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Florida Gulf Bank achieves four-star rating
from Bauer Financial for 10th consecutive quarter

FORT MYERS, FL (September 23, 2009) – Florida Gulf Bank has announced the designation of a four-star rating from Bauer Financial, Inc., an independent bank and credit rating firm which has analyzed and reported on the financial condition of the nation’s banking industry since 1983. No institution pays for the ratings which consist of a one- to five-star scale, four being excellent and five superior. Bauer only recommends banks with four or five star ratings. This is the tenth consecutive quarter that Florida Gulf Bank has achieved the four-star rating.

In Lee County, two other banks achieved the four-star rating, and no Lee County bank achieved five stars.

The analysis is based on financial reports filed with federal regulators. Bauer Financial obtains the raw data from the government and compares it with historical data for consistency.

“We appreciate this validation of safe, secure banking from Bauer Financial,” said Bill Valenti, Florida Gulf Bank’s president and CEO. “As a local, community bank, we base our loan decisions on our relationships in the community. This has helped us avoid

questionable loans. And, as more people are seeking stability and strong financial relationships, we are looking forward to continued growth in this market.”

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