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van Vuuren Named CEO

Pieter van Vuuren has been promoted to President/Chief Executive Officer of First National Bank of McMinnville, the chairman of the bank's board of directors announced.

Van Vuuren has been serving as President/Chief Operating Officer of Warren County's oldest and largest local bank.

"In September of 2012, Pieter van Vuuren was promoted to President and COO of our bank and holding company. Since that time, the Board has added more and more responsibility to Pieter's job duties, which he has achieved with upmost dedication, respect and professionalism. Today, it is my pleasure to announce that at the Board of Directors meeting this past Tuesday, Pieter was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer or CEO of First National Bank of McMinnville" Levoy Knowles, chairman of the board, said.

"The Board is proud of Pieter's dedication to our employees, shareholders and our community," Levoy continued, adding, "The Board feels under Pieter's leadership, the bank has become more of a full service institution by adding a wealth management division, while enhancing our mortgage, title, and trust divisions. Pieter is an excellent fit for First National Bank's commitment to the communities that we serve."

Van Vuuren expressed gratitude for the promotion and credited First National's staff with its success.

"I am honored by the Board's confidence in me to lead this great organization. Our Board has a strong vision to grow the Bank to ultimately enhance the value that we offer to our customers and the communities we serve and in doing this we will create greater shareholder value and returns. Our employees are some of the best in the business and I am confident we are making progress on a daily basis," he said.

A deacon at Central Church of Christ, van Vuuren is married to the former Jennifer Mullican, a native of McMinnville. They have three children: Ansley, 19, a freshman at Harding University; Alex, 9, a student at Hickory Creek Elementary, and Aiden, 2.

A native of Oudtshoorn, South Africa where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting at the University of Stellenbosch, van Vuuren played on a university national championship rugby team and two years of professional rugby. He came to the United States in 1999, attended Middle Tennessee State University and earned his Certified Public Accountant certification.

In early 2001 he joined the accounting firm of Maggart and Associates located in downtown Nashville. During his years at the firm, van Vuuren worked mostly in the banking industry, performing various services for clients in this industry. In 2009 he was promoted to partner at the firm.

In 2010 he was named Chief Financial Officer of First National Bank. In September of 2012 he was named president of the bank.

In addition to his posts with Central, he is also Past-President of the McMinnville Breakfast Rotary Club, an advisory Board Member of the United Way of Warren County, has served as a Board Member of the Middle Tennessee Rugby Association, a Member of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants and a Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

About First National Bank

Founded in 1874 with more than \$475 million in total assets, First National Bank of

McMinnville, TN has a full range of banking services. First National Bank is a member of the FDIC and is an Equal Housing Lender.