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Overland Park, KS and Wichita, KS. On September 4, 2007, Signature Bancshares, Inc. ("Signature") and Equity Bancshares, Inc. ("Equity") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which Signature and Equity will combine their businesses (the "Merger"). The Board of Signature, holding company for Signature Bank KC, and the Board of Equity, holding company for Equity Bank, N.A., today announced the approval by both boards of an agreement to merge the two Kansas based companies.

The completion of the Merger is subject to various closing conditions, including obtaining the approval of Signature's and Equity's stockholders and receiving certain regulatory approvals.

Equity and Signature expect to close the proposed transaction by the last quarter of 2007.

Bill Bryant, Chairman, President and CEO of Signature, commented that "The merger will combine two focused companies with very comparable strategies. We will be well-positioned to capture market share in the two largest population centers in the Kansas with the merger."

Speaking on behalf of Equity, Chairman and CEO Brad Elliott said that the merger "...will allow both companies to take even greater advantage of the market potential in both Kansas City and Wichita and create a very talented and experienced executive management team. The synergies of the proposed transaction hopefully will create a solid banking platform for future growth, which should be beneficial to shareholders of the combined organizations."

As of June 30, 2007, Signature had total assets of \$62.3 million and operated three banking offices located in Overland Park, KS, Spring Hill, KS and Haddam, KS. Equity had total assets of \$227 million and has five locations: Wichita, KS (3), Andover, KS and Lee's Summit, MO. The combined organization would have approximately \$300 million in assets.

The foregoing description of the Merger and the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement. For more information, please contact Brad Elliott at (316) 858-3106 or Bill Bryant at (913) 592-5719.