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**Local Bankers Lessmann, Camp and Barch Join Independent Bank**

McKinney, TX, August 26, 2011—McKinney-based Independent Bank Group announced today that local, well-respected bankers Russ Lessmann, Robert Camp and Kim Barch have joined Independent Bank. Russ Lessmann will lead a new commercial banking focus on behalf of the bank across the metroplex and is expected to bring in a large number of new banking relationships as Independent Bank grows its footprint across Texas.

David Brooks, Chairman/CEO of Independent Bank said, “We are excited to have Russ, Robert and Kim join the Independent Bank team. Russ and Robert are long-time business banking leaders in the McKinney and North Texas communities. They understand and believe in the type of relationship banking and community investment that have long been the objectives of Independent Bank. The addition of Russ and Robert will afford the bank senior leadership in the North Texas region, where our objective is to be the leading community bank.”

Russ Lessmann said, “Robert, Kim and I are so very pleased to be a part of Independent Bank. It is a strong, well-managed bank that has continued to confidently lend and help businesses grow during the ups and downs of the economic cycles. We look forward to spreading the Independent Bank story to businesses throughout the North Texas region.”

Independent Bank, with over \$1 billion in assets, 26 full-service banking locations and nearly 300 employees, continues to expand its strong presence across the state and is actively lending to businesses throughout Texas. SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. (BankRegData.com) recently identified Independent Bank as the number one Collin County-based bank with at least

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\$100 million in assets as of March 31, 2011 based on Return on Assets (ROA) and the Texas Ratio. For additional information, please visit [independent-bank.com](http://independent-bank.com) or contact Russ Lessmann, Robert Camp or Kim Barch at 972.569.3173.

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