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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF
THE SOMERSWORTH BANK, SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits of The Somersworth Bank, Somersworth, New Hampshire, by New Dartmouth Bank, Manchester, New Hampshire.

The failed bank's sole offices will reopen on Saturday, June 27, 1992, as a branch of New Dartmouth Bank, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

The Somersworth Bank, with total assets of \$109.9 million, was closed on Friday, June 26, 1992, by Roland A. Roberge, New Hampshire Bank Commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

New Dartmouth Bank will assume about \$103.9 million in about 11,000 deposit accounts. It will purchase \$50.2 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$4.5 million. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$58.3 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$67.3 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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