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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 BCAC, Inc., Rosiclare, Illinois, to become a bank holding company and a financial holding company through the acquisition of at least 66.7 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Banterra Corp., Eldorado, Illinois. Banterra Corp owns 100 percent of Banterra Bank, Marion, Illinois, 13.8 of First of Murphysboro Corp., and 2.5 percent of First of Murphysboro Corp.'s subsidiary bank, The First Bank and Trust Company of Murphysboro, both located in Murphysboro, Illinois.

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