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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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 June 19, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York

(Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited*, Melbourne, Australia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Amerika Samoa Bank, Pago Pago, American Samoa.

B. **Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Lafayette Community Bancorp*, Lafayette, Indiana; to become a bank

holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Lafayette Community Bank (in organization), Lafayette, Indiana.

C. **Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Arvest Bank Group, Inc.*, Bentonville, Arkansas, and its subsidiary, First Bancshares, Incorporated, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; to retain 100 percent of the voting shares of State Bank and Trust, Tulsa, Oklahoma, following its conversion to a state chartered bank.

2. *Heritage Group, Inc.*, Aurora, Nebraska; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of City National Bank and Trust Company, Hastings, Nebraska.

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Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than June 9, 2000.

A. **Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervision) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Gary Arthur Rubel and Nancy Sue Rubel*, both of Englewood, Florida; to acquire voting shares of CNB Bancorp, Inc., Woodsfield, Ohio, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Citizens National Bank of Woodsfield, Woodsfield, Ohio.

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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, including the companies listed below, 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. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

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 June 9, 2000.

A. **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *First Gothenburg Bancshares, Inc.*, Gothenburg, Nebraska; Nebraska Bankshares, Inc., Gothenburg, Nebraska; and Stamford Banco, Inc., Stamford, Nebraska; to acquire First Gothenburg Bancshares, Inc., Gothenburg, Nebraska, through Cook Management, Inc., Gothenburg, Nebraska, and thereby engage in general insurance activities in a town of less than 5,000 in population, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(iii) of Regulation Y.