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Wichita, KS and Overland Park, KS. On September 4, 2007, the Board of Signature Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Signature Bank KC ("Signature"), and the Board of Equity Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Equity Bank, N.A. ("Equity"), announced the approval by both boards of an agreement to merge the two Kansas based companies (the "Merger"). The completion of the Merger was subject to various closing conditions, including obtaining the approval of Signature's and Equity's stockholders and receiving certain regulatory approvals.

In October of 2007 the shareholders of both Equity Bancshares and Signature Bancshares overwhelmingly approved the Merger. In that same month, all of the bank's regulatory agencies, the Federal Reserve, the Office of the State Banking Commission of Kansas and the Comptroller of the Currency, approved the Merger.

Equity is now pleased to announce the closing of the Merger effective November 29, 2007. Signature's branches in Overland Park, KS and Spring Hill, KS are now re-branded under the Equity banner, and Signature's branch in Haddam, KS will continue to operate as Signature Bank KC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Equity. Equity now has approximately \$300 million in assets, and operates four banking offices in the Wichita MSA and three banking offices in the Kansas City metro area, along with the Haddam location.

Brad Elliott, Chairman of Equity, commented that "...the Merger went extremely well and right on schedule. The positive response from the Signature shareholders and their Board to merge with Equity and become part of our future success was tremendous. The footprint that Equity has now established in the two largest cities in Kansas will allow for many more competitive advantages for our customers and our shareholders."

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