

**HOWE BARNES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
OUR RECENT ADVISORY TRANSACTION**

Great Pee Dee Bancorp, Inc.

Holding Company for:



*has signed a definitive agreement
to be acquired by*

FIRST1BANCORP

Pending July 2007

Howe Barnes acted as financial advisor to Great Pee Dee Bancorp, Inc. in this transaction.

Great Pee Dee Bancorp, Inc., Cheraw, SC, has signed a definitive agreement to merge with and into First Bancorp, Troy, NC. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, First Bancorp will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Great Pee Dee in a stock transaction valued at \$38.2 million. With the transaction, First Bancorp will enter Chesterfield County, SC with a number 2 ranking and 23% of the \$404 million deposit market and Florence County, SC with a number 11 ranking and 3% of the \$2.0 billion deposit market.

The merger is expected to close late in the fourth quarter of 2007 or early in the first quarter of 2008, subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals.

Deal Pricing

Transaction Value:	\$38.2 million
Transaction Value / Share:	\$21.02
Price / Earnings:	22.9x
Price / Book:	140%
Price / Tangible Book:	143%
Core Deposit Premium:	11%
Market Price Premium:	37%

(1) Financials as of 03/31/07

Financial Highlights ⁽¹⁾

	<u>Great Pee Dee Bancorp</u>	<u>First Bancorp</u>
Total Assets (\$000)	218,994	2,177,282
Total Equity (\$000)	27,340	165,159
Tang. Equity / Assets	12.3%	5.4%
ROAA	0.77%	0.96%
ROAE	6.2%	11.6%

SOURCE: SNL Financial LC

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