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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 notification by First Banks, Inc., Creve Coeur, Missouri, and its bank holding company subsidiaries, First Banks America, Inc., Houston, Texas, and Sundowner Corporation, Reno, Nevada, to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Surety Bank, Vallejo, California.

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