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mi, where he oversaw branch operations and overall performance. Prior to this, he worked as a financial manager for Washington Mutual and managed financial centers and opened new offices in South Miami and Coral Gables area.

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→ JORDAN CASTELLÓN RICARDO CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW OFFICE

Jordán Castellón Ricardo P.L., a Coral Gables based CPA firm and one of the largest accounting firms in South Florida, recently celebrated the opening of its new office. The event hosted more than 300 guests featuring local business executives and community leaders, including City of Coral Gables Mayor Donald Slesnick; City of Miami Commissioner Tomás Regalado; Chairman of Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Sergio Barrera and Executive Director of Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, Mark Trowbridge.



Arturo Jordán, Carlos Castellón, Mayor Donald Slesnick, Edwin Ricardo, Arnold Nazur and Matthew Hartmann

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EXHIBITION OF COLOMBIAN BUILDING MATERIALS ON JUNE 11-12

CAMACOL/Cámara de Comercio Colombiana

and Cámara Colombiana de la Construcción will host the Colombian Building Materials and Hardware Showroom on June 11th and 12th at the Hotel Sheraton Miami Mart Convention Center in Miami. The exhibition seeks to present a variety of building materials of Colombian origin to South Florida builders, as a great alternative for their projects.

During the show, visitors will meet executives from more than 30 Colombian manufacturing companies currently exporting materials such as finishes, kitchen and bath accessories, panels, piping, ceramic and clay derivatives, among others, adapted to Florida's environmental and technical conditions. Contractors, subcontractors, local hardware and building supplies wholesalers are invited to discover new options and enhance their building products supply chain source.

For more information on this exhibition, visit www.feriascamacol.com, or call 1-866-849-0114 (toll free). In Miami, interested parties may also contact Daniel Suárez/Proexport at 305-374-3144 or at dsuarez@proexport.com.co

HEMISPHERE NATIONAL BANK ROLLS OUT NEW NAME: REPUBLIC FEDERAL BANK

Following the completion of the previously-announced purchase of substantially all of the assets and liabilities of PineBank, N.A. ("Pine") by Hemisphere National Bank, the combined entity will be re-branded under a new name: Republic Federal Bank. The new name will be accompanied by a refreshed brand identity and the introduction of enhanced banking services, such as free ATM access worldwide to Republic Federal Bank customers, free checking and a new online secure token for customers.

Among the new enhanced banking services, Republic Federal will be the only South Florida bank to offer each and every customer the convenience of free ATM access at any ATM worldwide. In addition, the new Republic Federal will be unveiling a new Online Secure Token that will be used exclusively by Republic Federal customers to access their accounts via the Internet, which uses a personal constantly changing digitized access code that cannot be counterfeited.

In the coming weeks, Republic Federal will roll out a new advertising campaign which will introduce the bank's new logo and tagline.

Republic Federal Bank, formerly Hemisphere National Bank, is a Miami based financial institution founded in 1979. With more than \$700 million in assets, Republic Federal



City of Aventura Commissioner Michael Stern; Gloria Tang, Executive Vice President, Republic Federal; Lorie Harvey, Senior Vice President, Republic Federal; Daniel Schwartz, President, Republic Federal; City of Aventura Mayor Susan Gottlieb; City of Aventura Commissioner Bob Diamond; City of Aventura Commissioner Luz Weinberg; Dr. Rachel Lapidot, Vice President, Republic Federal; City of Aventura Commissioner Zev Auerbach.

has earned a solid reputation of providing personalized service to meet clients' needs. For more information, visit www.republicfederal.com.

FERMAX INTENSIFIES ACTIVITIES AND CONSOLIDATES ITS U.S. OPERATIONS

Fermax, a leading manufacturer of electronic entry systems, video entry systems and access control systems based in Valencia, Spain, and with a significant commercial ties with over 60 countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, the Pacific Rim, and Latin America, has intensified its activities in the United States since the beginning of 2007.

Established in 1949, the firm recently opened its first offices in South Florida and in New York. Fermax's commercial expansion and technical operations will be spearheaded by Edgar Bargas from Miami. The company's USA Team will seek to introduce its products and consolidate its presence in this market.

Among Fermax's initial activities was its participation in the ISC WEST security show, held in Las Vegas in March, with an extensive display of the company's LOFT monitors, as well as its HALO and BRUTO systems.

Fermax devices impressed attendees, mainly security professionals, with their performance and, especially, their compatibility with CCTV cameras and DVR digital recorders.

For more information, visit www.fermaxusa.com or call 305-593-8900.

Sergio Maestre, Edgar Bargas and Fernando Maestre at Fermax's booth in ISC West.

