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Capitol Bancorp Announces the Sale of Nebraska-based Community Bank of Lincoln

LANSING, Mich., and PHOENIX, Ariz.: Jan. 27, 2010: Capitol Bancorp Limited (NYSE: CBC) announced today that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its 51 percent interest in Community Bank of Lincoln, a \$60.3 million affiliate, to Lincoln, Nebraska-based NHI Financial Services, LLC, led by CEO Lee R. Stuart.

Capitol's Chairman and CEO Joseph D. Reid said, "This sale will further our strategic objectives to reallocate capital and resources within our organization."

"We are pleased to have had the opportunity to support President Mary Gerdes and the Community Bank of Lincoln team during their first few years of operation," added Reid. "The bank has enjoyed early success and I am confident they will continue providing superior banking services for the people of Lincoln."

The transaction is expected to be completed in 2010.

About Capitol Bancorp Limited

Capitol Bancorp Limited (NYSE: CBC) is a national community banking company, with a network of separately chartered banks in 17 states. Founded in 1988, Capitol Bancorp Limited has executive offices in Lansing, Michigan, and Phoenix, Arizona.

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Certain statements in this announcement contain forward-looking statements that are based on management's expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "believes," "scheduled," "estimates" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation

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All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the company or any person acting on the Corporation's behalf are qualified by the cautionary statements in this press release. The Corporation does not undertake any obligation to update or publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or changes in expectations after the date of this press release.

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