

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 3, 2006.

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

1. *Midwest Banc Holdings, Inc.*, Melrose Park, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Royal American Corporation, Inverness, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Royal American Bank, Inverness, Illinois.

In connection with this application, Midwest Bank and Trust Company, Elmwood Park, Illinois, has applied to merge with Royal American Bank, Inverness, Illinois.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Castle Creek Capital Partners, III, L.P.*; *Castle Creek Capital III, LLC*;

Eggemeyer Capital LLC; *Ruh Capital LLC*; *Legions IV Advisory Corp.*; *Western States Opportunity LLC*; *Eggemeyer Family Trust*; and *William J. Ruh Trust*, all of Rancho Santa Fe, California; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 89 percent of the voting shares of LDF, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Labe Bank, both of Chicago, Illinois. Comments regarding this application must be received not later than March 24, 2006.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 6, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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 6, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Jacqueline G. King, Community Affairs Officer) 90

Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Lake Bank Shares, Inc.*, *Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Emmons, Minnesota; to increase its ownership of Lake Bank Shares, Inc., Emmons, Minnesota from 35.68 percent to 65.67 percent, and thereby indirectly acquire Security Bank of Minnesota, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 7, 2006.

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 March 24, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Castle Creek Capital III, LLC*; *Castle Creek Capital Partners, III, L.P.*; *Eggemeyer Capital LLC*; *Ruh Capital LLC*, and *Legions IV Advisory Corp.*, all