AS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER , 1996

REGISTRATION NO. 333-15375

NB CAPITAL TRUST I (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction or organization)

56-6490299

(I.R.S. employer identification number)

NB CAPITAL TRUST III

DELAWARE

56-6490302

(I.R.S. employer identification number)

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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<C> <S> NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) NORTH CAROLINA

(State or other jurisdiction or organization) 56-0906609

(I.R.S. employer identification number)

NB CAPITAL TRUST II

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction or organization) (State or other jurisdiction or organization) 56-6490301

(I.R.S. employer identification number)

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NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, NATIONSBANK CORPORATE CENTER, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28255 (704) 386-5000

(address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code of

registrant's principal executive offices)

PAUL J. POLKING

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION NATIONSBANK CORPORATE CENTER CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28255

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement. THE REGISTRANTS HEREBY AMEND THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANTS SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT, OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(A), MAY DETERMINE.

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> SUBJECT TO COMPLETION PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1996

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(TO PROSPECTUS DATED NOVEMBER , 1996)

20,000,000 PREFERRED SECURITIES NB CAPITAL TRUST I % TRUST ORIGINATED PREFERRED SECURITIES (SM) ("TOPRS (SM)")

NATIONSBANK (Register mark)

The % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Preferred Securities") offered hereby represent preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of NB Capital Trust I, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware ("NB Capital Trust" or the "Trust"). NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation ("NationsBank"

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SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE S-6 OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION RELEVANT TO AN INVESTMENT IN THE PREFERRED SECURITIES.

The Preferred Securities have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "New York Stock Exchange"), subject to notice of issuance. Trading of the Preferred Securities on the New York Stock Exchange is expected to commence within a 30-day period after the initial delivery of the Preferred Securities. See "Underwriting."

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (THE "COMMISSIONER") OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR THE PROSPECTUS TO WHICH IT RELATES. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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		PRICE TO		UNDERWRITING	
PROCEEDS TO					
		PUBLIC (1)		DISCOUNT (2)	
TRUST (3) (4)					
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Per Preferred Security		\$		(3)	
\$					
Total (5)		\$		(3)	
\$					

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- (1) Plus accrued distributions, if any, from December , 1996.
- (2) NB Capital Trust and NationsBank have agreed to indemnify the several Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. See "Underwriting."
- (3) In view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Preferred Securities will be invested in the Junior Subordinated Notes, NationsBank has agreed to pay to the Underwriters as compensation (the "Underwriters' Compensation") for their arranging the investment therein of such proceeds \$ per Preferred Security (or \$ in the aggregate); provided, that such compensation for sales of 10,000 or more Preferred Securities to a single purchaser will be \$ per Preferred Security. Therefore, to the extent of such sales, the actual amount of Underwriters' Compensation will be less than the aggregate amount specified in the preceding sentence. See "Underwriting."
- (4) Expenses of the offering which are payable by NationsBank estimated to be \$
- (5) NB Capital Trust has granted the several Underwriters an option to purchase, exercisable within 30 days from the date of this Prospectus Supplement, up to an additional Preferred Securities solely to cover over-allotments, if any. If all such Preferred Securities are purchased the total Price to Public and Proceeds to the Trust will be \$ and the aggregate Underwriters' Compensation will be \$. See "Underwriting."

The Preferred Securities are offered by the several Underwriters subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and acceptance by them, subject to approval of certain legal matters by counsel for the Underwriters and certain other conditions. The Underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify such offer and to reject orders in whole or in part. It is expected that delivery of the Preferred Securities will be made only in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Corporation, on or about December , 1996.

A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.

PAINEWEBBER INCORPORATED

PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED

SMITH BARNEY INC.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is November , 1996.

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or the "Corporation"), will own all the common securities (the "Common Securities" and, together with the Preferred Securities, the "Trust Securities") representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of NB Capital Trust. NB Capital Trust exists for the sole purpose of issuing the Trust Securities and investing the proceeds thereof in an equivalent amount of % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes, due 2026 (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") of NationsBank. The Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities in respect of which this Prospectus Supplement is being delivered shall be referred to herein as the "Offered Securities." The Junior Subordinated , 2026 (the "Stated Maturity"). The Junior Notes will mature on Subordinated Notes when issued will be unsecured obligations of NationsBank and will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to other indebtedness of the Corporation, as described herein. Upon an Event of Default under the Declaration (as defined herein), the holders of Preferred Securities will have a preference over the holders of the Common Securities with respect to payments in respect of distributions and payments upon redemption, liquidation and otherwise.

Holders of the Preferred Securities are entitled to receive cumulative cash distributions at an annual rate of percent of the liquidation amount of \$25 per Preferred Security, accruing from the date of original issuance and payable quarterly in arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each ("distributions"). The payment of distributions out year, commencing of moneys held by NB Capital Trust and payments on liquidation of NB Capital Trust or the redemption of Preferred Securities, as set forth below, are quaranteed on a subordinated basis by NationsBank (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee") to the extent described herein and under "Description of Preferred Securities Guarantees" in the accompanying Prospectus. The Preferred Securities Guarantee covers payments of distributions and other payments on the Preferred Securities only if and to the extent that NB Capital Trust has funds available therefor which will only occur if NationsBank has made a payment of interest or principal or other payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes held by NB Capital Trust as its sole asset. The Preferred Securities Guarantee, when taken together with the Corporation's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Indenture (as defined herein) and its obligations under the Declaration, including its liabilities to pay costs, expenses, debts and obligations of NB Capital Trust (other than with respect to the Trust Securities), provide a full and unconditional quarantee on a subordinated basis of amounts due on the Preferred Securities. See "Risk Factors -- Rights Under the Preferred Securities Guarantee" herein. The obligations of NationsBank under the Preferred Securities Guarantee rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of NationsBank (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Corporation and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by NationsBank in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any affiliate of the Corporation, and (iii) senior to the Corporation's common stock. The obligations of NationsBank under the Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all present and future Senior Obligations (as defined herein) of NationsBank, which were approximately \$17.6 billion at September 30, 1996. The Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by the Trust may be subsequently distributed pro rata to holders of the Trust Securities in connection with the dissolution of the Trust.

The distribution rate and the distribution payment date and other payment dates for the Preferred Securities will correspond to the interest rate and interest payment dates and other payment dates on the Junior Subordinated Notes, which will be the sole assets of the Trust. As a result, if NationsBank does not

make principal or interest payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes, the Trust will not have sufficient funds to make distributions on the Preferred Securities; in which event, the Preferred Securities Guarantee will not apply to such distributions until the Trust has sufficient funds available therefor.

So long as NationsBank is not in default in the payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes, it has the right to defer payments of interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes by extending the interest payment period on the Junior Subordinated Notes for up to 20 consecutive quarters (each, an "Extension Period"), provided that no Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes. If interest payments are so deferred, distributions on the Preferred Securities will also be deferred. During such Extension Period, distributions will continue to accrue with interest thereon (to the extent permitted by applicable law) at an annual rate of percent per annum compounded quarterly, and during any Extension

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Period, holders of Preferred Securities will be required to include deferred interest income in their gross income for United States federal income tax purposes in advance of receipt of the cash distributions with respect to such deferred interest payments. There could be multiple Extension Periods of varying lengths throughout the term of the Junior Subordinated Notes. See "Risk Factors -- Option to Extend Interest Payment Period"; "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes -- Option to Extend Interest Payment Period"; and "United States Federal Income Taxation -- Interest Income and Original Issue Discount."

The Junior Subordinated Notes are redeemable by NationsBank, in whole or in part, from time to time, on or after part, prior to the prior approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board"). If NationsBank redeems the Junior Subordinated Notes, the Trust must redeem Trust Securities on a pro rata basis having an aggregate liquidation amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes or redeemed at \$25 per Preferred Security plus accrued and unpaid distributions thereon (the "Redemption Price") to the date fixed for redemption. See "Description of the Preferred Securities — Mandatory Redemption." The Preferred Securities will be redeemed upon maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes.

NationsBank will have the right at any time to liquidate the Trust and cause the Junior Subordinated Notes to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities, provided that NationsBank has received prior approval from the Federal Reserve Board, if required. If the Junior Subordinated Notes are distributed to the holders of the Preferred Securities, NationsBank will use its best efforts to have the Junior Subordinated Notes listed on the New York Stock Exchange or on such other exchange as the Preferred Securities are then listed. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Tax Event Redemption" and "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes."

In the event of the involuntary or voluntary dissolution, winding up or termination of the Trust, the holders of the Preferred Securities will be entitled to receive for each Preferred Security a liquidation amount of \$25 plus accrued and unpaid distributions thereon (including interest thereon) to the date of payment, unless, in connection with such dissolution, the Junior Subordinated Notes are distributed to the holders of the Preferred Securities. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution." Any such distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes may be subject to the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS THAT STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH TRANSACTIONS MAY BE EFFECTED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, IN THE OVER-THE-COUNTER MARKET OR OTHERWISE. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OR BANK DEPOSITS, ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PREFERRED SECURITIES ARE GUARANTEED BY NATIONSBANK AS DESCRIBED HEREIN), ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND INVOLVE INVESTMENT RISKS,

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NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

NationsBank is a multi-bank holding company established as a North Carolina corporation in 1968 and is registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"), with its principal assets being the stock of its subsidiaries. Through its banking subsidiaries (the "Banks") and its various non-banking subsidiaries, NationsBank provides banking and banking-related services, primarily throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and Texas. The principal executive offices of NationsBank are located at NationsBank Corporate Center in Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. Its telephone number is (704) 386-5000.

NB CAPITAL TRUST

NB Capital Trust is a statutory business trust formed under Delaware law pursuant to (i) a declaration of trust, dated as of October 29, 1996, executed by NationsBank, as sponsor (the "Sponsor"), and the trustees of NB Capital Trust (the "NB Trustees") and (ii) a certificate of trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 1, 1996. The initial declaration will be amended and restated in its entirety (as so amended and restated, the "Declaration") substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus form a part. The Declaration will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"). Upon issuance of the Preferred Securities, the purchasers thereof will own all of the Preferred Securities. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Company." NationsBank will directly or indirectly acquire all the Common Securities which will represent an aggregate liquidation amount equal to at least 3 percent of the total capital of NB Capital Trust. NB Capital Trust exists for the exclusive purposes of (i) issuing the Trust Securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust, (ii) investing the gross proceeds of the Trust Securities in the Junior Subordinated Notes and (iii) engaging in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto.

Pursuant to the Declaration, the number of NB Trustees will initially be five. Three of the NB Trustees (the "Regular Trustees") will be persons who are employees or officers of, or who are affiliated with, NationsBank. The fourth trustee will be a financial institution that is unaffiliated with NationsBank, which trustee will serve as institutional trustee under the Declaration and as indenture trustee for the purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act (the "Property Trustee"). The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, will be the Property Trustee until removed or replaced by the holder of the Common Securities. For purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act, The Bank of New York will act as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee") under the Preferred Securities Guarantee and as Debt Trustee (as defined herein) under the Indenture. The fifth trustee will be an entity that maintains its principal place of business in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"). Initially, The Bank of New York (Delaware), an affiliate of the Property Trustee, will act as Delaware Trustee. See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" in the accompanying Prospectus and "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Voting Rights" herein.

The Property Trustee will hold title to the Junior Subordinated Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Trust Securities and in such capacity will have the power to exercise all rights, powers and privileges under the Indenture. In addition, the Property Trustee will maintain exclusive control of a segregated non-interest-bearing bank account (the "Property Account") to hold all payments made in respect of the Junior Subordinated Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Trust Securities. The Property Trustee will make payments of distributions and payments on liquidation, redemption and otherwise to the holders of the Trust Securities out of funds from the Property Account. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee will hold the Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities. NationsBank, as the direct or indirect holder of all the Common Securities, will have the right to appoint, remove or replace any NB Trustee and to increase or decrease the number of NB Trustees. NationsBank will pay all fees and expenses related to NB Capital Trust and the offering of the Trust Securities. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes -- Miscellaneous."

The rights of the holders of the Preferred Securities, including economic rights, rights to information and voting rights, are set forth in the Declaration, the Delaware Business Trust Act (the "Trust Act") and the Trust Indenture Act. See "Description of the Preferred Securities."

The following selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 1995 are derived from financial statements of the Corporation audited by Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants. The financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995 are derived from unaudited financial statements. The unaudited financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals, that the Corporation considers necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position and the results of its operations as of such dates and for such periods. Results for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 are not necessarily indicative of the results that might be expected for any other interim period or for the year as a whole. <TABLE>

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CAL IION		MONTHS TEMBER 30,	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			
	1996	1995	1995	1994	1993	
1992 <\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>	
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RATIOS)	,					
<pre>Income statement: Income from earning assets \$ 7,780</pre>	\$ 10,438	\$ 9,859	\$ 13,220	\$ 10,529	\$ 8,327	
Interest expense	5,699	5,825	7,773	5,318	3,690	
Net interest income	4,739	4,034	5,447	5,211	4,637	
Provision for credit losses	455	240	382	310	430	
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	34	8	29	(13)	84	
Noninterest income	2,688	2,232	3,078	2,597	2,101	
Merger-related charge	118				30	
Other noninterest expense (including OREO expense)4,149	4,212	3,831	5,181	4,930	4,371	
Income before income taxes and effect of change in method of accounting for income taxes	2,676	2,203	2,991	2 , 555	1,991	
1,396	,	•	·	•	·	
Income tax expense (benefit)	933	763	1,041	865	690	
Income before effect of change in method of accounting for income taxes	1,743	1,440	1,950	1,690	1,301	
1,145 Effect of change in method of accounting for income						
taxes					200	
Net income	1,743	1,440	1,950	1,690	1,501	
Net income applicable to common shareholders	1,732	1,434	1,942	1,680	1,491	
1,121 Per common share:						
Earnings before effect of change in method of accounting for income taxes	\$ 5.82	\$ 5.26	\$ 7.13	\$ 6.12	\$ 5.00	
\$ 4.60 Earnings	5.82	5.26	7.13	6.12	5.78	
4.60 Cash dividends paid	1.74	1.50	2.08	1.88	1.64	
1.51 Shareholders' equity (period-end)	45.77	44.00	46.52	39.70	36.39	
30.80 Balance sheet (period-end):						
Total assets\$118,059	\$187 , 671	\$182,138	\$187 , 298	\$169,604	\$157 , 686	
Total loans, leases and factored accounts receivable, net of unearned income	122,078	114,601	117,033	103,371	92,007	
72,714 Total deposits	108,132	97 , 870	100,691	100,470	91,113	
82,727 Long-term debt	22,034	15,741	17 , 775	8,488	8 , 352	
3,066 Common shareholders' equity	13,186	11,904	12,759	10,976	9,859	
7,793 Total shareholders' equity		11,941	12,801	11,011	9,979	
7,814	·	•	·	•	·	
Average common shares issued (in thousands)243,748	291 , 112	272 , 790	272,480	274,656	257 , 969	
Performance ratios: Return on average assets (1)	1.15%	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	.97%	
1.00% Return on average common shareholders' equity (1)(2) 15.83	17.58	17.02	17.01	16.10	15.00	

Risk-based capital ratios:						
Tier 1	7	.05	7.16	7.24	7.43	7.41
7.54				44 50		44 50
Total	12	.05	11.23	11.58	11.47	11.73
Leverage capital ratio	6	.30	5.96	6.27	6.18	6.00
6.16		• 50	3.30	0.27	0.10	0.00
Total equity to total assets	7	.09	6.56	6.83	6.49	6.33
6.62						
Asset quality ratios:						
Allowance for credit losses as a percentage of loans,						
leases and factored accounts receivable, net of unearned	1	0.0	1 00	1 05	0 11	0.06
income (period-end)	1	.90	1.89	1.85	2.11	2.36
Allowance for credit losses as a percentage of						
nonperforming loans (period-end)	235	64	255.57	306.49	273.07	193.38
103.11	200	• 0 1	200.07	300.13	273.07	199.00
Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans, leases						
and factored accounts receivable, net of unearned						
income		.48	.33	.38	.33	.51
1.25						
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of net loans, leases,						
factored accounts receivable and other real estate owned		0.2	0.0	7.0	1 10	1 00
(period-end)		.93	.90	.73	1.10	1.92
2.12						
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Income statement:						
<pre>Income from earning assets</pre>	\$ 9,	,398				
Interest expense	5,	,599				
Net interest income	3,	,799				
Provision for credit losses	1,	,582				
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	-	454				
Noninterest income	Ι,	,742 330				
Merger-related charge  Other noninterest expense (including OREO expense)	3	,974				
Income before income taxes and effect of change in method	5,	, ) / 4				
of accounting for income taxes		109				
Income tax expense (benefit)		(93)				
Income before effect of change in method of accounting for						
income taxes		202				
Effect of change in method of accounting for income						
taxes						
Net income  Net income applicable to common shareholders		202 171				
Per common share:		<b>1</b> / <b>1</b>				

<pre>Income from earning assets</pre>	\$ 9,398
Interest expense	5 <b>,</b> 599
Net interest income	3 <b>,</b> 799
Provision for credit losses	1,582
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	454
Noninterest income	1,742
Merger-related charge	330
Other noninterest expense (including OREO expense)	3,974
Income before income taxes and effect of change in method	
of accounting for income taxes	109
<pre>Income tax expense (benefit)</pre>	(93)
Income before effect of change in method of accounting for	
income taxes	202
Effect of change in method of accounting for income	
taxes	
Net income	202
Net income applicable to common shareholders	171
Per common share:	
Earnings before effect of change in method of accounting	
for income taxes	\$ .76
Earnings	.76
Cash dividends paid	1.48
Shareholders' equity (period-end)	27.03
Balance sheet (period-end):	4110 010
Total assets	\$110,319
Total loans, leases and factored accounts receivable, net	60 100
of unearned income	69,108
Total deposits	88 <b>,</b> 075
Long-term debt  Common shareholders' equity	2,876 6,252
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Total shareholders' equity	6,518 226,305
Performance ratios:	220,303
Return on average assets (1)	.17%
Return on average common shareholders' equity (1)(2)	2.70
Risk-based capital ratios:	2.70
Tier 1	6.38
Total	10.30
Leverage capital ratio	5.07
Total equity to total assets	5.91
Asset quality ratios:	3.31
Allowance for credit losses as a percentage of loans,	
leases and factored accounts receivable, net of unearned	
income (period-end)	2.32
Allowance for credit losses as a percentage of	2.02
nonperforming loans (period-end)	81.82
Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans, leases	
and factored accounts receivable, net of unearned	
income	1.86
Nonperforming assets as a percentage of net loans, leases,	
factored accounts receivable and other real estate owned	
(period-end)	4.01

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- (1) In 1993, return on average assets and return on average common shareholders' equity after the tax benefit from the impact of adopting SFAS 109 (Accounting for Income Taxes) were 1.12% and 17.33%, respectively.
- (2) Average common shareholders' equity does not include the effect of market value adjustments to securities available for sale and marketable equity securities.

