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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — 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 Security First Bancshares, Inc., O'Fallon, Illinois, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of at least 68 percent of Bank of O'Fallon, O'Fallon, Illinois.

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