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Citizens Bank provides \$24.5 million credit facility for Nixon, Inc.

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Providence, RI According to Citizens Bank, Citizens Commercial Banking is providing a \$24.5 million credit facility to Nixon, Inc., a leading global designer, marketer and distributor of watches, clothing and accessories. Citizens is the sole lead arranger.

Encinitas, CA-based Nixon will use the new credit facility for working capital and general corporate purposes.

A new Citizens client, Nixon is an action sports brand which designs, markets and distributes watches and related consumer accessories. Founded in 1998 with a small line of custom-built watches that were sold exclusively in specialty board sport and fashion retailers, Nixon now distributes its products in over 80 countries through third party dealers and retailers, as well as its own retail stores and e-commerce platform.

“Citizens bankers are trusted strategic and financial advisers who delivered clear and objective advice that has helped us enhance our business,” said Jennifer MacLellan, chief financial officer of Nixon. “They were able to bring great ideas to the table and execute the transaction quickly and seamlessly. We were also impressed by their treasury solutions capabilities and we look forward to working more closely with the team.”

“At Citizens, we think about the needs of our clients from their point of view and offer holistic solutions that deliver the combined strength of the entire bank,” said Chris Carmosino, head of business capital at Citizens Bank. “Providing asset-based lending credit facilities is just one of the ways that Citizens delivers substantial value for our clients at every stage of their business life cycle.”

Citizens is positioned as a strategic and financial partner, offering deep expertise, great ideas and seamless deal execution. The Citizens Commercial Banking approach puts clients first, and offers solutions that help clients make the best decisions throughout the life cycle of their business.

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