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ST. LOUIS — The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, today approved the application of Magna Group, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of River Bend Bancshares, Inc., East Alton, Illinois, thereby acquiring its wholly owned subsidiary, Illinois Bank & Trust, East Alton, Illinois.

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