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German American Bancorp, Inc. to be Added to Russell 2000 Index

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JASPER, Ind., July 7, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- German American Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq:GABC) today announced it has been added to the Russell 3000(r) Index and Russell 2000(r) Index when Russell Investments reconstituted its comprehensive set of U.S. and global equity indexes on June 29, 2009.

Russell indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors for both index funds and as benchmarks for passive and active investment strategies. The Company will hold its membership until Russell reconstitutes its indexes in June 2010.

"We are pleased with our inclusion in this index, which reflects our continued positive momentum", said Mark Schroeder, President and CEO of German American Bancorp. "Russell is an industry leader for stock indexes, and we expect our participation will generate greater interest in our stock at an institutional investor level."

The annual reconstitution of the Russell 3000 captures the 3,000 largest U.S. stocks as of the end of May, ranking them by total market capitalization. The largest 1,000 companies in this ranking comprise the Russell 1000 and the next 2,000 companies become the Russell 2000.

ABOUT RUSSELL INVESTMENTS

Russell Investments is a global investment company with $136 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2009. Russell serves individual, institutional and advisor clients in more that 40 countries and provides investment solutions including mutual funds, retirement investments, institutional asset management, implementation services and global stock market indexes. Russell is world-renowned for its depth of manager research, quality of manager selection and access to some of the world's leading investment managers. It helps investors of all sizes

put this access to work in corporate defined benefit and defined contribution plans, and in the life savings of individual investors.

ABOUT GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP, INC.

German American Bancorp, Inc. is a financial services holding company based in Jasper, Indiana. The Company's Common Stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol GABC. The principal subsidiary of German American Bancorp, Inc. is its banking subsidiary, German American Bancorp which operates through six community banking affiliates with 28 retail banking offices in the ten contiguous Southern Indiana counties of Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Perry, Pike, and Spencer. German American Bancorp owns a trust, brokerage and financial planning subsidiary which operates from its banking offices and a full line property and casualty insurance agency with seven branch offices throughout its market area.

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