## M\&T Bank Corporation Announces Second Quarter Results

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M\&T Bank Corporation ("M\&T") today reported its results of operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2005.
GAAP Results of Operations. Diluted earnings per share measured in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for the second quarter of 2005 were $\$ 1.69$, up $10 \%$ from $\$ 1.53$ in the corresponding period of 2004. GAAP-basis net income in the recently completed quarter totaled $\$ 197$ million, $7 \%$ higher than $\$ 184$ million in the second quarter of 2004. GAAP-basis net income for 2005's second quarter expressed as an annualized rate of return on average assets and average common stockholders' equity was $1.46 \%$ and $13.73 \%$, respectively, compared with $1.45 \%$ and $13.12 \%$, respectively, in the year-earlier quarter.

For the first two quarters of 2005, GAAP-basis diluted earnings per share were $\$ 3.31$, up $17 \%$ from $\$ 2.83$ in the similar 2004 period. On the same basis, net income for the first half of 2005 totaled $\$ 386$ million, $12 \%$ higher than $\$ 344$ million a year earlier. GAAP-basis net income for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005 expressed as an annualized rate of return on average assets and average common stockholders' equity was $1.45 \%$ and $13.57 \%$, respectively, compared with $1.37 \%$ and $12.15 \%$, respectively, in the corresponding 2004 period.

Supplemental Reporting of Non-GAAP Results of Operations. Since 1998, M\&T has consistently provided supplemental reporting of its results on a "net operating" or "tangible" basis, from which M\&T excludes the after-tax effect of amortization of core deposit and other intangible assets (and the related goodwill, core deposit intangible and other intangible asset balances, net of applicable deferred tax amounts) and expenses associated with merging acquired operations into $M \& T$, since such expenses are considered by management to be "nonoperating" in nature. Although "net operating income" as defined by M\&T is not a GAAP measure, M\&T's management believes that this information helps investors understand the effect of acquisition activity in reported results. Amortization of core deposit and other intangible assets, after tax effect, was $\$ 9$ million ( $\$ .07$ per diluted share) in the recent quarter, compared with $\$ 12$ million ( $\$ .10$ per diluted share) in the year-earlier quarter. Similar after tax effect amortization charges for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 were $\$ 18$ million ( $\$ .15$ per diluted share) and $\$ 25$ million ( $\$ .20$ per diluted share), respectively. There were no merger-related expenses in either 2005 or 2004.

Diluted net operating earnings per share, which exclude the impact of amortization of core deposit and other intangible assets, were $\$ 1.76$ in the recent quarter, a rise of $8 \%$ from $\$ 1.63$ in the second quarter of 2004. Net operating income during 2005's second quarter grew $5 \%$ to $\$ 205$ million from $\$ 196$ million in the corresponding 2004 period. Expressed as an annualized rate of return on average tangible assets and average tangible stockholders' equity, net operating income was $1.62 \%$ and $29.88 \%$, respectively, in 2005 's second quarter, compared with $1.64 \%$ and $30.12 \%$ in the second quarter of 2004.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2005, diluted net operating earnings per share were $\$ 3.46,14 \%$ higher than $\$ 3.03$ in the year-earlier period. Net operating income for the first two quarters of 2005 rose $10 \%$ to $\$ 405$ million from $\$ 369$ million in the similar 2004 period. For the first half of 2005 , net operating income expressed as an annualized rate of return on average tangible assets and average tangible equity was $1.61 \%$ and $29.77 \%$, respectively, compared with $1.56 \%$ and $27.95 \%$ in the first six months of 2004.

Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Results of Operations. A reconciliation of diluted earnings per share and net income with diluted net operating earnings per share and net operating income follows:


(1) After any related tax effect

Reconciliation of Total Assets and Equity to Tangible Assets and Equity. A reconciliation of average assets and equity with average tangible assets and average tangible equity follows:


Taxable-equivalent Net Interest Income. Taxable-equivalent net interest income increased 3\% to \$452 million in the second quarter of 2005 from $\$ 438$ million in the corresponding 2004 quarter. Average loans outstanding totaled $\$ 39.2$ billion in the recent quarter, $6 \%$ higher than $\$ 36.9$ billion in the second quarter of 2004. Such growth was attributable to $11 \%$ increases in average outstanding balances of commercial and commercial real estate loans. Average consumer loans declined 4\% from the year-earlier period, as higher outstanding balances of home equity lines of credit were more than offset by lower automobile loans and leases and planned runoff of other second-mortgage loans. Partially offsetting the favorable impact of higher outstanding loan balances was a narrowing of M\&T's net interest margin, or taxable-equivalent net interest income expressed as an annualized percentage of average earning assets. Net interest margin declined to $3.78 \%$ in the recent quarter from $3.92 \%$ in the second quarter of 2004. Such decline reflects the impact of rising short-term interest rates over the past twelve months, which resulted in the rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities rising more rapidly than the yields on many earning assets

