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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF INSURED DEPOSITS OF
REGENT THRIFT AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the insured deposits of Regent Thrift and Loan Association, San Francisco, California, by Metropolitan Bank, Oakland, California.

The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Saturday, September 18, 1993, as a branch of Metropolitan Bank, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

Regent Thrift and Loan, with total assets of \$8.1 million, was closed on Friday, September 17, 1993, by Gary S. Mendoza, California Commissioner of Corporations, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Metropolitan Bank will assume about \$7.1 million in about 430 deposit accounts. At the time the bank closed, about \$335,000 in seven accounts exceeded the federal \$100,000 insurance limit and will not be assumed by Metropolitan Bank.

The FDIC Board also voted to make a prompt advance payment to uninsured depositors which will equal 80 percent of the uninsured claims. Customers with uninsured deposits should contact an FDIC claims agent at the failed bank's office to make arrangements for payment.

The assuming bank will purchase \$4.6 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$200,000. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$2.7 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of

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the failed bank with a book value of about \$3.8 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 FDIC notes that, pursuant to federal law, its claim on recoveries from the sale of the failed bank's assets will have priority over non-depositor creditors of the failed bank.

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