounts will include premiums, if any, other cash amounts payable under the applicable indentures, and the delivery of securities or baskets of securities under the terms of the debt securities. Debt securities may bear interest at a fixed rate, which may be zero, or a floating rate.

Some of the debt securities may be issued as original issue discount debt securities. Original issue discount securities bear no interest or bear interest at below market rates and will be sold at a discount below their stated principal amount. A prospectus supplement relating to an issue of original issue discount securities will contain information relating to United States federal income tax, accounting, and other special considerations applicable to original issue discount securities.

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms, if any, on which a series of debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for our preferred stock, common stock or other securities. We will include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option. We may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of our preferred stock, common stock or other securities that holders of the series of debt securities receive would be subject to adjustment.

We will generally have no obligation to repurchase, redeem, or change the terms of debt securities upon any event (including a merger, consolidation, change in control or disposition of substantially all of our assets) that might have an adverse effect on our credit quality.

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DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units comprising one or more of the securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit also is the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately at any time or at any time before a specified date.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to the units we may offer will include specific terms relating to the offering, including, among others: the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, and whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately; any provision for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising those units; and whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The description in the applicable prospectus supplement and other offering material of any units we offer will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable unit agreement, which will be filed with the SEC if we offer units. For more information on how you can obtain copies of the applicable unit agreement if we offer units, see [Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference](#) on page 3 and [Where You can Find More Information](#) on page 2. We urge you to read the applicable unit agreement and the applicable prospectus supplement and any other offering material in their entirety.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities being offered hereby, from time to time, by one or more of the following methods, or any combination thereof:

- to or through underwriters or dealers, with or without an underwriting syndicate, for them to offer and sell to the public;
- directly to one or more purchasers in negotiated purchases or in competitively bid transactions;
- through designated agents;
- directly to holders of warrants exercisable for our securities upon the exercise of warrants; or
- through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

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Each time that we use this prospectus to sell our securities, we will also provide a prospectus supplement that contains the specific terms of the offering. We will set forth the terms of the offering of securities in a prospectus supplement, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents and the type and amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;
- the public offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to underwriters or dealers; and
- any delayed delivery arrangements.

The offer and sale of the securities described in this prospectus by us, the underwriters, or the third parties described above may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, either:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

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- at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, each series of securities will be a new issue with no established trading market, other than shares of our common stock, which are listed on NASDAQ. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on NASDAQ, subject to official notice of issuance. We may elect to list any series of preferred stock on an exchange, but we are not obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in the securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of, or the trading market for, any offered securities.

If underwriters are used in the sale of any securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The securities may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, the underwriters' obligations to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities if they purchase any of the securities.

If we use dealers in the sale of securities, we will sell securities to such dealers as principals. The dealers may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealers at the time of resale. We may solicit offers to purchase the securities directly, and we may sell the securities directly to institutional or other investors, who may be deemed underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any resales of those securities. The terms of these sales will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we use agents in the sale of securities, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, they will use their reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, if we sell directly, no underwriters, dealers or agents would be involved. We will not make an offer of securities in any jurisdiction that does not permit such an offer.

We may sell the securities through agents from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities and any commissions we pay to them. Generally, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may authorize underwriters, dealers, or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase our securities at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions or discounts we pay for solicitation of these contracts.

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Agents and underwriters may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell securities in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase in an offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain

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bids or purchases of the offered securities or any underlying securities made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities while an offering is in progress. These activities by the underwriters may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the securities. As a result, the price of the securities may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected on an exchange or automated quotation system, if the securities are listed on an exchange or admitted for trading on an automated quotation system, in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates in connection with those derivatives then the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of securities. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment).

LEGAL MATTERS

Except as otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by the law firm of Kennedy & Baris, LLP, Bethesda, Maryland. Attorneys at Kennedy & Baris, LLP own an aggregate of approximately 9,500 shares of our common stock. The name of the law firm advising any underwriters or agents with respect to certain issues relating to any offering will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Eagle and the report on the effectiveness of Eagle's internal control over financial reporting incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as amended, have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of Stegman & Company, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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\$35,000,000

Common Stock

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To the Prospectus dated August 7, 2009)

May 1, 2012
