

PRESS RELEASE

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Aquesta Insurance Services, Inc. Announces Acquisition of Paladin Insurance Group, LLC

CORNELIUS, NC – September 5, 2017 -- Aquesta Financial Holdings, Inc. and Aquesta Insurance Services, Inc. (A Subsidiary of Aquesta Financial Holdings) (“Aquesta”) (OTC Markets symbol AQFH) announced today that it has finalized its purchase of the assets of Paladin Insurance Group, LLC, in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. This purchase includes the employment of Nancy Wilson and her current team at Paladin Insurance, commencing on September 1, 2017.

Aquesta Insurance President Kenneth McGee stated “We are very excited to welcome Nancy Wilson, her team, and their clients to Aquesta. For over 14 years, Paladin Insurance has built a great reputation by focusing on client service and a commitment to their community. This fits into Aquesta’s vision and mission for the clients we serve. We are also thrilled to have Nancy continue to lead her team while tapping into the expanded resources Aquesta brings”.

Jim Engel, CEO & President of Aquesta Bank also commented. “We recently entered the South Carolina market with a loan production office in Greenville. The addition of Nancy and her team comes at an ideal time to further propel Aquesta in South Carolina.”

Aquesta Insurance Services Inc., is an affiliate of Aquesta Bank, a community bank headquartered in Cornelius NC with branches in Davidson, Huntersville, Mooresville, SouthPark and Wilmington. Aquesta Insurance Services Inc. has office locations in Cornelius, Mooresville, Huntersville, Hampstead and Wilmington, NC.

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