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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF NORTHWEST BANK, DALLAS, TEXAS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits and fully secured or preferred deposits of the Northwest Bank, Dallas, Texas, to Haltom Bank (American Bank of Haltom City), Haltom City, Texas. The failed bank's two offices will reopen on Friday, January 22, 1988, as branches of Haltom Bank.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because of an inability to determine the value of assets or the extent of liabilities of the bank.

Northwest Bank, with total assets of \$57.1 million, was closed on Thursday, January 21, 1988, by Kenneth W. Littlefield, Texas Banking Commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

At the time the bank closed, its deposits totalled about \$51.9 million in 5,000 deposit accounts including \$1.6 million in 45 accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from the liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

Deposits in the failed bank up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000 will be available to their owners immediately. Checks drawn on the failed bank's accounts will continue to be honored.

Even though insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank for an 18-month period, they are encouraged to visit the bank during the next several

weeks to discuss the continuation of their banking relationship with the acquiring bank. From the standpoint of customer convenience and service, it would be preferable for these visits to be spread out over the next month or longer than to occur within the next week or so.

Administration of the transferred insured deposits will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. The acquiring bank is paying the FDIC a premium of \$25,000 for the right to receive the transferred deposits, and will purchase other assets of the failed bank for \$15.0 million.

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