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**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT BANCORP, INC.  
ANNOUNCES STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

**New Haven, Connecticut** (January 4, 2008) - Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. (AMEX:SSE), headquartered in New Haven, Connecticut is pleased to announce the adoption of a Stock Repurchase Program.

The Board of Directors of Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. has approved the adoption of a Stock Repurchase Program of up to 147,186 shares of its common stock representing 5% of its outstanding common stock. The shares will be repurchased on the open market from time to time as, in the opinion of management, market conditions warrant and subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**About Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc.**

**Southern Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. is a commercial bank holding company dedicated to serving the banking needs of businesses located along the Connecticut shoreline from New Haven to Rhode Island. 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 mid-sized 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 five branches, two in New Haven, Connecticut, one in Branford, Connecticut, one in North Haven, Connecticut, and one in New London, 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 and New London, Connecticut areas, 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 and in the section captioned "Risk Factors" in our prospectus filed on June 17, 2004. 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.*