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#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

PENDING MERGER WITH BOATMEN'S BANCSHARES, INC.

On August 29, 1996, the Corporation and Boatmen's Bancshares, Inc. a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri ("Boatmen's"), and registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which Boatmen's will be merged with a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation (the "Merger"). The Board of Directors of both the Corporation and Boatmen's approved the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby at their meetings held on August 29, 1996.

Boatmen's is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, with its principal assets being the stock of its subsidiaries. At September 30, 1996, Boatmen's had total assets of \$41 billion and had over 600 banking offices in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Iowa, Illinois and Tennessee.

The Merger is intended to constitute a tax-free reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to be accounted for as a purchase.

Consummation of the Merger is subject to various conditions, including: (i) receipt of approval by the shareholders of each of NationsBank and Boatmen's of appropriate matters relating to the Merger Agreement and the Merger, as required to be approved under applicable law; (ii) receipt of requisite regulatory approvals from the Federal Reserve Board and other federal and state regulatory authorities; (iii) receipt of an opinion of counsel as to the tax treatment of certain aspects of the Merger; (iv) listing, subject of notice of issuance, of the NationsBank stock to be issued in the Merger; and (v) satisfaction of certain other conditions. The Merger is expected to be completed in January 1997. For additional information regarding this pending acquisition, see the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 6, 1996, as amended by Form 8-K/A-1 filed September 11, 1996 and Form 8-K/A-2 filed November 13, 1996, incorporated herein by reference.

# RISK FACTORS

Prospective purchasers of Preferred Securities should carefully review the information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus Supplement and in the accompanying Prospectus and should particularly consider the following matters.

# ABSENCE OF PRIOR PUBLIC MARKET

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for the Preferred Securities. Although application has been made to list the Preferred Securities on the New York Stock Exchange, there can be no assurance that an active public market will develop for the Preferred Securities or that, if such market develops, the market price will equal or exceed the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement. The public offering price for the Preferred Securities has been determined through negotiations between the Corporation and the Underwriters. Prices for the Preferred Securities will be determined in the marketplace and may be influenced by many factors, including the liquidity of the market for the Preferred Securities, investor perceptions of the Corporation and general industry and economic conditions.

RANKING OF SUBORDINATE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AND JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

The Corporation's obligations under the Preferred Securities Guarantee rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of NationsBank (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Corporation and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by NationsBank in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any affiliate of the Corporation, and (iii) senior to the Corporation's common stock. The obligations of NationsBank under the Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all present and future Senior Obligations of NationsBank and rank pari passu with obligations to or rights of the Corporation's other general unsecured creditors. No payment of principal (including redemption payments, if any), premium, if any, or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes may be made if (i) any Senior Obligations of NationsBank are not paid when due and any

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having been cured or waived or ceasing to exist, or (ii) the maturity of any Senior Obligations has been accelerated because of a default. As of September 30, 1996, Senior Obligations of NationsBank aggregated approximately \$17.6 billion. In addition, because NationsBank is a holding company, the Junior Subordinated Notes are effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of the Corporation's subsidiaries, including obligations to depositors. There are no terms in the Preferred Securities, the Junior Subordinated Notes or the Preferred Securities Guarantee that limit the Corporation's ability to incur additional indebtedness, including indebtedness that ranks senior to the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities Guarantee. See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" and "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes" in the accompanying Prospectus, and "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes" in the Notes — Subordination" herein.

#### RIGHTS UNDER THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE

The Preferred Securities Guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee will hold the Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities.

The Preferred Securities Guarantee guarantees to the holders of the Preferred Securities the payment of (i) any accrued and unpaid distributions that are required to be paid on the Preferred Securities, to the extent the Trust has funds available therefor, (ii) the Redemption Price, with respect to Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Trust, to the extent the Trust has funds available therefor, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust (other than in connection with the distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes to the holders of Preferred Securities or a redemption of all the Preferred Securities), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of the payment to the extent the Trust has funds available therefor or (b) the amount of assets of the Trust remaining available for distribution to holders of the Preferred Securities in liquidation of the Trust. The holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under the Preferred Securities Guarantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against NationsBank to enforce such holder's rights under the Preferred Securities Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Trust, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. If NationsBank were to default on its obligation to pay amounts payable on the Junior Subordinated Notes or otherwise, the Trust would lack funds for the payment of distributions or amounts payable on redemption of the Preferred Securities or otherwise, and, in such event, holders of the Preferred Securities would not be able to rely upon the Preferred Securities Guarantee for payment of such amounts. Instead, holders of the Preferred Securities would rely on the enforcement (1) by the Property Trustee of its rights as registered holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes against NationsBank pursuant to the terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes or (2) by such holder of the Property Trustee's rights against NationsBank to enforce payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes. See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" and "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes" in the accompanying Prospectus. The Declaration provides that each holder of Preferred Securities, by acceptance thereof, agrees to the provisions of the Preferred Securities Guarantee, including the subordination provisions thereof, and the Indenture (as defined in "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes" herein).

# ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS BY HOLDERS OF PREFERRED SECURITIES

If a Declaration Event of Default (as defined herein) occurs and is continuing, then the holders of Preferred Securities would rely on the enforcement by the Property Trustee of its rights as a holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes against NationsBank. In addition, the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities will have the right to direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration, including the right to direct the Property Trustee to exercise the remedies available to it as a holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes, a holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against NationsBank to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes

without first instituting any legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if NationsBank fails to pay interest or principal on the Junior Subordinated Notes (a "Note Payment Failure") on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable (or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date), and such Note Payment Failure is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities may directly institute a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such holder of the principal of or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities of such holder (a "Direct Action") after the respective due date specified in the Junior Subordinated Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, NationsBank will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of Preferred Securities under the Declaration to the extent of any payment made by NationsBank to such holder of Preferred Securities in such Direct Action. The holders of Preferred Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Declaration Events of Default and Note Payment Failures."

### LIMITED RIGHTS OF ACCELERATION

The Property Trustee, as holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, may accelerate payment of the principal and accrued and unpaid interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes only upon the occurrence and continuation of a "Declaration Event of Default" which, generally is limited to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization of the Corporation and certain events of dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Notes -- Events of Default, Waiver and Notice" in the accompanying Prospectus for a description of the Events of Default. Accordingly, there is no right to acceleration upon default by the Corporation of its payment obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes or defaults of the Corporation under the Preferred Securities Guarantee.

### OPTION TO EXTEND INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD

NationsBank has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes by extending the interest payment period at any time, and from time to time, on the Junior Subordinated Notes. As a consequence of such an extension, quarterly distributions on the Preferred Securities would be deferred (but would continue to accrue, despite such deferral, with interest thereon compounded quarterly) by the Trust during any such Extension Period. Such right to extend the interest payment period for the Junior Subordinated Notes is limited to a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarters, but no such Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes. During any such Extension Period (a) NationsBank shall not declare or pay dividends on, or make a distribution with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of NationsBank Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by NationsBank of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of NationsBank capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Corporation's capital stock for another class or series of NationsBank capital stock or (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Corporation's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such NationsBank capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged), (b) NationsBank shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by NationsBank that rank pari passu with or junior to the Junior Subordinated Notes and (c) NationsBank shall not make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing (other than pursuant to the Preferred Securities Guarantee). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, NationsBank may further extend the interest payment period; provided, that such Extension Period may not exceed 20 consecutive quarters or extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, NationsBank may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Distributions" and "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes -- Option to Extend Interest Payment Period."

Should NationsBank exercise its right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period, each holder of Preferred Securities will be required to accrue income (as original issue discount ("OID")) in respect of the deferred stated interest allocable to its Preferred Securities for United States federal income tax purposes, which will be allocated but not distributed, to holders of record of Preferred Securities. As a result, each such holder of Preferred Securities will recognize income for United States federal income tax

purposes in advance of the receipt of cash and will not receive the cash from NB Capital Trust related to such income if such holder disposes of its Preferred Securities prior to the record date for the date on which distributions of such amounts are made. NationsBank has no current intention of exercising its right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period on the Junior Subordinated Notes. However, should NationsBank determine to exercise such right in the future, the market price of the Preferred Securities is likely to be affected. A holder that disposes of its Preferred Securities during an Extension Period, therefore, might not receive the same return on its investment as a holder that continues to hold its Preferred Securities. In addition, as a result of the existence of the Corporation's right to defer interest payments, the market price of the Preferred Securities (which represent an undivided beneficial interest in the Junior Subordinated Notes) may be more volatile than other securities on which OID accrues that do not have such rights.

#### PROPOSED TAX LEGISLATION

On March 19, 1996, President Clinton proposed certain tax law changes that would, among other things, generally deny corporate issuers a deduction for interest in respect of certain debt obligations issued on or after December 7, 1995 (the "Proposed Legislation") if such debt obligations have a maximum term in excess of 20 years and are not shown as indebtedness on the issuer's applicable consolidated balance sheet. On March 29, 1996, Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth, Jr. and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer issued a joint statement (the "Joint Statement") indicating their intent that certain legislative proposals initiated by the Clinton administration, including the Proposed Legislation, that may be adopted by either of the tax-writing committees of Congress would have an effective date that is no earlier than the date of "appropriate Congressional action." In addition, subsequent to the publication of the Joint Statement, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Representatives Sam M. Gibbons and Charles B. Rangel wrote letters to Treasury Department officials concurring with the views expressed in the Joint Statement (the "Democrat Letters"). Based upon the Joint Statement and the Democrat Letters, it is expected that if the Proposed Legislation were to be enacted, such legislation would not apply to the Junior Subordinated Notes. There can be no assurances, however, that the effective date guidance contained in the Joint Statement and the Democrat Letters will be incorporated into the Proposed Legislation, if enacted, or that other legislation enacted after the date hereof will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of the Corporation to deduct the interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Notes. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a Tax Event will not occur. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Tax Event Redemption."

# REDEMPTION OR DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

NationsBank will have the right at any time to dissolve the Trust and, after the satisfaction of creditors as required by law, to cause the Junior Subordinated Notes to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities in connection with the liquidation of the Trust. In certain circumstances, NationsBank shall have the right to redeem the Junior Subordinated Notes, in whole or in part, in lieu of a distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes by the Trust; in which event the Trust will redeem the Trust Securities on a pro rata basis to the same extent as the Junior Subordinated Notes are redeemed by NationsBank. Any such distribution or redemption prior to the Stated Maturity may require prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Tax Event Redemption."

Under current United States federal income tax law, a distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes upon the dissolution of NB Capital Trust would not be a taxable event to holders of the Preferred Securities. If, however, the Trust is characterized as an association taxable as a corporation at the time of the dissolution of the Trust, the distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes may constitute a taxable event to holders of Preferred Securities. Moreover, upon occurrence of a Tax Event, a dissolution of NB Capital Trust in which holders of the Preferred Securities receive cash may be a taxable event to such holders. See "United States Federal Income Taxation -- Receipt of Junior Subordinated Notes or Cash Upon Liquidation of NB Capital Trust."

There can be no assurance as to the market prices for the Preferred Securities or the Junior Subordinated Notes that may be distributed in exchange for Preferred Securities upon a dissolution or liquidation of the Trust. Accordingly, the Preferred Securities or the Junior Subordinated Notes, may trade at a discount to the price that the investor paid to purchase the Preferred Securities offered hereby.

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Because holders of Preferred Securities may receive Junior Subordinated Notes, prospective purchasers of Preferred Securities are also making an investment decision with regard to the Junior Subordinated Notes and should carefully review all the information regarding the Junior Subordinated Notes contained herein and in the accompanying Prospectus. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes" and " -- Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution" and "Description of the Junior

### LIMITED VOTING RIGHTS

Holders of Preferred Securities will have limited voting rights and will not be entitled to vote to appoint, remove or replace, or to increase or decrease the number of, NB Trustees, which voting rights are vested exclusively in the holder of the Common Securities. See "Description of Preferred Securities -- Voting Rights."

#### TRADING PRICE

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The Preferred Securities may trade at a price that does not fully reflect the value of accrued but unpaid interest with respect to the underlying Junior Subordinated Notes. A holder who uses the accrual method of accounting for tax purposes (and a cash method holder, if the Junior Subordinated Notes are deemed to be issued with OID) and who disposes of his Preferred Securities between record dates for payments of distributions thereon will be required to include accrued but unpaid interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes through the date of disposition in income as ordinary income (i.e., interest or, possibly, OID), and to add such amount to his adjusted tax basis in his pro rata share of the underlying Junior Subordinated Notes deemed disposed of. To the extent the selling price is less than the holder's adjusted tax basis (which will include all accrued but unpaid interest), a holder will recognize a capital loss. Subject to certain limited exceptions, capital losses cannot be applied to offset ordinary income for United States federal income tax purposes. See "United States Federal Income Taxation -- Interest Income and Original Issue Discount" and " -- Sales of Preferred Securities."

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#### CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth the actual capitalization of the Corporation and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 1996 and as adjusted to give effect to (i) the issuance of the Preferred Securities offered hereby; (ii) the issuance and the maturity of certain of the Corporation's and its subsidiaries' notes during the period beginning October 1, 1996 through the date of this Prospectus Supplement; and (iii) the issuance and the maturity of certain of the Corporation's medium-term notes during the period beginning October 1, 1996 through the date of this Prospectus Supplement. This table does not reflect the proposed issuance by NationsBank of its common stock and preferred stock in connection with the Merger nor does it reflect the pro forma capitalization of NationsBank assuming consummation of the Merger. For a discussion of the Merger see "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS".

