

**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 August 31, 1998.

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

1. *John Edwin Moats, M.D.*, Bryan, Ohio, and Mark Charles Moats, Defiance, Ohio; to acquire voting shares of Sherwood Banc Corporation, Sherwood, Ohio, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Sherwood State Bank, Sherwood, Ohio.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 11, 1998.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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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 11, 1998.

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

1. *National City Bancshares, Inc.*, Evansville, Indiana; to merge with Commonwealth Commercial Corp., Crittenden, Kentucky, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of Crittenden, Crittenden, Kentucky.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 11, 1998.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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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 11, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York** (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *Cooper Life Sciences, Inc. and Greater American Finance Group, Inc.*, both of New York, New York; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The Berkshire Bank, New York, New York.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Flag Financial Corporation*, LaGrange, Georgia; to merge with Empire Bank Corp., Homerville, Georgia, and thereby indirectly acquire Empire Banking Company, Homerville, Georgia.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire E.B.C. Financial Services, Inc., Homerville, Georgia, and thereby engage in insurance agency activities in a town of less than 5,000, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(iii) of Regulation Y.

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas** (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Eagle Lake Bancshares, Inc.*, Eagle Lake, Texas, and FINABEL Corporation, Dover, Delaware; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of The First National Bank, Eagle Lake, Texas.

2. *Keene Bancorp, Inc.*, 401(k) *Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust*, Keene, Texas; to acquire 47.12 percent of the voting shares of Keene Bancorp, Inc., Keene, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire First State Bank, Keene, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 12, 1998.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 20, 1998.