Provision for Credit Losses/Asset Quality. As a percentage of average loans outstanding, net charge-offs in the recent quarter were at their lowest level since 2000. Expressed as an annualized percentage of average loans outstanding, net charge-offs were $.14 \%$ in 2005 's second quarter, significantly improved from $.23 \%$ in the yearearlier quarter. In dollar total, net charge- offs were $\$ 14$ million in the recent quarter, down $35 \%$ from $\$ 21$ million in the second quarter of 2004. Reflecting the reduced level of net charge-offs, as well as improvements in other credit quality indicators, the provision for credit losses in the second quarter of 2005 was $\$ 19$ million, down from $\$ 30$ million in the corresponding 2004 quarter. Loans classified as nonperforming totaled $\$ 184$ million, or $.46 \%$ of total loans at June 30, 2005, compared with $\$ 190$ million or $.51 \%$ a year earlier. Loans past due 90 days or more and accruing interest were $\$ 123$ million at the recent quarter-end, compared with $\$ 135$ million a year earlier. Included in those past due loans at June 30, 2005 and 2004 were $\$ 99$ million and $\$ 112$ million, respectively, of loans guaranteed by government-related entities. Assets taken in foreclosure of defaulted loans were $\$ 8$ million at June 30, 2005, compared with $\$ 19$ million at June 30, 2004.

Allowance for Credit Losses. The allowance for credit losses totaled $\$ 637$ million, or $1.60 \%$ of total loans, at June 30,2005 , compared with $\$ 625$ million, or $1.66 \%$, a year earlier. The decline in the allowance as a percentage of

Ioans reflects improvement in various credit factors, including the previously noted decreases in the rate of net loan charge-offs and the level of nonperforming loans. At December 31, 2004, the allowance for credit losses totaled $\$ 627$ million, or $1.63 \%$ of total loans. The ratio of M\&T's allowance for credit losses to nonperforming loans was 346\%, 328\% and 364\% at June 30, 2005, June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

Noninterest Income and Expense. Noninterest income in the recent quarter totaled $\$ 245$ million, up 6\% from $\$ 232$ million in the second quarter of 2004 . Contributing to the improvement were higher deposit account service charges, trading account and foreign exchange gains, letter of credit and other credit-related fees, and gains on sales of commercial lease equipment and other property.

Noninterest expense in the second quarter of 2005 totaled $\$ 380$ million, $7 \%$ above $\$ 357$ million in 2004 's second quarter. Included in such amounts are expenses considered to be nonoperating in nature consisting of amortization of core deposit and other intangible assets of $\$ 14$ million in 2005 and $\$ 19$ million in 2004. Exclusive of these nonoperating expenses, noninterest operating expenses were $\$ 366$ million in the recently completed quarter, up from $\$ 338$ million in the second quarter of 2004 . The most significant contributor to that rise in operating expenses was a $\$ 27$ million increase in the provision for impairment of capitalized mortgage servicing rights. Reflecting a decrease in the value of such servicing rights that resulted from lower residential mortgage Ioan interest rates at the end of the recent quarter as compared with three months earlier, a $\$ 5$ million impairment provision was recorded during the second quarter of 2005 . In contrast, a partial reversal of the valuation allowance for capitalized mortgage servicing rights was recorded in last year's second quarter that lowered operating expenses by $\$ 22$ million.

The efficiency ratio, or noninterest operating expenses divided by the sum of taxable-equivalent net interest income and noninterest income (exclusive of gains and losses from sales of bank investment securities), measures the relationship of operating expenses to revenues. M\&T's efficiency ratio was $52.6 \%$ in the second quarter of 2005 , compared with $50.4 \%$ in the year-earlier period.

Reflecting on M\&T's second quarter results, Rene F. Jones, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, stated, "M\&T's financial performance during the recent quarter was strong and day-to-day operating results remained consistent with our previous expectations for 2005. Favorable trends have continued regarding the quality of our loan portfolios, including historically low levels of net charge-offs and nonperforming loans as a percentage of loans outstanding. In addition, our focus on controlling operating expenses is paying off, as reflected in our results. In fact, excluding the mortgage servicing rights adjustments, operating expenses in the first half of 2005 were lower than in 2004."

Balance Sheet. M\&T had total assets of $\$ 54.5$ billion at June 30, 2005, up from $\$ 52.1$ billion at June 30, 2004. Loans and leases, net of unearned discount, rose $6 \%$ to $\$ 39.9$ billion at the recent quarter-end, compared with $\$ 37.5$ billion a year earlier. Deposits totaled $\$ 37.3$ billion at June 30, 2005, up $7 \%$ from $\$ 35.0$ billion at June 30, 2004. Total stockholders' equity was $\$ 5.8$ billion at June 30, 2005, representing $10.71 \%$ of total assets, compared with $\$ 5.7$ billion or $10.86 \%$ a year earlier. Common stockholders' equity per share was $\$ 51.20$ and $\$ 48.21$ at June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Tangible equity per common share was $\$ 25.00$ at June 30, 2005 , compared with $\$ 22.40$ at June 30,2004 . In the calculation of tangible equity per common share, stockholders' equity is reduced by the carrying values of goodwill and core deposit and other intangible assets, net of applicable deferred tax balances, which aggregated $\$ 3.0$ billion at each of June 30, 2005 and 2004.