AS ACTUAL ADJUSTED <S> <C> <C> (AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS) <CAPTION> <S> <C> <C> LONG-TERM DEBT SENIOR DEBT: NationsBank Corporation (parent): Floating rate medium-term notes, due 1996-2004..... \$ 3.896 4,078 4.55 to 8.20% medium-term notes, due 1996-2006..... 1,078 1.078 8 1/2% notes, due 1996.... 150 5.51% ESOP secured notes, due 1996-1999..... 56 56 7 1/2% notes, due 1997..... 250 250 5 1/8% notes, due 1998..... 300 300 6 5/8% notes, due 1998.... 400 400 Floating rate notes, due 1998..... 300 300 5 3/8% notes, due 2000..... 398 398 Floating rate notes, due 2000..... 500 7% notes, due 2001..... 499 499 Floating rate notes, due 2001..... 200

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Floating rate notes, due 2002	499
7% notes, due 2003	498
498 9 1/4% unsecured notes, due 2006	124
124 Other senior notes	30
	9,178
9,360 Subsidiaries (1):	
Bank notes with maturities greater than one year, due 1996-2003	3,066
Floating rate mortgage-backed bonds, due 1998-2000	2,999
Other senior notes	638
6,875	6,703
Total senior debt	15,881

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AS	NATIONSBANK	
ADJUSTED	ACTUAL	
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SUBORDINATED DEBT: NationsBank Corporation (parent):		
9 3/8% notes, due 1997	75	
9 3/4% notes, due 1999	100	
9 1/8% notes, due 2001	299	
8 1/8% notes, due 2002	350	
6.20% to 7.875% medium-term notes, due 2003 through 2011	521	
610 6 1/2% notes, due 2003	600	
7 3/4% notes, due 2004	299	
299 6 7/8% notes, due 2005	399	
399 7 5/8% notes, due 2005	297	
297 6 1/2% notes, due 2006	300	
300 7 1/2% notes, due 2006	500	
500 9 3/8% notes, due 2009	397	
397 10.20% notes, due 2015	200	
200 7 3/4% notes, due 2015	350	
350 7.80% notes, due 2016	447	
447 8.57% medium-term notes, due 2024, putable 2004	100	
100 7 1/4% notes, due 2025	444	
444 Other subordinated notes.	40	
40		
5,807	5,718	
Subsidiaries (1): 9 1/2% notes, due 2004	300	
300 Floating rate notes, due 2019, putable 1999	8	
	308	
308 Total subordinated debt	6,026	

6,115	
Total long-term debt	21,907
22,350	
Corporation-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Trust Preferred Securities (2)	
	4.7.4
Preferred stock, authorized 45,000,000 shares; issued 5,280,406	174
Common stock, authorized 800,000,000 shares; issued 288,111,941 (3)(4)	3,956
3,956	.,
Retained earnings	9,235
9,235	
Other, including loan to ESOP trust	(61)
(61)	
Total shareholders' equity	13,304
13,304	
	\$35,211

- (1) These obligations are direct obligations of certain of the subsidiaries of NationsBank and, as such, constitute claims against such subsidiaries prior to the Corporation's equity interest therein.
- (2) As described herein, the sole assets of the Trust will be \$ aggregate principal amount of \$ Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes, due 2026 issued by the Corporation to the Trust.
- (3) On July 16, 1996, the Corporation's Board of Directors authorized the purchase of up to 20 million shares of NationsBank common stock, from time to time during the next 36 months, in open market or private transactions. Also on July 16, 1996, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of NationsBank common stock in the open market, from time to time over the next 13 months, representing the number of shares of NationsBank common stock the Corporation intends to issue for its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and other employee and director benefit plans.
- (4) As of September 30, 1996, (a) 55.7 million shares of NationsBank common stock were reserved for issuance under various employee and director benefit plans of the Corporation and upon the conversion of the ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock, Series C, (b) 2.8 million shares of NationsBank common stock were reserved for issuance under the Corporation's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and (c) 110 million shares of Common Stock were reserved for issuance in connection with the Merger.

As of September 30, 1996, the Corporation had \$2.6 billion of commercial paper and other short-term notes payable outstanding. During the nine months ended September 30, 1996, the amount of commercial paper and other short-term notes payable outstanding averaged \$2.7 billion and ranged from a high of \$3.1 billion to a low of \$2.4 billion. At September 30, 1996, the Corporation had unused lines of credit aggregating \$1.5 billion, principally to support commercial paper borrowings.

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# RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following are the Corporation's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividend requirements for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 1995:

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	NINE MONTHS				
	ENDED	YEAR ENDED			
	SEPTEMBER 30,	DECEMBER 31,			
	1996	1995	1994	1993	
1992 1991					
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<c> <c></c></c>					
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges:					
Excluding interest on deposits	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.4
1.1					
Including interest on deposits	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
1.0					
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock					
Dividends:					
Excluding interest on deposits	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.3	2.3
1.1					
Including interest on deposits	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
1.0					

  |  |  |  |  |For purposes of computing the consolidated ratios, earnings represent net income of the Corporation plus applicable income taxes and fixed charges, less

capitalized interest and the equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies. Fixed charges represent interest expense (exclusive of interest on deposits in one case and inclusive of such interest in the other), capitalized interest, amortization of debt discount and appropriate issuance costs and one-third (the amount deemed to represent an appropriate interest factor) of net rent expense under all lease commitments. Preferred stock dividend requirements represent dividend requirements on the outstanding preferred stock adjusted to reflect the pre-tax earnings that would be required to cover such dividend requirements.

### ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

The financial statements of the Trust will be consolidated into the Corporation's consolidated financial statements, with the Preferred Securities included in the Corporation's balance sheet as Corporation-Obligated Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Securities of NB Capital Trust I.

### USE OF PROCEEDS

The Trust will use the gross proceeds received from the sale of the Preferred Securities to purchase Junior Subordinated Notes from NationsBank. NationsBank intends to add the net proceeds from the sale of the Junior Subordinated Notes to its general funds, to be used for general corporate purposes, including the Corporation's working capital needs, the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries, possible acquisitions of other financial institutions or their assets or liabilities, possible acquisitions of or investments in other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding companies and possible reduction of outstanding indebtedness or repurchase of outstanding equity securities of the Corporation. Pending such use, the Corporation may temporarily invest the net proceeds in investment grade securities. The Corporation may, from time to time, engage in additional capital financings of a character and in amounts to be determined by the Corporation in light of its needs at such time or times and in light of prevailing market conditions.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES

The Preferred Securities will be issued pursuant to the terms of the Declaration. The Declaration will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The Property Trustee, The Bank of New York, will act as indenture trustee for the Preferred Securities under the Declaration for purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act. The terms of the Preferred Securities will include those stated in the Declaration and those made part of the Declaration by the Trust Indenture Act. The following summary of the material terms and provisions of the Preferred Securities which supplements, and to the extent inconsistent, replaces the description set forth under the caption "Description of the Preferred Securities" in the accompanying Prospectus does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Declaration, a copy of which is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus Supplement is a part, the Trust Act and the Trust Indenture Act.

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The Declaration authorizes the Regular Trustees to issue the Trust Securities on behalf of the Trust, which represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. All of the Common Securities will be owned, directly or indirectly, by NationsBank. The Common Securities rank pari passu, and payments will be made thereon on a pro rata basis, with the Preferred Securities, except that upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a Declaration Event of Default, the rights of the holders of the Common Securities to receive payment of periodic distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the Preferred Securities. The Declaration does not permit the issuance by the Trust of any securities other than the Trust Securities or the incurrence of any indebtedness by the Trust. Pursuant to the Declaration, the Property Trustee will own the Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by the Trust for the benefit of the holders of the Trust Securities. The payment of distributions out of money held by the Trust, and payments upon redemption of the Preferred Securities or liquidation of the Trust, are guaranteed by NationsBank to the extent described under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" in the accompanying Prospectus. The Preferred Securities Guarantee will be held by The Bank of New York, as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities. The Preferred Securities Guarantee does not cover payment of distributions when the Trust does not have sufficient available funds to pay such distributions. In such event, the remedy of a holder of Preferred Securities is to vote to direct the Property Trustee to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes except in the limited circumstances in which the holder may take Direct Action. See " -- Declaration Events of Default and Note Payment Failures" and " -- Voting Rights."

Distributions on the Preferred Securities will be fixed at a rate per annum of percent of the stated liquidation amount of \$ per Preferred Security. Distributions in arrears for more than one quarter will bear interest thereon at the rate per annum of percent thereof compounded quarterly. The term "distribution" as used herein includes any such interest payable unless otherwise stated. The amount of distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Distributions on the Preferred Securities will be cumulative, will accrue from December , 1996 and, except as otherwise described below, will be payable quarterly in arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year, commencing , when, as and if available for payment.

NationsBank has the right under the Indenture to defer payments of interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes by extending the interest payment period from time to time on the Junior Subordinated Notes, which, if exercised, would defer quarterly distributions on the Preferred Securities (though such distributions would continue to accrue with interest since interest would continue to accrue on the Junior Subordinated Notes) during any such Extension Period. Such right to extend the interest payment period for the Junior Subordinated Notes is limited to a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarters and such period may not extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes. In the event that NationsBank exercises this right, then (a) NationsBank shall not declare or pay dividends on, make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of NationsBank Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by NationsBank of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Corporation's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of NationsBank capital stock for another class or series of NationsBank capital stock or (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of NationsBank capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such NationsBank capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged), (b) NationsBank shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by NationsBank that rank pari passu with or junior to such Junior Subordinated Notes and (c) NationsBank shall not make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing (other than pursuant to the Preferred Securities Guarantee). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, NationsBank may further extend the interest payment period; provided, that such Extension Period may not exceed 20 consecutive quarters or extend beyond the Stated Maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, NationsBank may select a new Extension Period, subject to the above requirements. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes -- Interest" and " -- Option to Extend Interest Payment Period." If distributions are deferred, the deferred distributions and

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accrued interest thereon shall be paid to holders on the record date next following the termination of such Extension Period.

Distributions on the Preferred Securities must be paid on the dates payable to the extent that the Trust has funds available for the payment of such distributions in the Property Account. The Trust's funds available for distribution to the holders of the Preferred Securities will be limited to payments received from NationsBank on the Junior Subordinated Notes. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes." The payment of distributions out of moneys held by the Trust is guaranteed by NationsBank to the extent set forth under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" in the accompanying Prospectus.

Distributions on the Preferred Securities will be payable to the holders thereof on the relevant record dates, which, as long as the Preferred Securities remain in book-entry only form, will be one Business Day (as defined below) prior to the relevant payment dates. Such distributions will be paid through the Property Trustee who will hold amounts received in respect of the Junior Subordinated Notes in the Property Account for the benefit of the holders of the Trust Securities. Subject to any applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of the Declaration, each such payment will be made as described under -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Company" below. In the event that the Preferred Securities do not continue to remain in book-entry only form, the record dates for payment of distributions will be March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. In the event that any date on which distributions are to be made on the Preferred Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the distributions payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day is in the next

succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such record date. A "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

#### MANDATORY REDEMPTION

The Junior Subordinated Notes will mature on , 2026. Moreover, the Junior Subordinated Notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time , 2001 or, in whole but not in part, prior to on or after 2001 upon the occurrence of a Tax Event. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes." Upon the repayment of the Junior Subordinated Notes, whether at maturity or upon redemption, the proceeds from such repayment or payment shall simultaneously be applied to redeem Trust Securities having an aggregate liquidation amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes so repaid or redeemed at the Redemption Price for the Preferred Securities equal to the liquidation amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid distributions; provided, that holders of Trust Securities shall be given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days notice of such redemption. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes -- Optional Redemption." In the event that fewer than all of the outstanding Preferred Securities are to be redeemed, the Preferred Securities will be redeemed pro rata as described under " -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Company" below. Any such redemption prior to the Stated Maturity may require prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

### TAX EVENT REDEMPTION

If, at any time prior to , 2001, a Tax Event (as defined below) shall occur and be continuing, NationsBank shall have the right, upon not less than 30 and no more than 60 days notice, to redeem the Junior Subordinated Notes, in whole (but not in part), for cash within 90 days following the occurrence of such Tax Event and, following such redemption, all Trust Securities shall be redeemed by the Trust at the Redemption Price; provided, however, that if NationsBank may eliminate the Tax Event by taking some ministerial action ("Ministerial Action") such as filing a form or making an election; or pursuing some other similar reasonable measure that has no adverse effect on the Trust, NationsBank or the holders of the Trust Securities, NationsBank will pursue such Ministerial Action in lieu of redemption. Any such Tax Event redemption may require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve

"Tax Event" means that (i) NationsBank shall have received an opinion of nationally recognized independent tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of (a) any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws or any regulations thereunder of the United States

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or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein or (b) any official administrative pronouncement or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or such pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of original issuance of the Preferred Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Notes is not, or within 90 days of the date thereof, will not be deductible, in whole or in part, by NationsBank for United States federal income tax purposes or (ii) the Regular Trustees have been informed by a nationally recognized independent tax counsel that a No Recognition Opinion (as defined herein) cannot be delivered. "No Recognition Opinion" means as opinion of a nationally recognized independent tax counsel experienced in such matters, which opinion may rely on published revenue rulings of the Internal Revenue Service, to the effect that the holders of the Trust Securities will not recognize any gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the dissolution of the Trust and the distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes.

# DISTRIBUTION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

NationsBank will have the right at any time to dissolve the Trust and cause the Subordinated Notes to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities. Any such dissolution and distribution may require prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board. If the Junior Subordinated Notes are distributed to the holders of the Preferred Securities, NationsBank will use its best efforts to cause the Junior Subordinated Notes to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange or on such other exchange as the Preferred Securities are then listed.

After the date for any distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes upon dissolution of the Trust, (i) the Preferred Securities will no longer be deemed

to be outstanding, (ii) the Depositary (as defined herein) or its nominee, as the record holder of the Preferred Securities, will receive a registered global certificate or certificates representing the Junior Subordinated Notes to be delivered upon such distribution, and (iii) any certificates representing Preferred Securities not held by the Depositary or its nominee will be deemed to represent Junior Subordinated Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with an interest rate identical to the distribution rate of, and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid distributions on such Preferred Securities until such certificates are presented to NationsBank or its agent for transfer or reissuance.

There can be no assurance as to the market prices for either the Preferred Securities or the Junior Subordinated Notes that may be distributed in exchange for the Preferred Securities upon a dissolution and liquidation of the Trust. Accordingly, the Preferred Securities or the Junior Subordinated Notes may trade at a discount to the price that the investor paid to purchase the Preferred Securities offered hereby.

### REDEMPTION PROCEDURES

The Trust may not redeem fewer than all of the outstanding Preferred Securities unless all accrued and unpaid distributions have been paid on all Preferred Securities for all quarterly distribution periods terminating on or prior to the date of redemption.

If the Trust gives a notice of redemption in respect of Preferred Securities (which notice will be irrevocable), then, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the redemption date, provided that NationsBank has paid to the Property Trustee a sufficient amount of cash in connection with the related redemption or maturity of the Junior Subordinated Notes, the Trust will irrevocably deposit with the Depositary funds sufficient to pay the applicable Redemption Price and will give the Depositary irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the Redemption Price to the holders of the Preferred Securities. See " -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Company." If notice of redemption shall have been given and funds deposited as required, then, immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such deposit, distributions will cease to accrue and all rights of holders of such Preferred Securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the holders of such Preferred Securities to receive the Redemption Price but without interest on such Redemption Price. In the event that any date fixed for redemption of Preferred Securities is not a Business Day, then payment of the Redemption Price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the event that payment of the Redemption Price in respect of Preferred Securities is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Trust, or by NationsBank pursuant to the Preferred Securities Guarantee, distributions on such Preferred Securities will continue to accrue at the then applicable rate from the original redemption date

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to the date of payment, in which case the actual payment date will be considered the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price.

In the event that fewer than all of the outstanding Preferred Securities are to be redeemed, the Preferred Securities will be redeemed pro rata as described below under " -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Company."

Subject to the foregoing and applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws and the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board), NationsBank or its subsidiaries may at any time, and from time to time, purchase outstanding Preferred Securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement.

LIQUIDATION DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust (each a "Liquidation"), the then holders of the Preferred Securities will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Trust, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors, distributions in an amount equal to the aggregate of the stated liquidation amount of \$25 per Preferred Security plus accrued and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of payment (the "Liquidation Distribution"), unless, in connection with such Liquidation, Junior Subordinated Notes in an aggregate stated principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of, with an interest rate identical to the distribution rate of, and accrued and unpaid interest equal to accrued and unpaid distributions on, the Preferred Securities have been distributed on a pro rata basis to the holders of the Preferred Securities. Any Liquidation Distribution may require prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

If, upon any such Liquidation, the Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Trust has insufficient assets available to pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Trust on the Preferred Securities shall be paid on a pro rata basis. The holders of the Common Securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such dissolution pro rata with the holders of the Preferred Securities, except that if a Declaration Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Securities shall have a preference over the Common Securities with regard to such distributions.

