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## **FIRST COMMERCE BANK CELEBRATES ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL YEAR**

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Lakewood, NJ – First Commerce Bank is pleased to announce its record setting results for fiscal year 2013. Unaudited financial results show the Bank had total assets of \$340,903,138 as of year-end representing an increase of \$114,892,374 over December 31, 2012. Net income was \$2,772,067 versus \$827,467. This represents an increase of \$1,944,600 over the previous year.

Assets and income are not the only areas of growth. The new Englewood Office, located at 44 Engle Street, is scheduled to open in April. “Englewood is a key part of our expansion,” said Abraham S. Opatut, Chairman. “We invite everyone to experience personal, responsive community banking at First Commerce.”

“We have seen overwhelming acceptance of our premium Money Market Express account. It offers the best of all worlds – liquidity, high rates and FDIC insurance,” President and CEO C. Herbert Schneider states. “Our \$50,000,000 to Lend program has also been very well received. Borrowers are amazed at how quickly loans are approved and closed. We make it as easy as possible for them.”

In addition to the new office in Englewood, plans for branches in Montvale, Freehold Township and Robbinsville Township are also underway. Future growth plans include the ongoing evaluation of new branch sites and products.

### About First Commerce Bank

Opened in January 2006 under the name of Northern State Bank, First Commerce Bank is an FDIC insured community bank serving Ocean, Monmouth and Bergen counties. Personal service and quick loan decisions combined with our convenient delivery channels help our clients to grow and prosper in today’s competitive market.

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