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Hancock Horizon Funds launch two new mutual funds: Hancock Horizon Louisiana Tax-Free Income Fund Hancock Horizon Mississippi Tax-Free Income Fund

GULFPORT, Miss. (February 1, 2011) — Hancock Horizon Funds and Hancock Bank announced today the launch of two new mutual funds: the Hancock Horizon Louisiana Tax-Free Income Fund and the Hancock Horizon Mississippi Tax-Free Income Fund. As the names imply, both funds' goals are to seek income exempt from both federal and state specific personal income tax.

Jeffery Tanguis, Hancock's director of fixed income and funds manager, said, "Finally, there are Louisiana and Mississippi municipal bond funds available that are actually managed by local investment professionals located in those states who have first-hand knowledge of the local economies and credits. We are proud to add these two new funds to the Hancock Horizon Funds' lineup and think they can be a great investment option for tax-conscious investors in Louisiana and Mississippi seeking an investment that provides both income and tax benefits."

Having grown from \$245 million at its inception in May of 2000 to more than \$1 billion in assets to date, the Hancock Horizon Funds are one of the largest mutual fund families in Louisiana, Mississippi and the Gulf South region. With the addition of the two new funds, the Hancock Horizon Funds will grow from seven to nine mutual fund options.

Chief Investment Officer John Portwood, added, "At Hancock Bank and Hancock Horizon Funds, we have always valued our local communities and try to incorporate and promote ways to invest locally. For instance, the Hancock Horizon Burkenroad Fund was started in 2001 and invests in small-cap companies located in the Gulf South. We are excited to add the Louisiana and Mississippi Tax-Free Income Funds and provide two additional investment options that allow investors to support their states and local communities."

About Hancock Bank

Hancock Bank was founded in 1899. Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ:HBHC), parent company of Hancock Bank, has assets of approximately \$8.2 billion. *Forbes* ranked Hancock Holding Company as one of America's 100 Most Trustworthy Companies in 2009 and 2010; and Bauerfinancial, Inc., has recommended Hancock Bank as one of America's strongest, safest financial institutions for more than 21 consecutive years.

Hancock Bank subsidiaries include Hancock Investment Services, Inc., Hancock Insurance Agency and its divisions of Ross King Walker and J. Everett Eaves, and Harrison Finance Company. Additionally, Hancock has corporate trust offices in Gulfport, Jackson, Miss., Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Orlando. More corporate information and e-banking are available at www.hancockbank.com.

Mutual fund investing involves risk including loss of principal. Bond and bond funds will decrease in value as interest rates rise. There is no guarantee that the Funds will meet their stated objectives.

To determine if this Fund is an appropriate investment for you, carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, and charges and expenses before investing. This and other information can be found in the Fund's prospectus, which may be obtained by calling 1-888-346-6300 or visiting www.hancockhorizonfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

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