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Ledyard Named One of Top 200 Community Banks

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HANOVER, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ledyard Financial Group, Inc. (Ticker Symbol: LFGP), the holding company for Ledyard National Bank, was ranked among the Top 200 publicly traded banks and thrifts in the United States by American Banker Magazine. The rankings were based on return on average equity across three years. Ledyard Financial Group ranked 159th with a three-year average ROAE of 9.33%.

According to the May 2016 edition of American Banker Magazine, the top community banks were the most successful at offsetting the rising expenses and falling loan yields that have faced the industry in the past year. These top institutions relied on strong loan growth and core deposit growth to reach superior levels of profitability and stability.

Kathy Underwood, President and CEO of Ledyard Financial Group, Inc., stated, "Ledyard is very proud to, once again, be recognized by American Banker Magazine for its commitment to growth and profitability. Inclusion in this exclusive list of banks serves as confirmation that we are on the right track strategically. It also serves as a reminder to remain focused on helping our clients plan for their financial futures, while enhancing shareholder value."

Ledyard Financial Group, Inc., headquartered in Hanover, New Hampshire, is the holding company for Ledyard National Bank. Ledyard National Bank, founded in 1991, is a full service community bank offering a broad range of banking, investment, tax and wealth management services in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region. Ledyard National Bank has eight offices with locations in Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, New London, and West Lebanon, New Hampshire and in Norwich, Vermont.

Ledyard Financial Group, Inc. shares can be bought and sold through the NASD sanctioned "OTC Markets" under

the trading symbol LFGP. Shares may be traded through an individual's broker. For more information, please refer to the "Investor Relations" section of the bank's website at www.ledyardbank.com or contact the bank's Chief Financial Officer, Gregory D. Steverson.

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