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NEWS RELEASE

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**USA Mortgage Debuts in Ohio by Opening  
20-Person Office in Beavercreek in Suburban Dayton;  
Targeting \$80 Million in Mortgage Volume in First Year**

***USA Mortgage is Affiliate of DAS Acquisition Co., LLC  
Missouri's #1 Home Lender and Now Licensed in 21 States***

BEAVERCREEK, OHIO – The largest private mortgage bank and mortgage lender in Missouri, **DAS Acquisition Co., LLC**, has opened a full-service home loan office under the **USA Mortgage** marketing banner at 70 Birch Alley, Suite 240, Beavercreek, (suburban Dayton) Ohio 45440.

Heading the 20-person office **Christopher Rines** and **Ryan Schrempp**, both 19-year veterans of the home lending industry. Additionally, Ryan's wife, **Candy**, is operations manager for the office.

Rines, Schrempp and 18 of their associates migrated to USA Mortgage from the Dayton office of privately held **MCS Mortgage Bankers, Inc.** based in Patchogue, New York.

***Projecting \$80 Million in Loan Volume in First Year***

"Recent reports of accelerating job growth across Ohio in the first quarter of 2017 are encouraging," said Rines. "We see Dayton and north suburban Cincinnati – the primary markets on which our office focuses – participating in that upturn and gaining momentum as 2017 unfolds. We project that the office will generate about

\$80 million of loan volume in its first year of operation, with that number growing in 2018 as we aggressively recruit to expand our team.”

In St. Louis, USA Mortgage has topped the \$1 billion mark in home loan volume annually since 2009 and been credited as Missouri’s largest home lender since 2014. Under the leadership of founder **Doug Schukar**, president and chief executive officer, DAS continues to expand across the U.S. Ohio becomes the 21<sup>st</sup> state in which it is licensed.

“With a record of team-oriented achievement spanning nearly two decades, we see Ryan and Chris as proven professionals who can expand our footprint in southwestern Ohio,” said Schukar.

A competitive differentiator for the St. Louis-based company is its ability to perform all home loan processing steps – from origination through closing and funding – in-house. “Our structure simplifies and significantly speeds the mortgage acquisition process,” said Rines. The lender offers a full range of **conventional**, **Federal Housing Administration (FHA)**, **Veterans Affairs (VA)** and **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** home loans for purchase or refinance.

Concluded Schrempp: “Our goal is to replicate in the region the market leadership USA Mortgage has achieved in Missouri. We believe our products and support infrastructure will prove instrumental in helping us to attract the caliber of licensed loan officer we seek.”

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**Editor’s Note:** After entering the mortgage industry in 1988 and becoming a key contributor to the success of several St. Louis home lenders, Douglas A. Schukar in 2001 launched his own company, DAS Acquisition Company, LLC. Its first purchase was the USA Mortgage marketing name. Under Schukar’s leadership, DAS/USA grew rapidly. Today, as the largest privately held mortgage banker in

Missouri, the Equal Housing lender is licensed in 21 states and employs more than 400 licensed loan officers and support professionals.

In the process, ***Inc.*** magazine named the firm one of America's Top 100 private job creators and on five occasions included DAS/USA on its annual ***Inc. 5000*** ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The firm has been tapped as a Top 50 mortgage originator by ***Scotsman Guide*** and nominated as a finalist to the **Ellie Mae Hall of Fame**. Schukar has also been selected as a regional finalist for the **Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award**.

In its home town and state, DAS/USA has been the #1 lender in metro St. Louis since 2012, the #1 lender in the **Missouri USDA Guaranteed Rural Housing** program since 2011 and Missouri's #1 overall mortgage originator since 2014.

The firm has also established a reputation as an exemplary employer. It has been a finalist in the ***St. Louis Business Journal's*** "Best Places to Work" competition on multiple occasions and honored with the Patriot Award, Pro Patria Award and Above and Beyond Award from a Missouri office of the **U.S. Department of Defense** for its comprehensive support of associates who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

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