Pursuant to the Declaration, the Trust shall terminate (i) on November 1, 2051, the expiration of the term of the Trust, (ii) upon the bankruptcy of the Corporation, (iii) upon the filing of a certificate of dissolution or its equivalent with respect to the Corporation, the filing of a certificate of cancellation with respect to the Trust after obtaining the consent of the holders of at least a majority in liquidation amount of the Trust Securities affected thereby voting together as a single class to file such certificate of cancellation or the revocation of the charter of NationsBank and the expiration of 90 days after the date of revocation without a reinstatement thereof, (iv) upon the distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes to holders of the Preferred Securities, (v) upon the entry of a decree of a judicial dissolution of NationsBank or the Trust, or (vi) upon the redemption of all the Trust Securities.

#### DECLARATION EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND NOTE PAYMENT FAILURES

An event of default under the Indenture (an "Indenture Event of Default") constitutes an event of default under the Declaration with respect to the Trust Securities (a "Declaration Event of Default"); provided, that pursuant to the Declaration, the holder of the Common Securities will be deemed to have waived any Declaration Event of Default with respect to the Common Securities until all Declaration Events of Default with respect to the Preferred Securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated. Until such Declaration Events of Default with respect to the Preferred Securities have been so cured, waived, or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee will be deemed to be acting solely on behalf of the holders of the Preferred Securities and only the holders of the Preferred Securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee with respect to certain matters under the Declaration, and therefore the Indenture. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes after a holder of Preferred Securities has made a written request, such holder of record of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding against NationsBank to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes without first instituting any legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other person or entity.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Note Payment Failure (which involves a failure to make a timely interest, principal or redemption payment but does not constitute a Declaration Event of Default) has occurred and

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is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities may directly institute a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such holder directly of the principal of or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities of such holder after the respective due date specified in the Junior Subordinated Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, NationsBank will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of Preferred Securities under the Declaration to the extent of any payment made by NationsBank to such holder of Preferred Securities in such Direct Action. The holders of Preferred Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes.

Upon the occurrence of a Declaration Event of Default, the Property Trustee as the sole holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes will have the right under the Indenture to declare the principal of and interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes to be immediately due and payable. NationsBank and the Trust are each required to file annually with the Property Trustee an officer's certificate as to its compliance with all conditions and covenants under the Declaration.

# VOTING RIGHTS

Except as described herein, under the Trust Act, the Trust Indenture Act and under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees -- Modification of the Preferred Securities Guarantees; Assignment" in the accompanying Prospectus,

and as otherwise required by law and the Declaration, the holders of the Preferred Securities will have no voting rights.

Subject to the requirement of the Property Trustee obtaining a tax opinion in certain circumstances set forth in the last sentence of this paragraph, the holders of a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities, have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee, or direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the Declaration including the right to direct the Property Trustee, as holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, to (i) exercise the remedies available to it under the Indenture as a holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, (ii) waive any past Indenture Event of Default that is waivable under the Indenture, (iii) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the Junior Subordinated Notes shall be due and payable or (iv) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture or the Junior Subordinated Notes where such consent shall be required; provided, however, that, where a consent or action under the Indenture would require the consent or act of holders of more than a majority in principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes (a "Super Majority") affected thereby, only the holders of at least such Super Majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities may direct the Property Trustee to give such consent or take such action. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes after a holder of record of Preferred Securities has made a written request, such holder of record of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against NationsBank to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes without first instituting any legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Note Payment Failure has occurred and is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities may directly institute a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such holder of the principal of or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities of such holder after the respective due date specified in the Junior Subordinated Notes. The Property Trustee shall notify all holders of the Preferred Securities of any notice of an Event of Default or Note Payment Failure received from the Debt Trustee with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes. Such notice, in the case of an Event of Default, shall state that such Indenture Event of Default also constitutes a Declaration Event of Default. Except with respect to directing the time, method and place of conducting a proceeding for a remedy, the Property Trustee shall not take any of the actions described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) above unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of a nationally recognized tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of such action, the Trust will not fail to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

In the event the consent of the Property Trustee, as the holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, is required under the Indenture with respect to any amendment, modification or termination of the Indenture, the Property Trustee shall request the direction of the holders of the Trust Securities with respect to such amendment, modification or termination and shall vote with respect to such amendment, modification or termination as directed by a majority in liquidation amount of the Trust Securities voting together as a single

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class; provided, however, that where a consent under the Indenture would require the consent of a Super Majority, the Property Trustee may only give such consent at the direction of the holders of at least the proportion in liquidation amount of the Trust Securities which the relevant Super Majority represents of the aggregate principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes outstanding. The Property Trustee shall not take any such action in accordance with the directions of the holders of the Trust Securities unless the Property Trustee has obtained an opinion of a nationally recognized tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that for the purposes of United States federal income tax the Trust will not be classified as other than a grantor trust.

A waiver of an Indenture Event of Default will constitute a waiver of the corresponding Declaration Event of Default.

Any required approval or direction of holders of Preferred Securities may be given at a separate meeting of holders of Preferred Securities convened for such purpose, at a meeting of all of the holders of Trust Securities or pursuant to written consent. The Regular Trustees will cause a notice of any meeting at which holders of Preferred Securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such holders is to be taken, to be mailed to each holder of record of Preferred Securities. Each such notice will include a statement setting forth the following information: (i) the date of such meeting or the date by which such action is to be taken; (ii) a description of any resolution proposed for adoption at such meeting on which such holders are entitled to vote or of such matter upon which written consent is sought; and (iii) instructions for the delivery of proxies or consents. No vote or consent of the holders of Preferred Securities will be required for the Trust to redeem

and cancel Preferred Securities or distribute Junior Subordinated Notes in accordance with the Declaration.

Notwithstanding that holders of Preferred Securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances described above, any of the Preferred Securities that are owned at such time by NationsBank or any entity directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, NationsBank, shall not be entitled to vote or consent and shall, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if such Preferred Securities were not outstanding.

The procedures by which holders of Preferred Securities may exercise their voting rights are described below. See " -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Company."

Holders of the Preferred Securities will have no rights to appoint or remove the NB Trustees, who may be appointed, removed or replaced solely by NationsBank as the indirect or direct holder of all of the Common Securities.

#### MODIFICATION OF THE DECLARATION

The Declaration may be modified and amended if approved by the Regular Trustees (or, if there are more than two Regular Trustees, a majority of the Regular Trustees) and, in certain circumstances, the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee, provided that, if any proposed amendment provides for, or the Regular Trustees otherwise propose to effect, (i) any action that would adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Trust Securities, whether by way of amendment to the Declaration or otherwise or (ii) the dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust other than pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, then the holders of the Trust Securities voting together as a single class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of at least a majority in liquidation amount of the Trust Securities affected thereby; provided, that, if any amendment or proposal referred to in clause (i) above would adversely affect only the Preferred Securities or the Common Securities, then only the affected class will be entitled to vote on such amendment or proposal and such amendment or proposal shall not be effective except with the approval of a majority in liquidation amount of such class of Securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment or modification may be made to the Declaration if such amendment or modification would (i) cause the Trust to be classified for purposes of United States federal income taxation as other than a grantor trust, (ii) reduce or otherwise adversely affect the powers of the Property Trustee or (iii) cause the Trust to be deemed an "investment company" which is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

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# MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS OR AMALGAMATIONS

The Trust may not consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety, to any corporation or other body, except as described below. The Trust may, with the consent of a majority of the Regular Trustees and without the consent of the holders of the Trust Securities, the Property Trustee or the Delaware Trustee consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by a trust organized as such under the laws of any State of the United States; provided, that (i) if the Trust is not the survivor such successor entity (the "Succesor Entity") either (x) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Trust under the Trust Securities or (y) substitutes for the Trust Securities other securities having substantially the same terms as the Trust Securities (the "Successor Securities"), so long as the Successor Securities rank the same as the Trust Securities rank with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise, (ii) NationsBank expressly acknowledges a trustee of such successor entity possessing the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee as the holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, (iii) the Preferred Securities or any Successor Securities are listed, or any Successor Securities of the Preferred Securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national securities exchange or with another organization on which the Preferred Securities are then listed or quoted, (iv) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement does not cause the Preferred Securities (including any Successor Securities thereof) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization, (v) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the Trust Securities (including any Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of the holders' interest in the new entity), (vi) such successor entity has a purpose identical to that of the Trust, (vii) prior to such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement, NationsBank has received an opinion of a nationally recognized independent counsel to the Trust experienced in such matters to the effect that, (A) such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the Trust Securities (including any

Successor Securities) in any material respect (other than with respect to any dilution of the holders' interest in the new entity), (B) following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement, neither the Trust nor such Successor Entity will be required to register as an investment company under the 1940 Act and (c) following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation or replacement, the Trust or the Successor Entity will continue to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes and (viii) NationsBank guarantees the obligations of such successor entity under the Successor Securities at least to the extent provided by the Preferred Securities Guarantee and the Common Securities Guarantee (as described in the accompanying Prospectus). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trust shall not, except with the consent of holders of 100 percent in liquidation amount of the Trust Securities, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or replace it, if such consolidation, amalgamation, merger or replacement would cause the Trust or the Successor Entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

### BOOK-ENTRY ONLY ISSUANCE -- THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") will act as securities depositary (the "Depositary") for the Preferred Securities. The Preferred Securities will be issued only as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's nominee). One or more fully-registered global Preferred Securities certificates, representing the total aggregate number of Preferred Securities, will be issued and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). DTC holds securities that its participants ("Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Participants in DTC include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, Inc., and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others, such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear transactions through or maintain a direct

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or indirect custodial relationship with a Direct Participant either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The rules applicable to DTC and its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Purchases of Preferred Securities within the DTC system must be made by or through Participants, which will receive a credit for the Preferred Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Preferred Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Participants' and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transactions, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participants through which the Beneficial Owners purchased Preferred Securities. Transfers of ownership interests in the Preferred Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Preferred Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Preferred Securities is discontinued.

DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Preferred Securities. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Preferred Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

So long as DTC, or its nominee, is the registered owner or holder of a Global Certificate, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Preferred Securities represented thereby for all purposes under the Declaration and the Preferred Securities. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Certificate will be able to transfer that interest except in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures, in addition to those provided for under the Declaration.

DTC has advised the Corporation that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of Preferred Securities (including the presentation of Preferred Securities for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more Participants to whose account the DTC interests in the Global Certificates are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate

liquidation amount of Preferred Securities as to which such Participant or Participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the Preferred Securities, DTC will exchange the Global Certificates for certificated securities, which it will distribute to its Participants and which will be legended as set forth under the heading "Notices to Investors."

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Participants, by Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices in respect of the Preferred Securities held in book-entry form will be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the Preferred Securities are being redeemed, DTC will determine the amount of the interest of each Participant to be redeemed in accordance with its procedures.

Although voting with respect to the Preferred Securities is limited, in those cases where a vote is required, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will itself consent or vote with respect to Preferred Securities. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an Omnibus Proxy to the Trust as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Participants to whose accounts the Preferred Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Distributions on the Preferred Securities held in book-entry form will be made to DTC in immediately available funds. DTC's practice is to credit Participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payments on such payment date. Payments by Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such Participants and Indirect Participants and not of DTC, the Trust or the Corporation, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of distributions to DTC is the responsibility of the Trust, disbursement of such payments to Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of Participants and Indirect Participants.

Except as provided herein, a Beneficial Owner of an interest in a Global Certificate will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Preferred Securities. Accordingly, each Beneficial Owner must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights under the Preferred Securities.

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Although DTC has agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Certificates among Participants of DTC, DTC is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither the Corporation, the Trust nor the Trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its Participants or Indirect Participants under the rules and procedures governing DTC. DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depositary with respect to the Preferred Securities at any time by giving notice to the Trust. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depositary is not obtained, Preferred Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered. Additionally, the Trust (with the consent of the Corporation) may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor depositary). In that event, certificates for the Preferred Securities will be printed and delivered. In each of the above circumstances, the Corporation will appoint a paying agent with respect to the Preferred Securities.

The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the global Preferred Securities as represented by a Global Certificate.

# PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENCY

Payments in respect of the Preferred Securities represented by the Global Certificates shall be made to DTC, which shall credit the relevant accounts at DTC on the applicable distribution dates or, in the case of certificated securities, such payments shall be made by check mailed to the address of the holder entitled thereto. The Paying Agent shall initially be The Bank of New York. The Paying Agent shall be permitted to resign as Paying Agent upon 30 days' written notice to the Regular Trustees. In the event that The Bank of New York shall no longer be the Paying Agent, the Regular Trustees shall appoint a successor to act as Paying Agent (which shall be a bank or trust company).

REGISTRAR, TRANSFER AGENT AND PAYING AGENT

The Property Trustee will act as registrar, transfer agent and paying agent

for the Preferred Securities. In the event The Bank of New York shall no longer be the Paying Agent, the Regular Trustees shall appoint a successor to act as Paying Agent (which shall be a bank or trust company).

Registration of transfers of Preferred Securities will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Trust, but upon payment (with the giving of such indemnity as the Trust or the Corporation may require) in respect of any tax or other government charges which may be imposed in relation to it.

The Trust will not be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of Preferred Securities after such Preferred Securities have been called for redemption.

### INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TRUSTEE

The Property Trustee, prior to the occurrence of a default with respect to the Trust Securities and after the curing of any defaults that may have occurred, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Declaration and, after default, shall exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the Property Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the Declaration at the request of any holder of Preferred Securities, unless offered reasonable indemnity by such holder against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred thereby. The holders of Preferred Securities will not be required to offer such indemnity in the event such holders, by exercising their voting rights, direct the Property Trustee to take any action it is empowered to take under the Declaration following a Declaration Event of Default. The Property Trustee also serves as trustee under the Preferred Securities Guarantee and the Indenture.

The Corporation and certain of its affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with the Property Trustee and its affiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. The Property Trustee also serves as trustee for certain series of the Corporation's outstanding indebtedness under other indentures.

#### GOVERNING LAW

The Declaration and the Preferred Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of Delaware.

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# MISCELLANEOUS

The Regular Trustees are authorized and directed to operate the Trust in such a way so that the Trust will not be required to register as an "investment company" under the 1940 Act or characterized as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes. NationsBank is authorized and directed to conduct its affairs so that the Junior Subordinated Notes will be treated as indebtedness of NationsBank for United States federal income tax purposes. In this connection, NationsBank and the Regular Trustees are authorized to take any action, not inconsistent with applicable law, the Declaration, the certificate of trust of the Trust or the certificate of incorporation of NationsBank, that each of NationsBank and the Regular Trustees determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable to achieve such end, as long as such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Preferred Securities or vary the terms thereof.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Holders}}$  of the Preferred Securities have no preemptive rights.

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# DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE

Pursuant to the Preferred Securities Guarantee, NationsBank will irrevocably and unconditionally agree, to the extent set forth therein, to pay in full to the holders of the Preferred Securities issued by the Trust the Preferred Securities Guarantee Payments (as defined in the accompanying Prospectus) (except to the extent paid by the Trust), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which the Trust may have or assert. The Corporation's obligation to make a Preferred Securities Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Corporation to the holders of Preferred Securities or by causing the Trust to pay such amounts to such holders. The Preferred Securities Guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The Bank of New York will act as indenture trustee under the Preferred Securities Guarantee (in such capacity, the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"). The terms of the Preferred Securities Guarantee will be those set forth in such Preferred Securities Guarantee and those made part of such Preferred Securities Guarantee by the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Securities Guarantee will be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities. A summary description of the Preferred Securities Guarantee appears

in the accompanying Prospectus under the caption "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees."

### DESCRIPTION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

Set forth below is a description of the specific terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes in which the Trust will invest the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Trust Securities. This description supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the Junior Subordinated Notes set forth in the accompanying Prospectus under the caption "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes." The following description does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the description in the accompanying Prospectus and the Indenture, dated as of December , 1996 (the "Base Indenture"), between NationsBank and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Debt Trustee"), as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December , 1996 (the Base Indenture, as so supplemented, is hereinafter referred to as the "Indenture"), the forms of which are filed as Exhibits to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus form a part. Certain capitalized terms used herein are defined in the Indenture.

NationsBank will have the right at any time to dissolve the Trust and cause the Junior Subordinated Notes to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities. Any such distribution will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board if such prior approval is then required under its applicable rules, guidelines or policies. If the Junior Subordinated Notes are distributed to the holders of the Preferred Securities, NationsBank will use its best efforts to have the Junior Subordinated Notes listed on the New York Stock Exchange or on such other national securities exchange or similar organization on which the Preferred Securities are then listed or quoted.

#### GENERAL

The Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued as unsecured debt under the Indenture. The Junior Subordinated Notes will be limited in aggregate principal amount to approximately \$ (or \$ if the option described under the heading "Underwriting" is exercised by the Underwriters), such amount being the sum of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the Trust Securities.

