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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 applications by Mark Twain Bancshares Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and Mark Twain Acquisition Corp. II, St. Louis, Missouri, to acquire at least 90 percent of the voting shares of Northland Bancshares, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, thereby indirectly acquiring First National Bank of Platte County, Kansas City, Missouri.

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