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GRANITE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA—Bank of Granite Corporation (NASDAQ: GRAN) (the “Company”) announced that, in connection with the completion of the preparation, review and audit of its financial statements, it has concluded that it expects to record additional charges of approximately \$26 million to its operating results that will increase the losses it reported on January 30, 2009 for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. The Company initially reported a preliminary net loss for the fourth quarter of \$9.58 million, or \$0.62 per share on January 30, 2009. For the full-year ended December 31, 2008, the Company originally reported a preliminary net loss of \$11.50 million, or \$0.74 per share. The final results of goodwill impairment testing indicated that the estimated fair value of the banking franchise was less than its book value, which the Company estimates will require a noncash charge of approximately \$11 million. The evaluation of the Company’s ability to realize previously recorded deferred tax assets, while ongoing, is estimated to result in a charge of approximately \$13 million. Securities mark-to-market adjustments on certain investments and certain other accounting adjustments are expected to result in \$2 million in additional charges. The Company projects that it will remain adequately capitalized.

The Company believes these revisions only relate to its fourth quarter and annual results for 2008 and are not expected to affect any financial statements it previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for any period, and therefore, those previous reports may continue to be relied upon as filed.

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The discussions included in this document contain statements that may be deemed forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995, including Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from these statements. For the purposes of these

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