The Junior Subordinated Notes are not subject to a sinking fund provision. The entire principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon including Compounded Interest (as defined herein) and Additional Interest (as defined herein), if any, on December , 2026.

If Junior Subordinated Notes are distributed to holders of Preferred Securities in liquidation of such holders' interests in the Trust, such Junior Subordinated Notes will initially be issued as a Global Security (as defined herein). As described herein, Junior Subordinated Notes also may be issued in certificated form in exchange for a Global Security. See " -- Book-Entry and Settlement" below. In the event that Junior Subordinated Notes are issued in certificated form, such Junior Subordinated Notes will be in denominations of \$ and integral multiples thereof and may be transferred or exchanged at the offices described below.

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Payments on Junior Subordinated Notes issued as a Global Security will be made to DTC, a successor depositary or, in the event that no depositary is used, to a Paying Agent for the Junior Subordinated Notes. In the event Junior Subordinated Notes are issued in certificated form, principal and interest will be payable, the transfer of the Junior Subordinated Notes will be registrable and Junior Subordinated Notes will be exchangeable for Junior Subordinated Notes of other denominations of a like aggregate principal amount at the corporate trust office of the Property Trustee in New York, New York; provided, that payment of interest may be made at the option of NationsBank by check mailed to the address of the holder entitled thereto or by wire transfer to an account appropriately designated by the holder entitled thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as the holder of any Junior Subordinated Notes is the Property Trustee, the payment of principal and interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes held by the Property Trustee will be made at such place and to such account as may be designated by the Property Trustee.

The Indenture does not contain provisions that afford holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction or other similar transaction involving NationsBank that may adversely affect such holders.

The Indenture provides that the Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all present and future Senior Obligations of NationsBank (as defined herein) and rank pari passu and are equivalent to creditor obligations of those holding general unsecured claims not entitled to statutory priority under the United States Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. In addition, no payment of principal (including redemption and sinking fund payments), premium, if any, or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes may be made at any time when (i) there is a default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, interest on or otherwise with respect to any Senior Obligations, whether at maturity or any date fixed for prepayment or by declaration or otherwise, (ii) any event of default with respect to Senior Obligations has occurred and is continuing, or would occur as a result of such payment on the Junior Subordinated Notes or any redemption, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of any of the Junior Subordinated Notes, permitting the holders of such Senior Obligations (or a trustee on behalf of the holder thereof) to accelerate the maturity thereof. Upon any distribution of assets of the Corporation to creditors upon any dissolution, winding-up, liquidation or reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary, or in a bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or other proceedings, the payment of the principal of, and interest on, the Junior Subordinated Notes will, to the extent set forth in the Indenture, be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Obligations of NationsBank. Upon any payment or distribution of assets to creditors upon dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization, assignment for benefit of creditors, marshalling of assets or any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceedings of NationsBank, the holders of all Senior Obligations will first be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due thereon before the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes will be entitled to receive and retain any payments in respect of the principal of, or interest on, the Junior Subordinated Notes.

The term "Senior Obligations" means, with respect to NationsBank, (i) the principal, premium, if any, and interest in respect of (A) indebtedness of NationsBank for money borrowed (whether or not denominated as senior or subordinated) and (B) indebtedness evidenced by securities, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments (whether or not denominated as senior or subordinated) issued by NationsBank, (ii) all capital lease obligations of NationsBank, (iii) all obligations of NationsBank issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property, all conditional sale obligations of NationsBank and all obligations of NationsBank under any title retention agreement (but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business), (iv) all obligations of NationsBank for the reimbursement on any letter of credit, banker's acceptance, or similar credit transaction, (v) all obligations of the Corporation arising from off-balance sheet guarantees by the Corporation and direct credit substitutes and obligations of the Corporation associated with derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange contracts, commodity contracts, swap agreements (including interest rate and foreign exchange swap agreements), cap agreements, floor agreements, collar agreements, interest rate agreements, foreign exchange rate agreements, options, commodity futures contracts and commodity option contracts; (vi) all obligations and financial instruments of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (v) above of other persons for the payment of which NationsBank is responsible or liable as obligor, quarantor or otherwise and (vii) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) above of other

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persons secured by any lien on any property or asset of NationsBank (whether or not such obligation is assumed by NationsBank), except for (1) any such indebtedness that is by its terms subordinated to or ranks pari passu with the Junior Subordinated Notes and (2) any indebtedness between or among NationsBank or its affiliates, including all other debt securities and guarantees in respect of those debt securities, issued to (a) any other NB Trust or a trustee of such trust and (b) any other trust, or a trustee of such trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with NationsBank that is a financing vehicle of NationsBank (a "financing entity") in connection with the issuance by such financial entity of Preferred Securities or other securities that rank pari passu with, or junior to, the Preferred Securities.

The rights of the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes will be subrogated to the rights of holders of or obligees under the Senior Obligations of NationsBank until all amounts owing to the holders of or obligees under the Senior Obligations are paid in full. Such Senior Obligations shall continue to be Senior Obligations and be entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of such Senior Obligations.

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of Senior Obligations that may be issued by NationsBank. As of September 30, 1996, Senior Obligations of NationsBank aggregated approximately \$17.6 billion. In addition, because NationsBank is a holding company, the Junior Subordinated Notes are effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of the Corporation's

subsidiaries, including obligations to depositors.

### OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

NationsBank shall have the right to redeem the Junior Subordinated Notes, in whole or in part, from time to time, on or after , 2001, but prior to the Stated Maturity, or, in whole but not in part, prior to , 2001, upon the occurrence of a Tax Event upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days notice, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal amount to be redeemed plus any accrued and unpaid interest, including Additional Interest, if any, to the redemption date; provided, in each case, such redemption may be subject to the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Roard.

#### INTEREST

Junior Subordinated Notes shall bear interest at the rate of percent per annum from December , 1996, payable quarterly in arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing , 199, to the person in whose name such Junior Subordinated Notes is registered, subject to certain exceptions, at the close of business on the Business Day next preceding such Interest Payment Date. In the event the Junior Subordinated Notes shall not continue to remain in book-entry only form, the record dates shall be the March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date.

The amount of interest payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The amount of interest payable for any period shorter than a full quarterly period for which interest is computed, will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed in a 30-day month. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on the Junior Subordinated Notes is not a Business Day, then payment of the interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, then such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date.

# OPTION TO EXTEND INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD

NationsBank shall have the right at any time, and from time to time, during the term of the Junior Subordinated Notes to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarters, but no such Extension Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity. At the end of any such Extension Period, NationsBank shall pay all interest then accrued and unpaid (including any Additional Interest, as herein defined) together with interest thereon compounded quarterly at the rate specified for the Junior Subordinated Notes to the extent permitted by applicable law ("Compounded Interest"); provided,

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that during any such Extension Period, (a) NationsBank shall not declare or pay dividends on, make any distribution with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of NationsBank Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by NationsBank of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of NationsBank capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Corporation's capital stock for another class or series of NationsBank capital stock or (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Corporation's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such NationsBank capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged), (b) NationsBank shall not make any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by NationsBank that rank pari passu with or junior to the Junior Subordinated Notes and (c) NationsBank shall not make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing (other than pursuant to the Preferred Securities Guarantee). Prior to the termination of any such Extension Period, NationsBank may further defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period; provided, however, that, such Extension Period, including all such previous and further extensions, may not exceed 20 consecutive quarters or beyond the Stated Maturity. Upon the termination of any Extension Period and the payment of all amounts then due, NationsBank may commence a new Extension Period, subject to the terms set forth in this section. No interest shall be due and payable during an Extension Period, except at the end thereof, but NationsBank may prepay at any time all or any portion of the interest accrued during an Extension Period. NationsBank has no present intention of exercising its right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period on the Junior Subordinated Notes. If the Property Trustee shall be the sole holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, NationsBank shall give the Regular

Trustees and the Property Trustee notice of its selection of such Extension Period one Business Day prior to the earlier of (i) the date distributions on the Preferred Securities are payable or (ii) the date the Regular Trustees are required to give notice of the record date or the date such distribution is payable to the New York Stock Exchange (or other applicable self-regulatory organization) or to holders of the Preferred Securities, but in any event at least one Business Day before such record date. The Regular Trustees shall give notice of the Corporation's selection of such Extension Period to the holders of the Preferred Securities. If the Property Trustee shall not be the sole holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, NationsBank shall give the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes notice of its selection of such Extension Period at least 10 Business Days prior to the earlier of (i) the Interest Payment Date or (ii) the date upon which NationsBank is required to give notice of the record or payment date of such interest payment to the New York Stock Exchange (or other applicable self-regulatory organization) or to holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes.

### ADDITIONAL INTEREST

If at any time the Trust shall be required to pay any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (other than withholding taxes) imposed by the United States, or any other domestic taxing authority, then, in any such case, NationsBank will pay as additional interest ("Additional Interest") such additional amounts as shall be required so that the net amounts received and retained by the Trust after paying any such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges will be not less than the amounts the Trust would have received had no such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges been imposed.

### INDENTURE EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND NOTE PAYMENT FAILURES

"Indenture Events of Default" are limited to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization of the Corporation and certain events of dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Trust and do not include defaults of the Corporation in payment obligations with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes or defaults of the Corporation under the Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any Indenture Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the Property Trustee, as the holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes, will have the right to declare the principal of and the interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes (including any Compounded Interest and Additional Interest, if any) and any other amounts payable under the Indenture to be forthwith due and payable and to enforce its other rights as a creditor with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes. See "Description of Junior Subordinated Notes -- Events of Default, Waiver and Notice" in the accompanying Prospectus for a description of the Indenture Events of Default. An Indenture Event of Default also constitutes a Declaration Event of Default. The holders of Preferred Securities in certain circumstances have the right to

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direct the Property Trustee to exercise its rights as the holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Declaration Events of Default and Note Payment Failures" and " -- Voting Rights."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Note Payment Failure has occurred and is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities may institute a Direct Action for payment after the respective due date specified in the Junior Subordinated Notes. Notwithstanding any payments made to such holder of Preferred Securities by NationsBank in connection with a Direct Action, NationsBank shall remain obligated to pay the principal of or interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes held by the Trust or the Property Trustee of the Trust, and NationsBank shall be subrogated to the rights of the holder of such Preferred Securities with respect to payments on the Preferred Securities to the extent of any payments made by NationsBank to such holder in any Direct Action. The holders of Preferred Securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes.

# BOOK-ENTRY AND SETTLEMENT

If distributed to holders of Preferred Securities in connection with the involuntary or voluntary dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of the Trust as a result of the election of the Corporation, the Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued in the form of one or more global certificates (each a "Global Security") registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee. Except under the limited circumstances described below, Junior Subordinated Notes represented by the Global Security will not be exchangeable for, and will not otherwise be issuable as, Junior Subordinated Notes in definitive form. The Global Securities described above may not be transferred except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor Depositary or its nominee.

The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in such a Global Security.

Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in such a Global Security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Junior Subordinated Notes in definitive form and will not be considered the holders (as defined in the Indenture) thereof for any purpose under the Indenture, and no Global Security representing Junior Subordinated Notes shall be exchangeable, except for another Global Security of like denomination and tenor to be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee or to a successor Depositary or its nominee. Accordingly, each Beneficial Owner must rely on the procedures of the Depositary or if such person is not a Participant, on the procedures of the Participant through which such person owns its interest to exercise any rights of a holder under the Indenture.

### THE DEPOSITARY

If Junior Subordinated Notes are distributed to holders of Preferred Securities in liquidation of such holders' interests in the Trust, DTC will act as securities depositary for the Junior Subordinated Notes. For a description of DTC and the specific terms of the depositary arrangements, see "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Corporation." As of the date of this Prospectus Supplement, the description therein of DTC's book-entry system and DTC's practices as they relate to purchases, transfers, notices and payments with respect to the Preferred Securities apply in all material respects to any debt obligations represented by one or more Global Securities held by NationsBank. NationsBank may appoint a successor to DTC or any successor depositary in the event DTC or such successor depositary is unable or unwilling to continue as a depositary for the Global Securities.

None of NationsBank, the Trust, the Property Trustee, any paying agent and any other agent of NationsBank, or the Debt Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a Global Security for such Junior Subordinated Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

### DISCONTINUANCE OF THE DEPOSITARY'S SERVICES

A Global Security shall be exchangeable for Junior Subordinated Notes registered in the names of persons other than the Depositary or its nominee only if (i) the Depositary notifies NationsBank that it is unwilling or

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unable to continue as a depositary for such Global Security and no successor depositary shall have been appointed, (ii) the Depositary, at any time, ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act at which time the Depositary is required to be so registered to act as such depositary and no successor depositary shall have been appointed, (iii) NationsBank, in its sole discretion, determines that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable or (iv) there shall have occurred an Event of Default with respect to such Junior Subordinated Notes. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Junior Subordinated Notes registered in such names as the Depositary shall direct. It is expected that such instructions will be based upon directions received by the Depositary from its Participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in such Global Security.

# GOVERNING LAW

The Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

# MISCELLANEOUS

The Indenture provides that NationsBank will pay all fees and expenses related to (i) the offering of the Trust Securities and the Junior Subordinated Notes, (ii) the organization, maintenance and dissolution of the Trust, (iii) the retention of the NB Trustees and (iv) the enforcement by the Property Trustee of the rights of the holders of the Preferred Securities. The payment of such fees and expenses will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by NationsBank.

NationsBank will have the right at all times to assign any of its respective rights or obligations under the Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of NationsBank; provided that, in the event of any such assignment, NationsBank will remain liable for all of their respective obligations. Subject to the foregoing, the Indenture will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties thereto and their respective successors and assigns. The Indenture provides that it may not otherwise be assigned by the

# EFFECT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES AND THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE

As set forth in the Declaration, the sole purpose of the Trust is to issue the Trust Securities evidencing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust, and to invest the proceeds from such issuance and sale in the Junior Subordinated Notes.

As long as payments of interest and other payments are made when due on the Junior Subordinated Notes, such payments will be sufficient to cover distributions and payments due on the Trust Securities because of the following factors: (i) the aggregate principal amount of Junior Subordinated Notes will be equal to the sum of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the Trust Securities; (ii) the interest rate and the interest and other payment dates on the Junior Subordinated Notes will match the distribution rate and distribution and other payment dates for the Preferred Securities; (iii) NationsBank shall pay all, and the Trust shall not be obligated to pay, directly or indirectly, all costs, expenses, debt, and obligations of the Trust (other than with respect to the Trust Securities); and (iv) the Declaration further provides that the Regular Trustees shall not take or cause or permit the Trust to, among other things, engage in any activity that is not consistent with the purposes of the Trust.

Payments of distributions (to the extent funds therefor are available) and other payments due on the Preferred Securities (to the extent funds therefor are available) are guaranteed on a subordinated basis by NationsBank as and to the extent set forth under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" in the accompanying Prospectus. If NationsBank does not make interest payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by the Trust, it is expected that the Trust will not have sufficient funds to pay distributions on the Preferred Securities. The Preferred Securities Guarantee does not apply to any payment of distributions unless and until the Trust has sufficient funds for the payment of such distributions. The Preferred Securities Guarantee covers the payment of distributions and other payments on the Preferred Securities only if and to the extent that NationsBank has made a payment of interest or principal on the Junior Subordinated Notes held by the Trust as its sole asset. The Preferred Securities Guarantee, when taken together with the Corporation's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Indenture and its obligations under the Declaration, including its obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of the Trust (other than with respect to the Trust Securities), provide a full and unconditional quarantee on a subordinated basis of amounts on the Preferred Securities.

If NationsBank fails to make interest or other payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes when due (taking account of any Extension Period), the Declaration provides a mechanism whereby the holders of the Preferred Securities, using the procedures described in "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Book-Entry Only Issuance -- The Depository Trust Corporation" and " -- Voting Rights," may direct the Property Trustee to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes, a holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding against NationsBank to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes without first instituting any legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Note Payment Failure has occurred and is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities may then institute a Direct Action for payment after the respective due date specified in the Junior Subordinated Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, NationsBank will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of Preferred Securities under the Declaration to the extent of any payment made by NationsBank to such holder of Preferred Securities in such Direct Action. NationsBank, under the Preferred Securities Guarantee, acknowledges that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce the Preferred Securities Guarantee on behalf of the holders of the Preferred Securities. If NationsBank fails to make payments under the Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Securities Guarantee provides a mechanism whereby the holders of the Preferred Securities may direct the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to enforce its rights thereunder. Any holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against NationsBank to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under the Preferred Securities Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Trust, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any other person or entity.

