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**SouthPoint Bank Adopts Latest in Banking Technology
Developed by AQ2 Technologies**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 20, 2005 – SouthPoint Bank is the first in the Birmingham metro area’s banking industry to adopt the latest in banking technology: deposit via scanned check imaging. With an innovative remote deposit imaging system developed by Birmingham, AL-based AQ2 Technologies, SouthPoint Bank is streamlining the banking process for customer’s across the board.

Deposit by way of check imaging is a product of recent federal legislation commonly known as Check 21, which serves to reduce the delay and transportation risk associated with check payments. Paper check deposits are synonymous with delays caused by the need to physically transport checks both to the local bank and then to a Federal Reserve Bank in order to be cleared. Such delays interrupt cash flow for businesses and consumers alike.

Using check scanners with technology developed by AQ2, SouthPoint Bank customers can transmit funds instantaneously, securely, and without ever leaving their offices. SouthPoint Bank plans to provide check scanning solutions to their commercial clients, allowing them to use the technology from their offices. This technology automatically prepares the deposit, sends the check and deposit images to SouthPoint Bank, and even provides payment information directly to the customer’s accounting system.

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“AQ2’s check imaging system allows us to receive customers’ deposits immediately from anywhere in the country,” said Steve Smith, CEO of SouthPoint Bank. “We are pleased to offer our customers a unique solution that saves time and transportation costs, while transmitting their funds safely, quickly and efficiently.”

Remote deposit technology also helps SouthPoint to reach outside of a typical market area, allowing it to grow quickly and compete with larger regional banks.

“We have worked to develop a remote deposit system that allows for rapid growth for banks, while removing the need for substantial overhead costs that go along with traditional branch-based expansion,” said David Meany, president of AQ2. “The days of transporting paper checks through the Federal Reserve Banking system are quickly fading, and we are here to help our clients embrace the latest, safest technology.”

About AQ2 Technologies, LLC

Founded in 1999 and headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., AQ2 Technologies, LLC (formerly Aquracy) is a leading provider of advanced industry-specific transaction automation solutions for check, remittance and lockbox processors. By seamlessly integrating imaging, data recognition and data management technologies, AQ2 technology creates an environment that enables organizations in a wide variety of industries to transform laborious paper-based payment processes into streamlined digital workflows, resulting in increased efficiency and reduced costs. AQ2’s customer roster includes banks, credit unions, corporations, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. For more information, visit www.aq2tech.com.