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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 filing by First Banks, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and its subsidiary bank holding company, The San Francisco Company, San Francisco, California, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Hillside Investors, Ltd., Hillside, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire its subsidiary bank, CIB Bank, Hillside, Illinois. Also approved today was a companion filing by First Bank, Inc.'s subsidiary bank, First Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, to merge with CIB Bank.

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