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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF INDUSTRIAL NATIONAL BANK OF EAST CHICAGO, EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today approved the assumption of the deposit liabilities of Industrial Bank of East Chicago, East Chicago, Indiana, by Mercantile National Bank of Indiana, Hammond, Indiana.

The failed bank's only office will reopen on Friday, April 4, 1986, as a branch of Mercantile National Bank of Indiana and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

Industrial National Bank of East Chicago, which had total assets of \$8.8 million, was closed on Thursday, April 3, 1986, by Robert J. Hermann, Acting Senior Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Mercantile National Bank of Indiana will assume about \$8.0 million in 1,900 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$835,000. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's loans and other assets for \$5.8 million. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance \$2.0 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$3.0 million.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC. The Board made such a finding in this case because of the premium paid by Mercantile National Bank of Indiana.

The FDIC will recover a portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming bank. In this respect, the FDIC notes that its claim will have priority over the claims of shareholders of the closed bank.