

STATE BANK

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State Bank and Trust Raises Capital and Acquires Assets and Deposits of
Security Banks From FDIC

Team Led by Former Flag Bank CEO Joe Evans, Other Veteran Bankers To
Manage State Bank

\$300 million To Be Injected, Making State Bank and Trust
One of Best Capitalized Banks in Georgia

MACON, Georgia July 24 -- Georgia Department of Banking and Finance announced today that State Bank and Trust Company, led by veteran bank executive Joe Evans, has agreed to acquire assets and deposits of the six community banks operated by Security Bank Corp. in a transaction facilitated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). State Bank raised approximately \$300 million in capital to support the acquisition.

Bank branches in Middle Georgia and North Metro Atlanta previously owned and operated by the six bank charters of Security Bank Corp., headquartered in Macon, will reopen on Saturday morning as branches of State Bank.

Evans, a native of nearby Smarr, Georgia, is the former CEO of Flag Financial Corp., Century South Banks, and Bank Corporation of Georgia. His banking career spans over 30 years serving communities in Middle and North Georgia. Evans has partnered with Dan Speight and Kim Childers, both of whom were previously senior executives with Flag Financial.

“We believe it is very significant to the Middle Georgia economy to have its largest bank restored to an exceptionally healthy condition. Dan, Kim, and I are extremely pleased to welcome the Security Bank customers and employees to State Bank,” said Evans, who will serve as chairman and chief executive officer of the bank.

Speight, who resides in Pinehurst, Georgia, spent more than 20 years with Citizens Bank of Vienna and Flag Bank, where he was CEO of Citizens Bank and vice chairman/director of Flag Bank. He will serve as State Bank’s vice chairman and chief operating officer.

Childers, from Fort Valley, Georgia, will be State Bank’s president and chief credit officer. He held a number of senior positions with Bank Corporation of Georgia, Century South Banks, Flag Bank and RBC Centura Bank after its acquisition of Flag, including executive vice president/chief credit officer.

To enable the purchase, Evans, Speight, and Childers worked with State Bank and Trust, a five-year-old community bank in Pinehurst, Georgia. With FBR Capital Markets serving as placement agent, State Bank raised close to \$300 million, including investments from the executive management team.

"Our first order of business is to assure Security Bank customers that their deposits are safe, sound and readily accessible," Evans said. "With the Security acquisition and a large injection of fresh capital, State Bank begins its new history as one of the healthiest financial institutions in the country, with a sound balance sheet and very strong capital ratios. We are ready to do business."

"We want our banking experience and capital to have a positive impact on the economic recovery," said Evans. "This is our home. We care about these communities."

The acquisition became effective at the close of business on Friday, after state regulators closed the banks and named the FDIC as receiver. The FDIC then approved the whole bank acquisition with loss share of the six Security Bank banks by State Bank, which includes all deposits as well as certain loans and other assets.

The six bank charters involved in the State Bank acquisition are: Security Bank of Bibb County in Macon and Griffin, Georgia; Security Bank of Houston County in Perry and Warner Robins, Georgia; Security Bank of Jones County in Gray, Georgia; Security Bank of North Metro in Woodstock, Georgia; Security Bank of North Fulton in Alpharetta, Georgia and Security Bank of Gwinnett County in Suwanee, Georgia. Security Real Estate Services Inc., a subsidiary of Security Bank of Bibb County and formerly known as Fairfield Financial, is not part of the acquisition.

Evans added: "On behalf of State Bank and its shareholders, I want to thank both the FDIC and Georgia Department of Banking and Finance for their tireless efforts in helping us get to this point."

Clients of Security Bank should continue to use their existing branches, checks, ATM or debit cards. If former Security Bank clients have any questions regarding their accounts involved in this transaction, they should continue to use the same channels as they have in the past, including contacting their local branch. All office and branches will be open during their normal days and hours as in the past.

For more information, bank customers can contact State Bank at 1-800-414-4177 or visit their branch location. They can also go to www.StateBT.com.

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