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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF IMPERIAL BANK, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and secured liabilities of Imperial Bank, Coral Gables, Florida, by Commercebank, National Association, Miami, Florida. The failed bank's two offices will reopen on Monday, April 2, 1990, as branches of Commercebank, National Association, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

Imperial Bank, with total assets of about \$21.6 million, was closed on Friday, March 30, 1990, by Gerald Lewis, State Comptroller, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Commercebank, National Association, will assume about \$21.8 million in 4,500 deposit accounts and will pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$152,555. It also will purchase approximately \$15.9 million of the failed bank's assets, including about \$0.6 million of the bank's small loans.

To facilitate the transaction the FDIC will advance \$5.7 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of \$5.7 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 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 nondepositor creditors and shareholders of the closed bank.

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