

Newtek Small Business Lending Hires James DeSantis as Director of Credit Operations

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LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., May 29, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Newtek Business Services Corp., (NASDAQ: NEWT), an internally managed business development company ("BDC"), today announced that its portfolio company Newtek Small Business Lending has recruited and hired Mr. James DeSantis as Director of Credit Operations. Mr. DeSantis comes to Newtek Small Business Lending with an extensive background in credit underwriting, portfolio management, and lending operations. As Director of Credit Operations, Mr. DeSantis will report to Peter Downs, Chief Lending Officer, and will be responsible for supervising all aspects of credit and credit underwriting across Newtek's various lending programs. Prior to joining Newtek, Mr. DeSantis was Chief Credit Officer and Vice President at The Credit Junction Inc. Prior to The Credit Junction, Mr. DeSantis spent 14 years as a distinguished executive at GE Commercial Finance most recently as Senior Vice President, Portfolio and Underwriting Corporate Lending Group. Prior to GE, Mr. DeSantis held positions at Congress Financial Corporation, Bank of America Business Credit/Security Pacific and Citicorp. Industrial Credit.

Barry Sloane, Chief Executive Officer, said, "As we are growing our BDC and portfolio company lending programs – SBA 7(a), SBA 504, non-conforming conventional loans and receivables and inventory financing - adding the talent and experience of James DeSantis as an overall supervisor of credit and managing the underwriting teams will significantly enhance our lending operations and attention to credit detail. We are fortunate to be able to pick up someone with over 30 years' experience working for top lending organizations in the U.S. with a focus on middle-market and small- to medium-sized business credit. James DeSantis is now the third recent executive that comes to Newtek and its portfolio companies with a GE Commercial Finance pedigree and history."

About Newtek Business Services Corp.

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Newtek's and its portfolio companies' products and services include: <u>Business Lending, SBA Lending Solutions, Electronic Payment Processing, Technology Solutions (Cloud Computing, Data Backup, Storage and Retrieval, IT Consulting), eCommerce, Accounts Receivable Financing & Inventory Financing, Insurance Solutions, Web Services, and Payroll and Benefits Solutions.</u>

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