NationsBank and the Trust believe that the above mechanisms and obligations, taken together, provide a full and unconditional guarantee by NationsBank on a subordinated basis of payments due on the Preferred

### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

#### GENERAL.

In the opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, special tax counsel to NationsBank and the Trust ("Tax Counsel"), the following is a summary of certain of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Preferred Securities. Unless otherwise stated, this summary deals only with Preferred Securities held as capital assets by holders who purchase the Preferred Securities upon original issuance ("Initial Holders"). It does not deal with special classes of holders such as banks, thrifts, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, insurance companies, dealers in securities or currencies, tax-exempt investors, or persons that will hold the Preferred Securities as a position in a "straddle," as part of a "synthetic security" or "hedge," as part of a "conversion transaction" or other integrated investment, or as other than a capital asset. This summary also does not address the tax consequences to persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. Dollar or the tax consequences to shareholders, partners or beneficiaries of a holder of Preferred Securities. Further, it does not include any description of any alternative minimum tax consequences or the tax laws of any state or local government or of any foreign government that may be applicable to the Preferred Securities. This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Treasury regulations thereunder and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, as of the date hereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis.

### CLASSIFICATION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

In connection with the issuance of the Junior Subordinated Notes, Tax Counsel will render its opinion generally to the effect that under then current law and assuming full compliance with the terms of the Indenture (and certain other documents), and based on certain facts and assumptions contained in such opinion, the Junior Subordinated Notes will be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as indebtedness of NationsBank.

### CLASSIFICATION OF THE TRUST

In connection with the issuance of the Preferred Securities, Tax Counsel will render its opinion generally to the effect that, under then current law and assuming full compliance with the terms of the Declaration and the Indenture (and certain other documents), and based on certain facts and assumptions contained in such opinion, the Trust will be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust and not as an association taxable as a corporation. Accordingly, for United States federal income tax purposes, each holder of Preferred Securities generally will be considered the owner of an undivided interest in the Junior Subordinated Notes, and each holder will be required to include in its gross income any interest (or accrued OID) with respect to its allocable share of those Junior Subordinated Notes.

# INTEREST INCOME AND ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT

Under recently issued Treasury regulations (the "Regulations") applicable to debt instruments issued on or after August 13, 1996, a "remote" contingency that stated interest will not be timely paid will be ignored in determining whether a debt instrument is issued with OID. NationsBank believes that the likelihood of its exercising its option to defer payments of interest is "remote" since exercising that option would prevent NationsBank from declaring dividends on any class of its equity. Accordingly, NationsBank intends to take the position, based on the advice of Tax Counsel, that the Junior Subordinated Notes will not be considered to be issued with OID and, accordingly, stated interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes generally will be taxable to a holder as ordinary income at the time it is paid or accrued in accordance with such holder's method of accounting.

Under the Regulations, if NationsBank were to exercise its option to defer payments of interest, the Junior Subordinated Notes would at that time be treated as issued with OID, and all stated interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes would thereafter be treated as OID as long as the Junior Subordinated Notes remain outstanding. In such event, all of a holder's taxable interest income with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes

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would thereafter be accounted for on an economic accrual basis regardless of such holder's method of tax accounting, and actual distributions of stated interest would not be reported as taxable income. Consequently, a holder of Preferred Securities would be required to include OID in its gross income even though NationsBank would not make actual cash payments during an Extension Period.

The Regulations have not yet been addressed in any rulings or other interpretations by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), and the IRS could take

a position that the likelihood of deferral is not remote.

Because income on the Preferred Securities will constitute interest or OID, corporate holders of Preferred Securities will not be entitled to a dividends-received deduction with respect to any income recognized with respect to the Preferred Securities.

### MARKET DISCOUNT AND BOND PREMIUM

Holders of Preferred Securities other than Initial Holders may be considered to have acquired their undivided interests in the Junior Subordinated Notes with market discount or acquisition premium as such phrases are defined for United States federal income tax purposes. Such holders are advised to consult their tax advisors as to the income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Preferred Securities.

RECEIPT OF JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES OR CASH UPON LIQUIDATION OF NB CAPITAL TRUST

NationsBank will have the right at any time to dissolve the Trust and cause the Junior Subordinated Notes to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities, provided that NationsBank has received prior approval from the Federal Reserve Board if required. Under current law, such a distribution, for United States federal income tax purposes, would be treated as a nontaxable event to each holder, and each holder would receive an aggregate tax basis in the Junior Subordinated Notes equal to such holder's aggregate tax basis in its Preferred Securities. A holder's holding period in the Junior Subordinated Notes so received in liquidation of the Trust would include the period during which the Preferred Securities were held by such holder. If, however, at the time of the dissolution of the Trust there has been a Tax Event or similar circumstance which results in the Trust being treated as an association taxable as a corporation, the distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes would likely constitute a taxable event to holders of Preferred Securities.

Under certain circumstances described herein (see "Description of the Preferred Securities"), the Junior Subordinated Notes may be redeemed for cash and the proceeds of such redemption distributed to holders in redemption of their Preferred Securities. Under current law, such a redemption would, for United States federal income tax purposes, constitute a taxable disposition of the redeemed Preferred Securities, and a holder would recognize gain or loss as if it sold such redeemed Preferred Securities for cash. See "United States Federal Income Taxation -- Sales of Preferred Securities."

# SALES OF PREFERRED SECURITIES

A holder that sells Preferred Securities will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between its adjusted tax basis in the Preferred Securities and the amount realized on the sale of such Preferred Securities (other than with respect to accrued and unpaid interest which has not yet been included in income, which will be treated as ordinary income). A holder's adjusted tax basis in the Preferred Securities generally will be its initial purchase price increased by OID (if any) previously includable in such holder's gross income to the date of disposition and decreased by payments received on the Preferred Securities that are principal payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes. Such gain or loss generally will be a capital gain or loss and generally will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the Preferred Securities have been held for more than one year.

The Preferred Securities may trade at a price that does not accurately reflect the value of accrued but unpaid interest with respect to the underlying Junior Subordinated Notes. A holder who uses the accrual method of accounting for tax purposes (and a cash method holder, if the Junior Subordinated Notes are deemed to be issued with OID) and who disposes of his Preferred Securities between record dates for payments of distributions thereon will be required to include accrued but unpaid interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes through the date of disposition in income as ordinary income (i.e., interest or, possibly, OID), and to add such amount to his adjusted tax basis in his pro rata share of the underlying Junior Subordinated Notes deemed disposed of. To the extent the selling price is less than the holder's adjusted tax basis (which will include all

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accrued but unpaid interest) a holder will recognize a capital loss. Subject to certain limited exceptions, capital losses cannot be applied to offset ordinary income for United States federal income tax purposes.

# UNITED STATES ALIEN HOLDERS

For purposes of this discussion, a "United States Alien Holder" is any corporation, individual, partnership, estate or trust that is, under United States tax law, a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual, a foreign partnership, or an estate or trust treated as a foreign estate or trust under Section 7701(a) (31) of the Code.

Under present United States federal income tax law: (i) payments by the Trust or any of its paying agents to any holder of a Preferred Security who or which is a United States Alien Holder will not be subject to United States federal withholding tax; provided that, (a) the beneficial owner of the Preferred Security does not actually or constructively own 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of NationsBank entitled to vote, (b) the beneficial owner of the Preferred Security is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to NationsBank through stock ownership, and (c) either (A) the beneficial owner of the Preferred Security certifies to the Trust or its agent, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a United States holder and provides its name and address or (B) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a "Financial Institution"), and holds the Preferred Security in such capacity, certifies to the Trust or its agent, under penalties of perjury, that such statement has been received from the beneficial owner by it or by a Financial Institution between it and the beneficial owner and furnishes the Trust or its agent with a copy thereof; and (ii) a United States Alien Holder of a Preferred Security will not be subject to United States federal withholding tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of a Preferred Security.

#### PROPOSED TAX LEGISLATION

On March 19, 1996, President Clinton proposed certain tax law changes that would, among other things, generally deny corporate issuers a deduction for interest in respect of certain debt obligations issued on or after December 7, 1995 (the "Proposed Legislation") if such debt obligations have a maximum term in excess of 20 years and are not shown as indebtedness on the issuer's applicable consolidated balance sheet. On March 29, 1996, Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth, Jr. and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer issued a joint statement (the "Joint Statement") indicating their intent that certain legislative proposals initiated by the Clinton administration, including the Proposed Legislation, that may be adopted by either of the tax-writing committees of Congress would have an effective date that is no earlier than the date of "appropriate Congressional action." In addition, subsequent to the publication of the Joint Statement, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Representatives Sam M. Gibbons and Charles B. Rangel wrote letters to Treasury Department officials concurring with the views expressed in the Joint Statement (the "Democrat Letters"). Based upon the Joint Statement and the Democrat Letters, it is expected that if the Proposed Legislation were to be enacted, such legislation would not apply to the Junior Subordinated Notes. There can be no assurances, however, that the effective date guidance contained in the Joint Statement and the Democrat Letters will be incorporated into the Proposed Legislation, if enacted, or that other legislation enacted after the date hereof will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of the Corporation to deduct the interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Notes. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a Tax Event will not occur. See "Description of the Preferred Securities -- Tax Event Redemption."

# INFORMATION REPORTING TO HOLDERS

Generally, income on the Preferred Securities will be reported to holders on Forms 1099, which forms should be mailed to holders of Preferred Securities by January 31 following each calendar year.

# BACKUP WITHHOLDING

Payments made on, and proceeds from the sale of, the Preferred Securities may be subject to a "backup" withholding tax of 31 percent unless the holder complies with certain identification requirements. Any withheld amounts will be allowed as a credit against the holder's United States federal income tax, provided the required information is provided to the IRS.

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THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX DISCUSSION SET FORTH ABOVE IS INCLUDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE DEPENDING UPON A HOLDER'S PARTICULAR SITUATION. HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES, INCLUDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX LAWS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS.

# UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement"), NB Capital Trust has agreed to sell to each of the Underwriters named below, and each of the Underwriters, for whom Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., PaineWebber Incorporated, Prudential Securities Incorporated and Smith Barney Inc. are acting as representatives (the "Representatives"), has severally agreed to purchase the number of Preferred

Securities set forth opposite its name below. In the Underwriting Agreement, the several Underwriters have agreed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to purchase all the Preferred Securities offered hereby if any of the Preferred Securities are purchased. In the event of default by an Underwriter, the Underwriting Agreement provides that, in certain circumstances, purchase commitments of the nondefaulting Underwriters may be increased or the Underwriting Agreement may be terminated.

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PaineWebber Incorporated		
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The Representatives have advised the Trust that they propose initially to offer the Preferred Securities to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement, and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of \$ per Preferred Security. The Underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a discount not in excess of \$ per Preferred Security to certain other dealers. After the initial public offering, the public offering price, concession and discount may be changed.

In view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Preferred Securities will ultimately be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Notes of NationsBank, the Underwriting Agreement provides that NationsBank will pay as compensation ("Underwriters' Compensation") to the Underwriters arranging the

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investment therein of such proceeds, an amount in immediately available funds of \$ per Preferred Security (or \$ in the aggregate) for the accounts of the several Underwriters; provided that, such compensation for sales of 10,000 or more Preferred Securities to any single purchaser will be \$ per Preferred Security. Therefore, to the extent of such sales, the actual amount of Underwriters' Compensation will be less than the aggregate amount specified in the preceding sentence.

The Trust has granted the Underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional Preferred Securities at the initial public offering price plus accrued distributions from December , 1996. Such option, which expires 30 days from the date of this Prospectus, may be exercised solely to cover over-allotments. To the extent that the Underwriters exercise such option, each of the Underwriters will have a firm commitment, subject to certain conditions, to purchase approximately the same percentage of the additional Preferred Securities that the number of Preferred Securities to be purchased initially by the Underwriter is of the Preferred Securities initially purchased by the Underwriters.

To the extent that the Underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional Preferred Securities, the Trust shall issue and sell to the Corporation, additional Common Securities and the Corporation shall issue and sell to the Trust, Junior Subordinated Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the total aggregate liquidation amount of the additional Preferred Securities being purchased pursuant to the option.

During a period of 30 days from the date of the Prospectus Supplement, neither NB Capital Trust nor NationsBank will, subject to certain exceptions, without the prior written consent of the Underwriters, directly or indirectly, sell, offer to sell, grant any option for sale of, or otherwise dispose of, any Preferred Securities, any security convertible into or exchangeable into or exercisable for Preferred Securities or Junior Subordinated Notes or any debt securities substantially similar to the Junior Subordinated Notes or equity securities substantially similar to the Preferred Securities (except for the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities offered hereby).

The Preferred Securities have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to notice of issuance. Trading of the Preferred Securities on the New York Stock Exchange is expected to commence within a 30-day period after the initial delivery of the Preferred Securities. The Representatives have advised NB Capital Trust that they intend to make a market in the Preferred Securities prior to the commencement of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Representatives will have no obligation to make a market in the Preferred Securities, however, and may cease market-making activities, if commenced, at any time.

Prior to this offering there has been no public market for the Preferred Securities. In order to meet one of the requirements for listing the Preferred Securities on the New York Stock Exchange, the Underwriters will undertake to sell lots of 100 or more Preferred Securities to a minimum of 400 beneficial holders.

NB Capital Trust and NationsBank have agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against, or contribute to payments that the Underwriters may be required to make in respect of, certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Certain of the Underwriters engage in transactions with, and, from time to time, have performed services for, NationsBank and its subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain matters of Delaware law relating to the validity of the Preferred Securities will be passed upon on behalf of the NB Capital Trust by Richards, Layton & Finger, special Delaware counsel to the NB Capital Trust. The validity of the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities Guarantees and certain matters relating thereto will be passed upon for NationsBank by Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. and for the underwriters by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. Certain United States federal income taxation matters will be passed upon for NationsBank and the NB Capital Trust by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, special tax counsel to NationsBank and the NB Capital Trust. Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan will rely on the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger as to matters of Delaware law. As of the date of this Prospectus Supplement, certain members of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. beneficially own approximately 50,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THESE SECURITIES HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD NOR MAY OFFERS TO BUY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE TIME THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION
PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1996

PROSPECTUS

\$1,000,000,000
NATIONSBANK(Register mark)
JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES
NB CAPITAL TRUST I
NB CAPITAL TRUST II
NB CAPITAL TRUST III
PREFERRED SECURITIES

GUARANTEED TO THE EXTENT SET FORTH HEREIN BY NATIONSBANK (Register mark)

NationsBank Corporation ("NationsBank" or the "Corporation") may offer from time to time its subordinated debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") in one or more series and in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. The Junior Subordinated Notes when issued will be unsecured obligations of the Corporation. The Corporation's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to other indebtedness of the Corporation, as may be described in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") and in an aggregate amount to be set forth as of the most recent practicable date in such Prospectus Supplement.

NB Capital Trust I, NB Capital Trust II and NB Capital Trust III (each, a "NB Capital Trust"), each a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, may offer, from time to time, preferred securities, representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the respective NB Capital Trust ("Preferred Securities"). The payment of periodic cash distributions ("distributions") with respect to Preferred Securities of each of

the NB Capital Trusts out of moneys held by each of the NB Capital Trusts, and payment on liquidation, redemption or otherwise with respect to such Preferred Securities, will be quaranteed by NationsBank to the extent described herein (each a "Preferred Securities Guarantee"). See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" below. The Corporation's obligations under the Preferred Securities Guarantees will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Corporation and will rank pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Corporation and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by NationsBank in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any affiliate of the Corporation. Junior Subordinated Notes may be issued and sold from time to time in one or more series to a NB Capital Trust, or a trustee of such NB Capital Trust, in connection with the investment of the proceeds from the offering of Preferred Securities and Common Securities (as defined herein, together the "Trust Securities") of such NB Capital Trust. The Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by a NB Capital Trust may be subsequently distributed pro rata to holders of the Trust Securities in connection with the dissolution of such NB Capital Trust upon the occurrence of certain events as may be described in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement. The Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities and the related Preferred Securities Guarantees are sometimes collectively referred to hereafter as the "Offered Securities."

Specific terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series or the Preferred Securities of any NB Capital Trust, the terms of which will mirror the terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes held by any NB Capital Trust, in respect of which this prospectus (the "Prospectus") is being delivered will be set forth in a Prospectus

Supplement with respect to such securities, which will describe, without limitation and where applicable, the following: (i) in the case of Junior Subordinated Notes, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, denomination, maturity, premium, if any, any exchange, conversion, redemption or sinking fund provisions, if any, interest rate (which may be fixed or variable), if any, the time and method of calculating interest payments, if any, dates on which premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be payable, the right of NationsBank, if any, to defer payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes and the maximum length of such deferral period, the initial public offering price, subordination terms, and any listing on a securities exchange and other specific terms of the offering; and (ii) in the case of Preferred Securities, the designation, number of securities, liquidation preference per security, initial public offering price, any listing on a securities exchange, distribution rate (or method of calculation thereof), dates on which distributions shall be payable and dates from which distributions shall accrue, any voting rights, terms for any conversion or exchange into other securities, any redemption, exchange or sinking fund provisions, any other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations or restrictions relating to the Preferred Securities and the terms upon which the proceeds of the sale of the Preferred Securities shall be used to purchase a specific series of Junior Subordinated Notes of NationsBank.

