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State Regulators Close Founders Group and Appoint the FDIC as Receiver

*State Action Ensures All Depositors Are Protected
With No Losses to Consumers*

CHICAGO -- The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking today closed the Founders Group headquartered in Worth, IL. The Founder's group is comprised of 8 banks, 6 of which were placed in receivership. The banks all had common ownership.

The five state chartered banks closed and their assets as of March 31, 2009 are as follows: John Warner Bank, Clinton (\$ 71 million) First State Bank of Winchester, Winchester;(\$ 32 million) First State Bank of Elizabeth, Elizabeth;(\$ 58 million) Rock River Bank, Oregon (\$ 77 million) and Founders Bank, Worth. (\$ 966 million) In addition, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency closed First National Bank of Danville, Danville(\$ 164 million) a nationally chartered bank.

Two of the banks owned by the Founders Group of banks were not affected. They include Peotone Bank and Trust Company, Peotone and The First National Bank of Gilman, Gilman, Illinois.

No depositors lost any funds as a result of the receivership and the closed banks have been acquired by the following institutions:

The State Bank of Lincoln, Lincoln has assumed the deposits and selected liabilities of The John Warner Bank, Clinton. The State Bank of Lincoln, a \$ 188 million bank will also assume the trust accounts of the bank.

The First National Bank of Beardstown, Beardstown has assumed the deposits and selected liabilities of The First State Bank of Winchester, Winchester. The First National Bank of Beardstown is a \$ 55 million bank.



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The Private Bank and Trust Company, Chicago has assumed the deposits and selected liabilities of Founders Bank, Worth. The Private Bank and Trust Company is a \$ 8.7 billion bank headquartered in Chicago. The Private bank will also assume the trust accounts of Founders Bank.

The Harvard State Bank, Harvard has assumed the deposits and selected liabilities of Rock River Bank, Oregon. The Harvard State Bank is a \$ 171 million bank headquartered in Harvard, Illinois.

First Financial Bank, N.A., Terra Haute, Indiana has assumed the deposits and selected liabilities of the First National Bank of Danville, Danville. First Financial Bank is a \$ 2.2. billion bank.

The Galena State Bank and Trust, Galena, has assumed the deposits and selected liabilities of the Elizabeth State Bank, Elizabeth. The Galena State Bank and Trust is a \$ 228 million bank located in Galena.

“State chartered banks which comprised the Founders Group were closed as they were operated in an unsafe and unsound manner and did not have sufficient capital to provide adequate protection to the depositors. The board of directors of the banks were either unwilling or unable to infuse the capital needed to bring the banks to a safe and sound condition,” said Jorge Solis, Director of Banking for the State of Illinois.

Customers with questions about how deposit insurance works or who would like more information about the failure can visit the FDIC’s web site at www.fdic.gov or call the FDIC toll-free at 1-877ASK FDIC.

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