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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Effective May 22, 2009, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, approved the application by Midland States Bank, Effingham, Illinois, to purchase certain assets and assume certain deposits and other liabilities of Strategic Capital Bank, Champaign, Illinois, and to operate the former main office of Strategic Capital Bank as a branch of Midland States Bank, pursuant to the emergency provisions (immediate action) of the Bank Merger Act and Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act.

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