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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF
SEACOAST SAVINGS BANK, DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits of Seacoast Savings Bank, Dover, New Hampshire, by First Savings and Loan Association of New Hampshire, Exeter, New Hampshire.

Seacoast Savings Bank, with total assets of \$82.3 million, was closed on Friday, August 28, 1992, by A. Roland Roberge, New Hampshire bank commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The failed bank's four offices will reopen on Saturday, August 29, 1992, as branches of First Savings and Loan Association of New Hampshire, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

First Savings and Loan Association of New Hampshire will assume about \$64.8 million in about 15,000 deposit accounts. It did not assume uninsured deposits. First Savings and Loan Association of New Hampshire will pay a premium of \$602,000 for the right to receive the failed bank's insured deposits and will purchase \$49.1 million of the failed bank's assets.

To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$15 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$35.9 million.

The Board of Directors also voted to make an advance payment to uninsured depositors equal to 84 percent of their verifiable claims. The payment is based on an estimate of assets to be liquidated. If actual collections on the assets exceed this estimate, uninsured depositors will ultimately receive additional payments on their claim.

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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.

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