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TOBA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL CITY BANK AS MARKETING PARTNER

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today that National City Bank has become an official marketing partner of TOBA.

As part of the agreement, National City Bank will have the opportunity to provide equine financial expertise to both existing TOBA members, many of whom they already serve, and new TOBA members.

“We selected National City as our official financial marketing partner because of their experience and dedicated team that serves our industry,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “We both share a passion for this sport and believe that our shared goals will enhance the interests of both organizations.”

Scott McCauley, National City Bank Senior Vice-President of Equine Lending, said “we know that this partnership with TOBA is an ideal marriage for both organizations”.

National City Bank, National City Corporation (NYSE: NCC), headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the nation’s largest financial holding companies. The company operates through an extensive banking network primarily in Ohio, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania and serves customers in selected markets nationally. Its core businesses include commercial and retail banking, mortgage financing and servicing, consumer finance and asset management. For more information please visit www.nationalcity.com.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA’s mission is to “*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*” Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Sales Integrity Program, The

Greatest Game and Claiming Crown. TOBA is also represented on the board of directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member. TOBA is also the owner of the *The Blood-Horse, Inc.* For more information please visit www.toba.org.

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