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Hanmi Financial Corporation announces that Woori Finance Holdings Co. Ltd. files applications with Federal Reserve Board and California Department of Financial Institutions for capital infusion of up to \$240 million

LOS ANGELES June 23, 2010 As a follow-up to the announcement made on May 26, 2010, Hanmi Financial Corporation (NASDAQ:HAFC), the holding company for Hanmi Bank (collectively Hanmi), today reported that Woori Finance Holdings Co. Ltd. (Woori) filed required regulatory applications with the Korean Financial Services Commission, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, and the California Department of Financial Institutions in connection with its proposed investment in Hanmi of up to \$240 million pursuant to a securities purchase agreement Hanmi and Woori entered into on May 25, 2010. Receipt of approvals by Korean regulators, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Department of Financial Institutions is a condition to closing of the securities purchase agreement.

Additional Information

A proxy statement relating to certain of the matters discussed in this news release, including a more complete summary of the terms and conditions of the securities purchase agreement with Woori, was filed with the SEC on June 16, 2010. Hanmi is seeking approval of the issuance of securities to Woori at its upcoming meeting of stockholders to be held on July 28, 2010. Copies of the proxy statement and other related documents may be obtained for free from the SEC website (www.sec.gov) or by contacting Hanmi Financial Corp., Attn: Investor Relations, David J. Yang 213-637-4798. Hanmi's shareholders are advised to read the proxy statement, because it contains important information, and Hanmi notes that the shareholder meeting on the matters discussed in the proxy statement may occur after the closing of the registered rights and best efforts offering. Hanmi, its directors, executive officers and certain members of management and employees may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies from Hanmi's shareholders in connection with certain of the matters discussed in this news release. Information regarding such persons and their interests in Hanmi is contained in Hanmi's proxy statements and annual reports on Form 10-K filed with the SEC. Hanmi has engaged the services of D.F. King & Co., Inc. to assist in soliciting proxies. Shareholders and investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of Hanmi, its directors and executive officers and D.F. King & Co., Inc. in the matters discussed in this news release by reading the proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the matters discussed in this news release.

Cautionary Statements

The issuance of the securities to Woori described in this news release have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any of the securities described herein, nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction or state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction or state.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements, which are included in accordance with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, could, expects, plans, intends, anticipates, believes, estimates, potential, or continue, or the negative of such terms and other comparable terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we

cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statement. These factors include the following: inability to consummate the proposed transactions with Woori on the terms contemplated in the agreement with Woori; failure to receive regulatory or stockholder approval for the transactions contemplated with Woori; inability to continue as a going concern; inability to raise additional capital on acceptable terms or at all; failure to maintain adequate levels of capital and liquidity to support our operations; the effect of regulatory orders we have entered into and potential future supervisory action against us or Hanmi Bank; general economic and business conditions internationally, nationally and in those areas in which we operate; volatility and deterioration in the credit and equity markets; changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits; availability of capital from private and government sources; demographic changes; competition for loans and deposits and failure to attract or retain loans and deposits; fluctuations in interest rates and a decline in the level of our interest rate spread; risks of natural disasters related to our real estate portfolio; risks associated with Small Business Administration (SBA) loans; failure to attract or retain key employees; changes in governmental regulation, including, but not limited to, any increase in FDIC insurance premiums; ability to receive regulatory approval for Hanmi Bank to declare dividends to Hanmi Financial; adequacy of our allowance for loan losses, credit quality and the effect of credit quality on our provision for credit losses and allowance for loan losses; changes in the financial performance and/or condition of our borrowers and the ability of our borrowers to perform under the terms of their loans and other terms of credit agreements; our ability to successfully integrate acquisitions we may make; our ability to control expenses; and changes in securities markets. In addition, we set forth certain risks in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 and current and periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission thereafter, which could cause actual results to differ from those projected. We undertake no obligation to update such forward-looking statements except as required by law.

Sources: <http://www.laedc.org/reports/Forecast-2010-02.pdf>

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