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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank 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 office 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 April 9, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Louis B. Olsen, Eagan, Minnesota*; to acquire voting shares of Northern Star Financial, Inc., Mankato, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly gain control of Northern Star Bank, Mankato, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 20, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy 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 (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 April 18, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Alliance Financial Corporation, Gastonia, North Carolina*; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of Alliance Bank and Trust Company, Gastonia, North Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (David Tatum, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Resurgens Bancorp, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia*; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Resurgens bank, Atlanta, Georgia (in organization).

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

1. *Central Bancorp, Inc., Garland, Texas*; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Jones County Bank, Haddock, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 20, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 31, 2008.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202-452-2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 21, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

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, 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 April 9, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *First Fontanelle Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, Fontanelle, Iowa*; to indirectly engage in insurance agency activities through Corn Belt Insurance Agency, Massena, Iowa, and thereby indirectly acquire First Fontanelle Bancorporation, Fontanelle, Iowa pursuant to section 225.28(b)(11)(iii)(A) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 20, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Availability of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) Test Method Evaluation Report: In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods for Estimating Starting Doses for Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Tests and the Final Background Review Document for In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods for Estimating Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity; Notice of Transmittal of ICCVAM Test Method Recommendations to Federal Agencies

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Availability of ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Report and Final Background Review Document.

SUMMARY: NICEATM announces availability of the *ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Report: In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods for Estimating Starting Doses for Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Tests* (NIH Publication 07-4519). The report describes two *in vitro* basal cytotoxicity neutral red uptake (NRU) test methods that can be used for estimating starting doses for acute oral toxicity tests. The report includes ICCVAM's (a) final test method recommendations on the use of these two test methods, (b) recommended test method protocols for future use, (c) recommendations for future studies to further characterize the usefulness and limitations of *in vitro* methods for assessing acute systemic toxicity, and (d) recommended performance standards for tests with similar scientific principles and that measure or predict acute oral systemic toxicity. The report recommends the use of these methods in a weight-of-evidence approach to determine starting doses for acute oral systemic toxicity tests with rodents. The report also recommends that these *in vitro* test methods be considered before using animals for acute oral systemic toxicity testing and used when determined appropriate.

NICEATM also announces the availability of the final *Background Review Document: In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods for Estimating Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity* (BRD) (NIH Publication 07-4518). The BRD provides data and analyses from a collaborative international validation study organized by NICEATM and the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) to evaluate the usefulness and limitations of two *in vitro* basal cytotoxicity NRU test methods using either BALB/c 3T3 mouse fibroblasts (3T3) or primary human epidermal keratinocytes (NHK) for estimating acute oral rodent toxicity.

Electronic copies of the ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Report and the BRD are available from the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov> or by contacting NICEATM (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Report and the final BRD have been forwarded to U.S. Federal agencies for regulatory and other acceptance considerations where applicable. Responses will be posted on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site as they are received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William S. Stokes, Director, NICEATM,

NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (phone) 919-541-2384, (fax) 919-541-0947, (e-mail) niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. Courier address: NICEATM, NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 2002, NICEATM and ECVAM initiated a collaborative, international, multi-laboratory validation study to independently evaluate the usefulness of the 3T3 and NHK NRU basal cytotoxicity test methods for estimating acute oral rodent toxicity and for estimating starting doses for *in vivo* rodent acute oral toxicity tests. The 3T3 and NHK NRU test methods were evaluated with 72 reference substances. Once the study was completed in January 2005, NICEATM prepared a draft BRD that contained comprehensive summaries of the data generated in the validation study, analyses of the relevance and reliability of the two test methods, and simulation analyses of the refinement (i.e., to lessen or avoid pain and distress) and reduction in animal use that might occur if these tests were used as adjuncts to two acute oral toxicity test methods (i.e., the Up-and-Down Procedure and the Acute Toxic Class method). The draft BRD was released for public comment on March 21, 2006 (**Federal Register**, Vol. 71, No. 54, pp. 14229-14231).

On May 23, 2006, NICEATM, on behalf of ICCVAM, convened an independent, scientific peer review panel meeting to review the draft BRD and evaluate the validation status of the 3T3 and NHK NRU test methods for determining starting doses for *in vivo* acute oral systemic toxicity tests. The peer review panel's report was released in July 2006 (**Federal Register**, Vol. 71, No. 132, pp. 39122-39123). At a public teleconference meeting on August 3, 2006 (**Federal Register**, Vol. 71, No. 132, pp. 39121-39122), the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM) reviewed and endorsed the conclusions of the peer review panel (minutes from the teleconference are available at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/files/SACATMAug06MinutesVF081506.pdf>).

ICCVAM considered the peer panel report, public comments, SACATM comments, and the draft BRD in finalizing its recommendations on the use of these two *in vitro* basal cytotoxicity test methods for estimating starting doses for acute oral systemic toxicity tests. The ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Report includes the ICCVAM