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### **Summit State Bank Remains Top Rated Bank in Sonoma County, Latest Rating Confirms**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (June 15, 2009) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) received the 5-Star Superior rating from Bauer Financial for the fifth consecutive quarter. No other Sonoma County based bank achieved this highest rating for safety and soundness. The 5-Star Superior rating places Summit State Bank in the top tier of all banks nationwide.

“Especially during these challenging economic times, to be recognized again as the top rated bank in Sonoma County by Bauer Financial is an exciting accomplishment. Receiving the 5-Star Superior rating is testament to our staff’s continuing hard and smart work. We are proud to be able to increase our community lending and to offer our customers the highest level of safety and soundness with their deposits,” announced Tom Duryea, Summit State Bank President and CEO.

Since its beginning in 1983, Bauer Financial has become the nation’s most highly regarded financial institution rating organization. Under its rating system, 5-Star Superior denotes the absolute highest level of banking performance and is the firm’s highest rating. Bauer Financial awards their Superior rating to financial institutions that consistently prove to be the highest performing banks. Visit [www.SummitStateBank.com](http://www.SummitStateBank.com) or [www.BauerFinancial.com](http://www.BauerFinancial.com) to learn more about the Bauer Financial rating system.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$362 million and total equity of \$56 million at March 31, 2009. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at [www.SummitStateBank.com](http://www.SummitStateBank.com).

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