

Community Bankers Trust Corporation Announces Delayed Filing of 2009 Annual Report

March 31, 2010

(Glen Allen, Virginia) – Community Bankers Trust Corporation, the holding company for Essex Bank (the “Company”) (NYSE Amex: BTC), announced today that it is unable to file its 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K by March 31, 2010, as it had previously expected. The Company has been in the process of addressing additional and enhanced disclosures with respect to its 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the three Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that it filed in 2009, based on comments that it received from the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Company continues to finalize these disclosures as they will appear in its 2009 Form 10-K. The Company is working diligently to complete and file the 2009 Form 10-K as soon as possible.

The Company will issue an earnings press release for the 2009 year when it files the 2009 Form 10-K.

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About Community Bankers Trust Corporation

The Company is the holding company for Essex Bank, a Virginia state bank with 25 full-service offices, 14 of which are in Virginia, seven of which are in Maryland and four of which are in Georgia. The Company also operates two loan production offices. Additional information is available on the Company’s website at www.cbtrustcorp.com.

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