The Offered Securities may be offered in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of offering. The Prospectus Supplement relating to any series of Offered Securities will contain information concerning certain United States federal income tax considerations, if applicable to the Offered Securities.

NationsBank and/or each of the NB Capital Trusts may sell the Offered Securities directly, through agents designated from time to time, or through underwriters or dealers. See "Plan of Distribution" below. If any agents of NationsBank and/or any NB Capital Trust or any underwriters or dealers are involved in the sale of the Offered Securities, the names of such agents, underwriters or dealers and any applicable commissions and discounts will be set forth in any related Prospectus Supplement.

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OR BANK DEPOSITS, ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PREFERRED SECURITIES ARE GUARANTEED BY NATIONSBANK AS DESCRIBED HEREIN), ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND INVOLVE INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (THE "COMMISSIONER") OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is November  $\,$  , 1996

NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER MADE BY THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR

REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, ANY OF THE NB CAPITAL TRUSTS OR THE UNDERWRITERS. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER AND THEREUNDER SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

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OR ANY OF THE NB CAPITAL TRUSTS SINCE THE DATE HEREOF. THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION BY ANYONE IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR TO ANYONE TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents, previously filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995;
- (b) The Corporation's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 1996, June 30, 1996 and September 30, 1996;
- (c) The Corporation's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 12, 1996, February 1, 1996, March 8, 1996, April 17, 1996, May 16, 1996, July 5, 1996, July 31, 1996, September 6, 1996 (as amended by Form 8-K/A-1 filed September 11, 1996 and Form 8-K/A-2 filed November 13, 1996), September 20, 1996 (as amended by Form 8-K/A filed September 23, 1996), October 25, 1996 and November 14, 1996; and
- (d) The description of the Corporation's Common Stock contained in its registration statement filed pursuant to Section 12 of the 1934 Act, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description, including the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 21 1994
- All reports and any definitive proxy or information statements filed by the Corporation with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the Offered Securities offered hereby shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

THE CORPORATION WILL PROVIDE WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS PROSPECTUS IS DELIVERED, ON THE WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST OF ANY SUCH PERSON, A COPY OF ANY OR ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE (OTHER THAN EXHIBITS TO SUCH DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN SUCH DOCUMENTS). WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR SUCH COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JOHN E. MACK, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, NATIONSBANK CORPORATE CENTER, CORPORATE TREASURY DIVISION, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28255. TELEPHONE REQUESTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO (704) 386-5972.

This Prospectus constitutes a part of a combined Registration Statement on Form S-3 (together with all amendments and exhibits thereto, the "Registration Statement") filed by NationsBank and the NB Capital Trusts with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the Offered Securities. This Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in such Registration Statement, certain parts of which are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, although it does include a summary of the material terms of the Indenture and the Declarations (each as defined herein). Reference is made to such Registration Statement and to the exhibits relating thereto for further information with respect to the NationsBank, the NB Capital Trusts and the Offered Securities. Any statements contained herein concerning the provisions of any document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement or otherwise filed with the Commission or incorporated by reference herein are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such document so filed for a more complete description of the matter involved. Each such statement is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

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NationsBank is subject to the informational requirements of the 1934 Act and, in accordance therewith, files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the following public reference facilities maintained by the Commission: 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549; 7 World Trade Center, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048; and the Citicorp Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511. Copies of such material may also be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549, upon payment of prescribed rates. The Commission maintains an Internet web site that contains reports, proxy and information

statements and other information regarding issuers who file electronically with the Commission. The address of that site is http://www.sec.gov. In addition, reports, proxy statements and other information concerning NationsBank may be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005 and at the offices of The Pacific Stock Exchange Incorporated, 301 Pine Street, San Francisco, California 94104.

No separate financial statements of any of the NB Capital Trusts have been included herein. NationsBank does not consider that such financial statements would be material to holders of the Preferred Securities because (i) all of the voting securities of each of the NB Capital Trusts will be owned, directly or indirectly, by NationsBank, a reporting company under the 1934 Act, (ii) each of the NB Capital Trusts has no independent operations but exists for the sole purpose of issuing securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of such NB Capital Trust and investing the proceeds thereof in Junior Subordinated Notes issued by NationsBank, and (iii) the Corporation's obligations described herein and in any accompanying Prospectus Supplement to provide certain indemnities in respect of and be responsible for certain costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of each of the NB Capital Trusts under the Indenture and any supplemental indenture thereto and pursuant to the Declarations of each NB Capital Trust, the quarantee issued with respect to Preferred Securities issued by that NB Capital Trust, the Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by that NB Capital Trust and the related Indenture, taken together, constitute a full and unconditional quarantee of payments due on the Preferred Securities. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes" and "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees."

The NB Capital Trusts are not currently subject to the information reporting requirements of the 1934 Act. The NB Capital Trusts will become subject to such requirements upon the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, although they intend to seek and expect to receive exemptions thereform.

### NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

#### GENERAL.

NationsBank is a multi-bank holding company established as a North Carolina corporation in 1968 and is registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA"), with its principal assets being the stock of its subsidiaries. Through its banking subsidiaries (the "Banks") and its various non-banking subsidiaries, NationsBank provides banking and banking-related services, primarily throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and Texas. The principal executive offices of NationsBank are located at NationsBank Corporate Center in Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. Its telephone number is (704) 386-5000.

OPERATIONS

NationsBank provides a diversified range of banking and certain nonbanking financial services and products through its various subsidiaries. NationsBank manages its business activities through three major business units: the General Bank, Global Finance and Financial Services.

The General Bank provides comprehensive services in the commercial and retail banking fields, including the origination and servicing of home mortgage loans, the issuance and servicing of credit cards (through a Delaware subsidiary), indirect lending, dealer finance and certain insurance services. The General Bank also provides retirement services for defined benefit and defined contribution plans, full service and discount brokerage services, and investment advisory services, including advising the NationsFund family of mutual funds, as well as private banking, fiduciary and investment management services through subsidiaries of NationsBank. As of September 30, 1996, the General Bank operated 1,980 banking offices through the following Banks: NationsBank, N.A. (serving the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia

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and the District of Columbia); NationsBank, N.A. (South) (serving the states of Florida and Georgia); NationsBank of Kentucky, N.A.; NationsBank of Tennessee, N.A.; NationsBank of Texas, N.A.; and Sun World, N.A. (serving the state of Texas). The General Bank also provides fully automated, 24-hour cash dispensing and depositing services throughout the states in which it is located, through 3,609 automated teller machines.

Global Finance provides comprehensive corporate and investment banking as well as trading and distribution services to domestic and international customers. The group serves as a principal lender and investor, as well as an advisor, arranger and underwriter, and manages treasury and trade transactions for clients and customers. Loan origination and syndication, asset-backed lending, leasing, factoring, project finance and mergers and acquisitions are representative of the services provided by the group. Global Finance also underwrites, trades and distributes a wide range of securities (including bank-eligible securities and, to a limited extent, bank-ineligible securities as authorized by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board")), and trades and distributes a wide range of derivative products in certain interest rate, foreign exchange, commodity and equity markets. Global Finance provides its services through various offices located in major United States cities as well as in London, Frankfurt, Singapore, Bogota, Mexico City, Grand Cayman, Nassau, Seoul, Tokyo, Osaka, Taipei and Hong Kong.

 $\hbox{Financial Services includes NationsCredit Consumer Corporation, primarily a consumer finance subsidiary, and NationsCredit Commercial Corporation, primarily } \\$ 

a commercial finance subsidiary. NationsCredit Consumer Corporation, which has approximately 331 offices located in 36 states, provides personal, mortgage and automobile loans to consumers and retail finance programs to dealers. NationsCredit Commercial Corporation consists of seven divisions that specialize in one or more of the following areas: equipment loans and leasing; loans for debt restructuring, mergers and acquisitions and working capital; real estate, golf/recreational and health care financing; and inventory financing to manufacturers, distributors and dealers.

As part of its operations, NationsBank regularly evaluates the potential acquisition of, and holds discussions with, various financial institutions and other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding company investment. In addition, NationsBank regularly analyzes the values of, and submits bids for, the acquisition of customer-based funds and other liabilities and assets of such financial institutions and other businesses. As a general rule, NationsBank publicly announces such material acquisitions when a definitive agreement has been reached.

#### SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

GENERAL. As a registered bank holding company, NationsBank is subject to the supervision of, and to regular inspection by, the Federal Reserve Board. The Banks are organized as national banking associations, which are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "Comptroller"). The Banks are also subject to regulation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") and other federal regulatory agencies. In addition to banking laws, regulations and regulatory agencies, NationsBank and its subsidiaries and affiliates are subject to various other laws and regulations and supervision and examination by other regulatory agencies, all of which directly or indirectly affect the Corporation's operations, management and ability to make distributions. The following discussion summarizes certain aspects of those laws and regulations that affect NationsBank.

The activities of NationsBank, and those of companies which it controls or in which it holds more than 5% of the voting stock, are limited to banking or managing or controlling banks or furnishing services to or performing services for its subsidiaries, or any other activity which the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. In making such determinations, the Federal Reserve Board is required to consider whether the performance of such activities by a bank holding company or its subsidiaries can reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public such as greater convenience, increased competition or gains in efficiency that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interest or unsound banking practices. Generally, bank holding companies, such as NationsBank, are required to obtain prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board to engage in any new activity not previously approved by the Federal Reserve Board or to acquire more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any company.

Bank holding companies are also required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board before acquiring more than 5% of any class of voting stock of any bank which is not already majority-owned by the

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bank holding company. Pursuant to the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the "Interstate Banking and Branching Act"), a bank holding company became able to acquire banks in states other than its home state beginning September 29, 1995, without regard to the permissibility of such acquisition under state law, but subject to any state requirement that the bank has been organized and operating for a minimum period of time, not to exceed five years, and the requirement that the bank holding company, prior to or following the proposed acquisition, controls no more than 10% of the total amount of deposits of insured depository institutions in the United States and no more than 30% of such deposits in that state (or such lesser or greater amount set by state law).

The Interstate Banking and Branching Act also authorizes banks to merge across state lines, therefore creating interstate branches, beginning June 1, 1997. Under such legislation, each state has the opportunity either to "opt out" of this provision, thereby prohibiting interstate branching in such states, or to "opt in" at an earlier time, thereby allowing interstate branching within that state prior to June 1, 1997. Furthermore, pursuant to such act, a bank is now able to open new branches in a state in which it does not already have banking operations if the laws of such state permit such DE NOVO branching. Of those states in which the Banks are located, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia have enacted legislation to "opt in," thereby permitting interstate branching prior to June 1, 1997, and Texas has adopted legislation to "opt out" of the interstate branching provisions (which Texas law currently expires on September 2, 1999).

As previously described, NationsBank regularly evaluates merger and acquisition opportunities, and it anticipates that it will continue to evaluate such opportunities in light of the new legislation.

Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently introduced in Congress, in the state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies.

CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. The Federal Reserve Board, the Comptroller and the FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to United States banking organizations. In addition, those regulatory agencies may from time to time require that a banking organization maintain capital above the minimum levels, whether because of its financial condition or actual or anticipated growth.

The Federal Reserve Board risk-based guidelines define a two-tier capital framework. Tier 1 capital consists of common and qualifying preferred shareholders' equity, less certain intangibles and other adjustments. Tier 2 capital consists of subordinated and other qualifying debt, and the allowance for credit losses up to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets. The sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital less investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries represents qualifying total capital, at least 50% of which must consist of Tier 1 capital. Risk-based capital ratios are calculated by dividing Tier 1 and total capital by risk-weighted assets. Assets and off-balance sheet exposures are assigned to one of four categories of risk-weights, based primarily on relative credit risk. The minimum Tier 1 capital ratio is 4% and the minimum total capital ratio is 8%. The Corporation's Tier 1 and total risk-based capital ratios under these guidelines at September 30, 1996 were 7.05% and 12.05%, respectively.

The leverage ratio is determined by dividing Tier 1 capital by adjusted average total assets. Although the stated minimum ratio is 3%, most banking organizations are required to maintain ratios of at least 100 to 200 basis points above 3%. The Corporation's leverage ratio at September 30, 1996 was 6.30%. Management believes that NationsBank meets its leverage ratio requirement.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ("FDICIA"), among other things, identifies five capital categories for insured depository institutions (well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized) and requires the respective Federal regulatory agencies to implement systems for "prompt corrective action" for insured depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements within such categories. FDICIA imposes progressively more restrictive constraints on operations, management and capital distributions, depending on the category in which an institution is classified. Failure to meet the capital guidelines could also subject a banking institution to capital raising requirements. An "undercapitalized" bank must develop a capital restoration plan and its parent holding company must quarantee that bank's compliance with the plan. The liability of the parent holding company under any such guarantee is limited to the lesser of 5% of the bank's assets at the time it became "undercapitalized" or the amount needed to comply with the plan. Furthermore, in the event of the bankruptcy

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of the parent holding company, such guarantee would take priority over the parent's general unsecured creditors. In addition, FDICIA requires the various regulatory agencies to prescribe certain non-capital standards for safety and soundness relating generally to operations and management, asset quality and executive compensation and permits regulatory action against a financial institution that does not meet such standards.

The various regulatory agencies have adopted substantially similar regulations that define the five capital categories identified by FDICIA, using the total risk-based capital, Tier 1 risk-based capital and leverage capital ratios as the relevant capital measures. Such regulations establish various degrees of corrective action to be taken when an institution is considered undercapitalized. Under the regulations, a "well capitalized" institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 6%, a total capital ratio of at least 10% and a leverage ratio of at least 5% and not be subject to a capital directive order. An "adequately capitalized" institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 4%, a total capital ratio of at least 8% and a leverage ratio of at least 4%, or 3% in some cases. Under these guidelines, as of September 30, 1996, each of the Banks was considered well capitalized.

Banking agencies have recently adopted final regulations which mandate that regulators take into consideration concentrations of credit risk and risks from non-traditional activities, as well as an institution's ability to manage those risks, when determining the adequacy of an institution's capital. This evaluation will be made as a part of the institution's regular safety and soundness examination. Banking agencies also have recently adopted final regulations requiring regulators to consider interest rate risk (when the interest rate sensitivity of an institution's assets does not match the sensitivity of its liabilities or its off-balance-sheet position) in the evaluation of a bank's capital adequacy. Concurrently, banking agencies have proposed a methodology for evaluating interest rate risk. After gaining experience with the proposed measurement process, these banking agencies intend to propose further regulations to establish an explicit risk-based capital charge for interest rate risk.

DISTRIBUTIONS. The Corporation's funds for cash distributions to its shareholders are derived from a variety of sources, including cash and temporary investments. The primary source of such funds, however, is dividends received from the Banks. The amount of dividends that each Bank may declare in a calendar year without approval of the Comptroller is the Bank's net profits for that year, as defined by statute, combined with its net retained profits, as defined, for the preceding two years. In addition, from time to time NationsBank applies for, and may receive, permission from the Comptroller for one or more of the Banks to declare special dividends. As of January 1, 1996, the Banks can

initiate dividend payments without prior regulatory approval of up to \$905 million plus an additional amount equal to their net profits for 1996 up to the date of any such dividend declaration.

In addition to the foregoing, the ability of NationsBank and the Banks to pay dividends may be affected by the various minimum capital requirements and the capital and non-capital standards established under FDICIA as described above. Furthermore, the Comptroller may prohibit the payment of a dividend by a national bank if it determines that such payment would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice. The right of NationsBank, its shareholders and its creditors to participate in any distribution of the assets or earnings of its subsidiaries is further subject to the prior claims of creditors of the respective subsidiaries.

SOURCE OF STRENGTH. According to Federal Reserve Board policy, bank holding companies are expected to act as a source of financial strength to each subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary. This support may be required at times when a bank holding company may not be able to provide such support. In the event of a loss suffered or anticipated by the FDIC -- either as a result of default of a banking or thrift subsidiary of NationsBank or related to FDIC assistance provided to a subsidiary in danger of default -- the other Banks may be assessed for the FDIC's loss, subject to certain exceptions.

