

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5870-5]

Proposed CERCLA Prospective Purchaser Agreement for the Rock Island Plating Works Site**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA").**ACTION:** Proposal of CERCLA Prospective Purchaser Agreement for the Rock Island Plating Works Site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499, notice is hereby given that a proposed prospective purchaser agreement ("PPA") for the Rock Island Plating Works Site ("the Site") located in Rock Island, Illinois, has been executed by the City of Rock Island. The proposed PPA has been submitted to the Attorney General for approval. The proposed PPA would resolve certain potential claims of the United States under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, against the City of Rock Island. The proposed PPA would require the City of Rock Island to pay the United States \$3,990 to be applied toward outstanding response costs incurred by the United States in conducting federally funded removal activities at the Site. The Site is not on the NPL. EPA will complete the removal action in August 1997. EPA does not anticipate taking further remedial action at the Site after the completion of the removal action.

DATES: Comments on the proposed PPA must be received by USEPA on or before September 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the proposed PPA is available for review at USEPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact Constandina Kallos at (312) 353-1027, prior to visiting the Region 5 office.

Comments on the proposed PPA should be addressed to Constandina A. Kallos, Office of Regional Counsel, USEPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (Mail Code C-29A), Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Constandina A. Kallos at (312) 353-1027, of the U.S. EPA Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel.

A 30-day period, commencing on the date of publication of this notice, is open for comments on the proposed

PPA. Comments should be sent to the addressee identified in this notice.

William E. Muno,

Director, Superfund Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 2, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Jeffery Hirsch, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *F.N.B. Corporation*, Hermitage, Pennsylvania; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Indian Rocks State Bank, Largo, Florida.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Midwest Community Bancshares, Inc.*, Marion, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Bank of Marion, Marion, Illinois.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Nichols Bancshares, Inc.*, Kenedy, Texas, and J.M. Nichols, Inc., Dover, Delaware; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First-Nichols National Bank of Kenedy, Kenedy, Texas.

D. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Pat Marshall, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *1867 Western Financial Corporation*, Stockton, California; to acquire at least 5 percent of the voting shares of Capital Corp of the West, Merced, California, and thereby indirectly acquire County Bank, Merced, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 1, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities**

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 21, 1997.