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**BANTERRA APPOINTS A NEW PRESIDENT, ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN 38-YEAR HISTORY;
POSITIONS COMPANY FOR FURTHER SUCCESS WITH TWO IMPORTANT MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

Marion, IL – Banterra Corp. and Banterra Bank Chairman and CEO Everett Knight is pleased to announce that the organization has made two important management changes that position the company to build on its continuing successes and strong financial performance.

Robert J. (Jeff) May, Executive Vice President, has been promoted to President of Banterra Corp. and Banterra Bank, effective immediately. Everett Knight, who has served as Chairman, President and CEO from the company's beginning in 1975, will continue serving as Chairman and CEO of Banterra Corp. and Banterra Bank. Knight has held the position of President since the company's founding; this will be only the second time a new president has been promoted into this position in the company's 38-year history. Steven R. Burroughs has been promoted from Vice President to Executive Vice President of Banterra Bank.

"Jeff has shown considerable leadership while at Banterra, and that leadership has been an integral reason for our steady growth," said Knight. "With his vast financial experience and desire for excellence, I knew we had the right person to take over this position for the first time in the company's history. The board of directors and I are very confident that Jeff will lead our company to continued success."

May joined the Banterra team in 2002 as Executive Vice President, and has managed the Community Banking Division. Since that time, May has led the expansion of the bank's footprint into two new markets (Indiana and Missouri) and also established the bank's Specialized Lending Department. These new business units have improved the bank's revenues significantly. May also had significant impact on the bank's strategic planning process and improved organizational structure.

Prior to joining Banterra, May served 21 years as a field manager and examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. As a FDIC field manager, Banterra was part of his portfolio for 12 years, and he has worked with Banterra since 1983. May has 33 years of financial experience and received his master's degree in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Eastern Illinois University.

Steven R. Burroughs is being named Executive Vice President of Banterra Bank. Burroughs is currently Chief Credit Officer and responsible for overseeing the company's credit operations, governance and relationships with key regulators. Burroughs currently serves on Banterra's executive management team and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University as well as the Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been with the bank since 2004 and is a 30-year veteran of the industry.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra is the region's largest financial institution with 30 branches in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, Southwest Indiana, and Western Kentucky and \$1.2 billion in assets. For more information on Banterra, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to www.banterra.com.

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