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FDIC SELLS DELAWARE BRIDGE BANK, N.A., TO CITIBANK (DELAWARE)

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today approved the purchase of the credit card receivables (constituting the bulk of the assets) of Delaware Bridge Bank, National Association, Newark, Delaware, by Citibank (Delaware), New Castle, Delaware, thus concluding the competitive bidding process for the former credit card subsidiary of First Republic Bank Corporation, Dallas, Texas. Proceeds from the sale of the credit card receivables will be more than ample to cover all of the bank's liabilities.

Consummation of the acquisition is expected in about three weeks after necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. All credit card customers of Delaware Bridge Bank, National Association, will continue to receive uninterrupted service during this three-week interim period and will automatically become customers of Citibank (Delaware) once the acquisition is completed.

Delaware Bridge Bank, National Association, was chartered on August 2, 1988, to assume the assets and liabilities of First Republic Bank Delaware, which was closed on August 2 by order of the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware. The institution's liquidity was impaired following the closing on July 29, 1988, of its Dallas-based holding company's 40 bank subsidiaries.

Delaware Bridge Bank, National Association, was chartered under authority of the Competitive Equality Banking Act of 1987 after the FDIC's Board determined that utilization of its bridge bank authority was the most cost

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effective way to preserve existing credit card services and allow the FDIC sufficient time to arrange a permanent transaction with another financial institution. The bridge bank has been managed, under contract, by NCNB Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, which purchased the other bank subsidiaries of First Republic Bank Corporation.

Delaware Bridge Bank, National Association, had assets of approximately \$662 million. Citibank (Delaware) will pay approximately \$781,776,216 for an estimated \$622,830,000 in credit card receivables.

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