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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF THE NORWALK BANK, NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits of The Norwalk Bank, Norwalk, Connecticut, by The Bank of Darien, Darien, Connecticut.

The failed bank's main office will reopen on Monday, April 27, 1992, as a branch of The Bank of Darien. The bank's drive-thru facility will reopen on Saturday, April 25, 1992, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Neither office will be open on Sunday, but both offices will open on Monday. The failed bank's depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

The Norwalk Bank, with total assets of \$84.6 million, was closed on Friday, April 24, 1992, by Ralph M. Shulansky, Connecticut Bank Commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The Bank of Darien will assume about \$76.8 million in about 6,100 deposit accounts and will purchase \$34.1 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$353,000. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$43.0 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$50.5 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 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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