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OVBC Liquidates ProCentury Investment

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio - Ohio Valley Banc Corp. [Nasdaq: OVBC] announced today the sale of 450,000 common shares of ProCentury Corp., [Nasdaq: PROS] a Columbus-based property and casualty insurer. The transaction was completed as part of ProCentury's initial public offering. The sale of stock, which represents 100% of OVBC's ownership in ProCentury, will result in a pre-tax gain of nearly \$2.5 million, or \$1.6 million after taxes (\$.47 cents per share). OVBC's investment in ProCentury was made in October of 2000 to allow OVBC to diversify operations by becoming part of a property and casualty insurance underwriter as made permissible by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. OVBC decided to liquidate the investment to utilize the cash proceeds to enhance OVBC's core business of banking through branch renovations and expansion as discussed in the first quarter's earnings release.

Ohio Valley Banc Corp. common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol OVBC. The holding company owns three subsidiaries: Ohio Valley Bank, with 17 offices in Ohio and West Virginia; Loan Central, with five consumer finance company offices in Ohio, and Ohio Valley Financial Services, an insurance agency based in Jackson, Ohio. The company's Web site is www.ovbc.com.

Forward-Looking Information

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