



Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc.

Press Release

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Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. Hires Stephen V. Ciancarelli

New Haven, Connecticut (**May 9, 2008**) – **Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. (AMEX:SSE)**, the holding company for The Bank of Southern Connecticut, today announced that it has hired Stephen V. Ciancarelli as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Ciancarelli will also serve as Chief Financial Officer of The Bank of Southern Connecticut.

“We are extremely pleased to have Stephen Ciancarelli join our company,” said John H. Howland, President and Chief Operating Officer. “With his considerable financial services and broad business experience, Steve will make immediate contributions to Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. and The Bank of Southern Connecticut.”

Mr. Ciancarelli previously served as Chief Financial Officer for Essex Corporation, a subsidiary of John Hancock Life Insurance Company. He has also served as Chief Financial Officer for Dime Investment Services, Inc., a division of Dime Savings Bank of New York, Inc.

“It is a pleasure to be a member of a home based community bank that takes pride in serving the day-to-day needs of small business customers in New Haven,” stated Mr. Ciancarelli. “I look forward to helping the Company to grow shareholder value by achieving its strategic objectives.”

About Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc.

Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. is a commercial bank holding company dedicated to serving the banking needs of businesses located in the greater New Haven area. Southern Connecticut Bancorp owns 100% of The Bank of Southern Connecticut, headquartered in New Haven Connecticut. The Bank of Southern Connecticut is a provider of commercial banking services to a client base of small to midsized companies with annual sales typically ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The Bank’s services include a wide range of deposit, loan and other basic commercial banking products along with a variety of consumer banking products. The Bank currently operates four branches, two in New Haven, Connecticut, one in Branford, Connecticut and one in North Haven, Connecticut.

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Such forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual future results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, a limited operating history and volatility of earnings, our dependence on our executive management and Board of Directors, our business concentration in small to midsized businesses in the New Haven, Connecticut area, as well as changes in our business, competitive market and regulatory conditions and strategies. Additional information concerning factors that could impact forward-looking statements can be found in the company’s periodic public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place any undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. We disclaim any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect facts, assumptions, circumstances or events that occur after the date on which such forward-looking statements were made.