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Bridge Capital Holdings Receives \$23.8 Million of New Capital Under U.S. Department of Treasury's Capital Purchase Program

San Jose, CA – December 23, 2008– Bridge Capital Holdings (NASDAQ: [BBNK](#)), whose subsidiary is Bridge Bank, National Association, today announced that it has received \$23.8 million in new capital through the U.S. Treasury Department's TARP Capital Purchase Program. The proceeds from this transaction will be used to strengthen the Company's balance sheet and for general corporate purposes.

With this new capital, combined with the Company's \$30 million private placement completed December 17, 2008, Bridge Capital Holdings' total risk-based capital ratio and tier 1 capital ratio are approximately 16.4% and 12.7%, respectively, well in excess of regulatory standards for "well-capitalized" institutions.

The U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program is a voluntary program designed to assist healthy institutions build their capital positions to support the U.S. economy by increasing the flow of financing to U.S. businesses and consumers. Under the program senior preferred stock and common stock warrants are issued to the U.S. Department of Treasury. The preferred stock will pay a 5% dividend for the first five years, after which the rate will increase to 9% if the preferred shares are not redeemed by the Company.

A summary of the Capital Purchase program can be found on the Treasury's website at www.ustreas.gov/initiatives/eesa.

About Bridge Capital Holdings

Bridge Capital Holdings is the holding company for Bridge Bank, National Association. Bridge Capital Holdings was formed on October 1, 2004 and holds a Global Select listing on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the trading symbol BBNK. Visit Bridge Capital Holdings on the web at www.bridgecapitalholdings.com.

About Bridge Bank, N.A.

Bridge Bank, N.A. is Silicon Valley's full-service professional business bank. The Bank is dedicated to meeting the financial needs of small, middle-market, and emerging technology businesses. Bridge Bank provides its clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced, professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the web at www.bridgebank.com.

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Forward Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this press release constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are subject to the safe harbors created by that Act. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate," or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," or "may." Forward-looking statements describe future plans, strategies and expectations, such as, for example, the Company's plans to divest itself of non-performing assets, to sell convertible preferred shares and expectations regarding capital ratios. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information, expectations, assumptions, projections, and management's judgment about the Company, the banking industry and general economic conditions. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, nor should they be relied upon as representing management's views as of any subsequent date. Future events are difficult to predict, and the expectations described above are necessarily subject to risk and uncertainty that may cause actual results to differ materially and adversely.

Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties and actual results may differ materially from those presented, either expressed or implied, in this press release. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to: the Company's ability to reach definitive agreements regarding and to subsequently complete the sales of nonperforming assets and convertible preferred shares, the Company's ability to successfully execute its business plans and achieve its objectives; changes in general economic, real estate and financial market conditions, either nationally or locally in areas in which the Company conducts its operations; changes in interest rates; new litigation or changes in existing litigation; future credit loss experience; increased competitive challenges and expanding product and pricing pressures among financial institutions; legislation or regulatory changes which adversely affect the Company's operations or business; loss of key personnel; changes in accounting policies or procedures as may be required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other regulatory agencies; and the ability to satisfy requirements related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other regulation on internal control.

The reader should refer to the more complete discussion of such risks in Bridge Capital Holdings' annual reports on Forms 10-K and quarterly reports on Forms 10-Q on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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