In December 2004, M\&T announced that it had been authorized by its Board of Directors to purchase up to $5,000,000$ shares of its common stock. During the recent quarter, 624,000 shares of common stock were repurchased by M\&T pursuant to such plan at an average cost per share of $\$ 102.21$. Through June 30, 2005, $M \& T$ had repurchased $2,643,300$ shares of its common stock pursuant to such plan at an average cost of $\$ 101.73$ per share.

Conference Call. Investors will have an opportunity to listen to M\&T's conference call to discuss second quarter financial results today at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Those wishing to participate in the call may dial 877-780-2276. International participants, using any applicable international calling codes, may dial 973-5822700. The conference call will be webcast live on $M \& T$ 's website at http://ir.mandtbank.com/conference.cfm. A replay of the call will be available until Wednesday, July 13, 2005 by calling 877-519-4471, code 6201040 and 973-341-3080 for international participants. The event will also be archived and available by 3:00 p.m. today on M\&T's website at http://ir.mandtbank.com/conference.cfm.

Forward-Looking Statements. This news release contains forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about M\&T's business, management's beliefs and assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks,
uncertainties and assumptions ("Future Factors") which are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements.

Future Factors include changes in interest rates, spreads on earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, and interest rate sensitivity; prepayment speeds, loan originations and credit losses; sources of liquidity; common shares outstanding; common stock price volatility; fair value of and number of stock-based compensation awards to be issued in future periods; legislation affecting the financial services industry as a whole, and M\&T and its subsidiaries individually or collectively; regulatory supervision and oversight, including required capital levels; increasing price and product/service competition by competitors, including new entrants; rapid technological developments and changes; the ability to continue to introduce competitive new products and services on a timely, cost-effective basis; the mix of products/services; containing costs and expenses; governmental and public policy changes; protection and validity of intellectual property rights; reliance on large customers; technological, implementation and cost/financial risks in large, multi-year contracts; the outcome of pending and future litigation and governmental proceedings; continued availability of financing; financial resources in the amounts, at the times and on the terms required to support M\&T and its subsidiaries' future businesses; and material differences in the actual financial results of merger and acquisition activities compared with M\&T's initial expectations, including the full realization of anticipated cost savings and revenue enhancements.

These are representative of the Future Factors that could affect the outcome of the forward-looking statements. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, general economic and political conditions, either nationally or in the states in which we do business, including interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations, changes and trends in the securities markets, and other Future Factors.

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M&T BANK CORPORATION
Financial Highlights
Amounts in thousands,
except per share
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At June 30

(1) Includes common stock equivalents.
(2) Includes common stock issuable under deferred compensation plans.
(3) Excludes amortization and balances related to goodwill and core deposit and other intangible assets and merger-related expenses which, except in the calculation of the efficiency ratio, are net of applicable income tax effects. A reconciliation of net income and net operating income is included herein.

M\&T BANK CORPORATION
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income
Dollars in thousands


Interest income $\$ 676,518$ 560,601 $21 \%$ \$1,314,839 1,106,733 19\%
Interest expense $229,016 \quad 126,805 \quad 81 \quad 425,282 \quad 253,634 \quad 68$
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Net interest income } & 447,502 & 433,796 & 3 & 889,557 & 853,099 & 4\end{array}$
Provision for credit

| losses | 19,000 | 30,000 | -37 | 43,000 | 50,000 | -14 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Net interest income
after provision
for credit losses $428,502403,796 \quad 6 \quad 846,557 \quad 803,099 \quad 5$
Other income

$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Total other income } 245,362 & 232,334 & 6 & 479,620 & 460,485 & 4\end{array}$


M\&T BANK CORPORATION
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet


LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(1) Reflects accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of applicable income tax effect, of $\$ 37.8$ million at June 30, 2005 and $\$ 15.7$ million at June 30, 2004.

## M\&T BANK CORPORATION

Condensed Consolidated Average Balance Sheet and Annualized Taxable-equivalent Rates

Dollars in millions


ASSETS


Core deposit and other

| intangible assets | 142 | 210 | -32 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other assets | 2,958 | 3,214 | -8 |
| Total assets | \$53,935 | 51,251 | 5\% |




ASSETS

| Money-market assets | $\$$ | 98 | $1.72 \%$ | 81 | $.87 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Investment securities | 8,583 | 4.36 | 7,729 | 4.13 | 11 |  |
| Loans and leases, net of |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| unearned discount |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Core deposit and other

| intangible assets | 150 | 220 | -32 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other assets | 2,981 | 3,275 | -9 |
| Total assets | \$53,622 | 50,583 | 6\% |



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