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BancorpSouth Announces Third Quarter Earnings Webcast Schedule

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> Officials of BancorpSouth, Inc. said today that the company will release third quarter 2002 earnings on Wednesday, October 16 following the market's closing. It will also hold its regularly scheduled webcast

on Thursday, October 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

The webcast is live coverage of management's conference call with analysts and can be found on the company's internet site (http://www.bancorpsouth.com/). This will be an interactive session between management and analysts; others may listen to the live broadcast as it happens. The conference will

also be available in archived format at the same address.

BancorpSouth is a \$10 billion-asset bank holding company. The company operates 240 banking and mortgage locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. In addition to providing traditional banking services, credit cards, mortgages, trust and fiduciary services, the company provides investment services through its subsidiary BancorpSouth Investment Services, Inc. and insurance services through its subsidiary BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc. BancorpSouth's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BXS.

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