



Lawrence G. Ryan Joins Cole Taylor Bank As Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking

Rosemont, IL - March 25, 2008 - Bruce W. Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Taylor Capital Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: TAYC), and Mark A. Hoppe, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cole Taylor Bank, today announced that Lawrence G. Ryan has joined Cole Taylor Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Taylor Capital Group, Inc. as Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking.

“Our ability to attract talented bankers reinforces my confidence in Cole Taylor’s business model and market opportunity as a leading bank providing financial services to closely held businesses,” said Taylor. “While these are challenging times, we will not be deterred from our long-term goal to grow our commercial banking client base and diversify our portfolio. Expanding our staff of experienced commercial bankers is the next step in executing this growth strategy and we intend to continue to recruit talented, experienced commercial bankers like Larry.”

“I am very excited to welcome Larry Ryan, whose reputation in the Chicago market and expertise in serving the needs of closely held businesses makes for an excellent strategic and cultural fit with Cole Taylor Bank,” said Hoppe. “We believe that few banks in the Chicago market rival Cole Taylor as a commercial banking platform. We have the relationship management structure, corporate culture, talent and capital to grow market share and our core customer base.”

Ryan is a 27-year veteran of LaSalle Bank N.A., where he focused on developing the market for financing the needs of closely held businesses. He played a leadership

role in building the Metropolitan Banking Group of LaSalle Bank N.A., a business banking unit that served companies with sales between \$10 million and \$50 million, where he was Group Senior Vice President. Since early 2008, Ryan served as business banking Market Executive in Chicago for Bank of America.

Ryan, 49, graduated in 1981 from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Finance and graduated in 1986 from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business with an MBA in Finance. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholarship Foundation, which provides college scholarships based on academic performance, character, caddy record and financial need. Ryan and his wife, Jan, are residents of Glenview.

About Taylor Capital Group, Inc.

Taylor Capital Group, Inc. is a \$3.6 billion bank holding company for Cole Taylor Bank, a Chicago-based commercial bank specializing in serving the business banking, real estate lending and wealth management requirements of closely held and family-owned small- and mid-sized businesses. Cole Taylor Bank is a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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