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#### THE TRUSTS

Each of the NB Capital Trusts is a statutory business trust formed under Delaware law pursuant to (i) a separate declaration of trust executed by the Corporation, as sponsor for such trust (the "Sponsor") and the NB Trustees (as defined herein) for such trust and (ii) the filing of a separate certificate of trust with the Delaware Secretary of State. The declarations of trust with respect to each of the NB Capital Trusts have identical terms (except with respect to the name of the NB Capital Trust to which it relates) and each is referred to as a "Declaration". Each NB Capital Trust exists for the exclusive purposes of (i) issuing the Preferred Securities and common securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of such Trust (the "Common Securities" and, together with the Preferred Securities, the "Trust Securities"), (ii) investing the gross proceeds from the sale of the Trust Securities in the purchase of Junior Subordinated Notes, and (iii) engaging in only those other activities necessary or incidental thereto. The Common Securities will rank pari passu, and payments will be made thereon pro rata, with the Preferred Securities except that upon an event of default under the Declaration with respect thereto, the rights of the holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the Preferred Securities. The Corporation will, directly or indirectly, purchase and own all of the Common Securities of each NB Capital Trust, which will represent an aggregate liquidation amount equal to at least 3 percent of the total capital of each NB Capital Trust. Each NB Capital Trust has a term of approximately 55 years, but may earlier terminate as provided in the Declaration. Each NB Capital Trust's business and affairs will be conducted by the trustees (the "NB Trustees") appointed by the Corporation, as the direct or indirect holder of all the Common Securities. The holder of the Common Securities will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace any of, or increase or reduce the number of, the NB Trustees of a NB Capital Trust. The duties and obligations of the NB Trustees shall be governed by the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust. One or more of the NB Trustees (the "Regular Trustees") of each NB Capital Trust will be persons who are employees or officers of or who are otherwise affiliated with the Corporation. One NB Trustee of each NB Capital Trust will be a financial institution which will be unaffiliated with the Corporation and which shall act as property trustee under the Declaration and as indenture trustee (the "Property Trustee") for purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"), pursuant to the terms set forth in a Prospectus Supplement. The Property Trustee will hold title to the Junior Subordinated Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Trust Securities and will have the power to exercise all rights, power and privileges under the Indenture as the holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes. In addition, the Property Trustee will maintain exclusive control of a segregated non-interest bearing bank account (the "Property Account") to hold all payments made in respect of the Junior Subordinated Notes for the benefit of the holders of Trust Securities. The Property Trustee will make payments of distributions and payments on liquidation, redemption or otherwise to the holders of the Trust Securities out of funds from the Property Account. In addition, unless the Property Trustee maintains a principal place of business in the State of Delaware, and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, one NB Trustee of each NB Capital Trust will have its principal place of business or reside in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"). The Corporation will pay all fees and expenses related to the NB Capital Trusts and the offering of Trust Securities. The office of the Delaware Trustee for each NB Capital Trust in the State of Delaware is The Bank of New York (Delaware), White Clay Center, Route 273, Newark, Delaware 19711. The principal place of business of each NB Capital Trust shall be c/o NationsBank Corporation, Corporate Treasury Division, NationsBank Corporate Center, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, telephone (704) 386-5972.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Each NB Capital Trust will use the gross proceeds received from the sale of the Preferred Securities to purchase Junior Subordinated Notes from NationsBank. NationsBank intends to add the net proceeds from the sale of the Junior Subordinated Notes to its general funds, to be used for general corporate purposes, including the Corporation's working capital needs, the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries, possible acquisitions of other financial institutions or their assets or liabilities, possible acquisitions of or investments in other businesses of a type eligible for bank holding companies and possible reduction of outstanding indebtedness or repurchase of outstanding equity securities of the Corporation. Pending such use, the Corporation may temporarily invest the net proceeds in investment grade securities. The Corporation may, from time to time, engage in additional capital financings of a character and

in amounts to be determined by the Corporation in light of its needs at such time or times and in light of prevailing market conditions. If the Corporation elects at the time of issuance of Junior Subordinated Notes to make different or more specific use of proceeds other than that set forth herein, such use will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

## RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following are the Corporation's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividend requirements for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 1995: <TABLE>

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Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges:					
Excluding interest on deposits	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.4
1.1					
Including interest on deposits	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
1.0					
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock					
Dividends:					
Excluding interest on deposits	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.3	2.3
1.1					
Including interest on deposits	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
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For purposes of computing the consolidated ratios, earnings represent net income of the Corporation plus applicable income taxes and fixed charges, less capitalized interest and the equity in undistributed earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies. Fixed charges represent interest expense (exclusive of interest on deposits in one case and inclusive of such interest in the other), capitalized interest, amortization of debt discount and appropriate issuance costs and one-third (the amount deemed to represent an appropriate interest factor) of net rent expense under all lease commitments. Preferred stock dividend requirements represent dividend requirements on the outstanding preferred stock adjusted to reflect the pre-tax earnings that would be required to cover such dividend requirements.

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## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

NationsBank may sell the Junior Subordinated Notes and any NB Capital Trust may sell Preferred Securities in any of, or any combination of, the following ways: (i) directly to purchasers, (ii) through agents, (iii) through underwriters, and (iv) through dealers.

Offers to purchase Offered Securities may be solicited directly by NationsBank and/or any NB Capital Trust, as the case may be, or by agents designated by NationsBank and/or any NB Capital Trust, as the case may be, from time to time. Any such agent, who may be deemed to be an underwriter as that term is defined in the Securities Act, involved in the offer or sale of the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by NationsBank to such agent will be set forth, in the Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, any such agency will be acting in a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment (ordinarily five business days or less). Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for the Corporation in the ordinary course of business.

If an underwriter or underwriters are utilized in the sale of the Offered Securities, NationsBank and/or the NB Capital Trust as to which such Offered Securities relate, will execute an underwriting agreement with such underwriters at the time of sale to them and the names of the underwriters and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, which will be used by the underwriters to make releases of the Offered Securities in respect

of which this Prospectus is delivered to the public.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered, NationsBank and/or any NB Capital Trust, as the case may be, will sell such Offered Securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such Offered Securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale. The name of the dealer and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement.

Agents, underwriters, and dealers may be entitled under the relevant agreements to indemnification by NationsBank and/or any NB Capital Trust, as the case may be, against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The place and time of delivery for the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered are set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES SETS FORTH CERTAIN GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES TO WHICH ANY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT MAY RELATE. THE PARTICULAR TERMS OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES OFFERED BY ANY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS MAY APPLY TO THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES SO OFFERED WILL BE DESCRIBED IN THE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT RELATING TO SUCH JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES.

Junior Subordinated Notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series under an Indenture (the "Indenture"), between the Corporation and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (in such capacity, the "Debt Trustee"). The Indenture is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part. The terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes will include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act. The following summary of certain provisions of the Indenture does not purport to be complete and is subject in all respects to the provisions of, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Indenture, and the Trust Indenture Act. Unless otherwise indicated capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture. GENERAL

The Junior Subordinated Notes will be unsecured, subordinated obligations of the Corporation. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Junior Subordinated Notes which may be issued thereunder and provides that the Junior Subordinated Notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The Subordinated Notes are issuable in one or more series pursuant to an indenture supplemental to the Indenture or a resolution of the Corporation's Board of Directors or a special committee appointed thereby (each, a "Supplemental Indenture").

In the event Junior Subordinated Notes are issued to a NB Capital Trust or a trustee of such trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such NB Capital Trust, such Junior Subordinated Notes subsequently may be distributed pro rata to the holders of such Trust Securities in connection with the dissolution of such NB Capital Trust upon the occurrence of certain events described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such Trust Securities. Only one series of Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued to a NB Capital Trust or a trustee of such trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such NB Capital Trust.

Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement relating to the particular Junior Subordinated Notes being offered thereby for the following terms: (i) the designation of such Junior Subordinated Notes; (ii) the aggregate principal amount of such Junior Subordinated Notes; (iii) the percentage of their principal amount at which such Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued; (iv) the date or dates on which such Junior Subordinated Notes will mature and the right, if any, to extend such date or dates; (v) the rate or rates, if any, per annum, at which such Junior Subordinated Notes will bear interest, or the method of determination of such rate or rates; (vi) the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the interest payment dates on which such interest will be payable or the manner of determination of such interest payment dates and the record dates for the determination of holders to whom interest is payable on any such interest payment dates; (vii) the right to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of such extension; (viii) provisions for a sinking purchase or other analogous fund, if any; (ix) the period or periods, if any, within which, the price or prices of which, and the terms and conditions upon which such Subordinated Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Corporation or the holder; (x) the form of such Junior Subordinated Notes; and (xi) any other specific terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be payable, and the Junior Subordinated Notes offered hereby will be transferable, at the corporate trust office of the Debt Trustee in New York, New York, provided that payment of interest, if any, may be made at the option of the Corporation by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as it appears in the Security Register.

The ability of NationsBank to make payments of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes may be affected by the ability of the Banks to pay dividends. The ability of the Banks, as well as of the Corporation, to pay dividends in the future currently is, and could be further, influenced by bank regulatory requirements and capital guidelines. See "NATIONSBANK CORPORATION -- Supervision and Regulation."

The covenants contained in the Indenture would not necessarily afford protection to holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes in the event of a decline in credit quality resulting from takeovers, recapitalization or similar restructuring.

## FORM, EXCHANGE, REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND PAYMENT

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the Junior Subordinated Notes, but the Corporation or the Debt Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other government charge payable in connection therewith.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, principal and premium, if any, or interest, if any, will be payable and the Junior Subordinated Notes may be surrendered for payment or transferred at the offices of the Debt Trustee as paying and authenticating agent, provided that payment of interest on registered securities that are not issued to a NB Capital Trust may be made at the option of the Corporation by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as it appears in the Security Register. BOOK-ENTRY JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

The Junior Subordinated Notes of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary (the "Global Depositary"), or its nominee, identified in the Prospectus Supplement relating to such series. In such case, one or more Global Securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denomination equal to the portion of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Junior Subordinated Notes of the series to be represented by such Global Security or Securities. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Junior Subordinated Notes in definitive registered form, a Global Security may not be registered for transfer or exchange except as a whole by the Global Depositary for such Global Security to a nominee for such Global Depositary and except in the circumstances described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any portion of a series of Subordinated Notes to be represented by a Global Security and a description of the Global Depositary will be provided in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

SUBORDINATION

The Junior Subordinated Notes will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to other indebtedness of the Corporation to the extent set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

# CERTAIN COVENANTS OF THE CORPORATION

If Junior Subordinated Notes are issued to a NB Capital Trust or a trustee of such trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such NB Capital Trust and (i) there shall have occurred any event that would constitute an Event of Default (as defined herein) or (ii) the Corporation shall be in default with respect to its payment of any obligations under the related Preferred Securities Guarantee or Common Securities Guarantee, or (iii) the Corporation shall have given notice to its election to defer payments of interest on such Junior Subordinated Notes by extending the interest payment period as provided in the Indenture and such period, or any extension thereof, shall be continuing, then (a) the Corporation shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of NationsBank Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by NationsBank of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of NationsBank capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of NationsBank capital stock for another class or series of NationsBank capital stock or (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of NationsBank capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such NationsBank capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged ("Permitted Purchases/Exchanges")) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing and (b) the Corporation shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem

any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Corporation which rank pari passu with or junior to such Junior Subordinated Notes.

If Junior Subordinated Notes are issued to a NB Capital Trust or a trustee of such trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such NB Capital Trust and the Corporation shall have given notice of its election to defer payments of interest on such Junior Subordinated Notes by extending the interest payment period as provided in the Indenture and such period, or any extension thereof, shall be continuing, then (a) the Corporation shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock, and (b) the Corporation shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Corporation which rank pari passu with or junior to such Junior Subordinated Notes.

of such trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such NB Capital Trust, for so long as such Trust Securities remain outstanding, the Corporation will covenant (i) to directly or indirectly maintain 100 percent ownership of the Common Securities of such NB Capital Trust; provided, however, that any permitted successor of the Corporation under the Indenture may succeed to the Corporation's ownership of such Common Securities, (ii) to use its reasonable efforts to cause such NB Capital Trust (a) to remain a statutory business trust, except in connection with the distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes to the holders of Trust Securities in liquidation of such NB Capital Trust, the redemption of all of the Trust Securities of such NB Capital Trust, or certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations, each as permitted by the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust, and (b) to otherwise continue not to be classified as an association taxable as a corporation or partnership for United States federal income tax purposes and (iii) to use its reasonable efforts to cause each holder of Trust Securities to be treated as owning an undivided beneficial interest in the Junior Subordinated Notes. LIMITATION ON MERGERS AND SALES OF ASSETS

The Corporation shall not consolidate with, or merge into, any corporation or convey or transfer its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person unless (a) the successor entity shall be a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any State or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume the obligations of the Corporation under the Indenture and the Preferred Securities Guarantees and (b) after giving effect thereto, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing under the Indenture. EVENTS OF DEFAULT, WAIVER AND NOTICE

The Indenture provides that any one or more of the following described events which has occurred and is continuing constitutes an "Event of Default" with respect to each series of Junior Subordinated Notes:

- (a) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Corporation; or
- (b) in the event Junior Subordinated Notes are issued to a NB Capital Trust or a trustee of such trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such NB Capital Trust, the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of such NB Capital Trust, except in connection with the distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes to the holders of Trust Securities in liquidation of such NB Capital Trust, the redemption of all of the Trust Securities of such NB Capital Trust, or certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations, each as permitted by the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust.

The Indenture provides that, if an Indenture Event of Default on any series of Junior Subordinated Notes shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Debt Trustee or the holders of 25 percent in principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series then outstanding may declare the principal (or, if the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series were issued with original issue discount, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such series) of all Junior Subordinated Notes to be due and payable immediately. The holders or a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of such series of Junior Subordinated Notes may annul such declaration and waive the default if the default, other than default in payment of the principal of, or interest or premiums on, such series of Junior Subordinated Notes.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the Subordinated Notes of any and all series affected and then outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any

remedy available to the Debt Trustee under the Indenture, provided that the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes shall have offered to the Debt Trustee reasonable indemnity against expenses and liabilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to the subordination provisions set forth in a Prospectus Supplement, the right of any holder of Junior Subordinated Notes to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such Junior Subordinated Notes on or after the due dates therefor, as the same may be extended in accordance with the terms of such Junior Subordinated Notes, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment provisions, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such holder. If the Junior Subordinated Notes are issued to a NB Capital Trust, the same rights with respect to the Junior Subordinated Notes will extend to the holders of the Preferred Securities issued by such Trust. The Indenture requires the annual filing by the Company with the Debt Trustee of a certificate as to the absence of certain defaults under the Indenture.

## MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURE

The Indenture contains provisions permitting the Corporation and the Debt Trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Junior Subordinated Notes of all series affected by such modification at the time outstanding, to modify the Indenture or any supplemental indenture or the rights of the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes; provided that no such modification shall (i) extend the fixed maturity of any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof (including in the case of a discounted Security the amount payable thereon in the event of acceleration or the amount provable in bankruptcy) or any redemption premium thereon, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest thereon, or make the principal of, or interest or premium on, the Junior Subordinated Notes payable in any coin or currency other than that provided in the Subordinated Notes, or impair or affect the right of any holder of Subordinated Notes to institute suit

for the payment thereof or the right of prepayment, if any, at the option of the holder, without the consent of the holder of each Security so affected, or (ii) reduce the aforesaid percentage of Subordinated Notes the consent of the holders of which is required for any such modification without the consent of the holders of each Security affected.

DEFEASANCE AND DISCHARGE

The Indenture provides that the Corporation (a) will be Discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the Junior Subordinated Notes of a series (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of Junior Subordinated Notes, replace stolen, lost or mutilated Junior Subordinated Notes, maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust) or (b) need not comply with certain restrictive covenants of the Indenture (including those described under "Certain Covenants of the Corporation"), in each case if the Corporation, at its option, deposits, in trust with the Debt Trustee or the Defeasance Agent, money or U.S. Government Obligations which through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money, in an amount sufficient to pay all the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on, the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series on the dates such payments are due in accordance with the terms of such Junior Subordinated Notes. To exercise any such option, the Corporation is required to deliver to the Debt Trustee and the Defeasance Agent, if any, an opinion of counsel to the effect that (i) the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of the Junior Subordinated Notes of such series to recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes and, in the case of a Discharge pursuant to clause (a), such opinion shall be accompanied by a private letter ruling to that effect received by the Corporation from the United States Internal Revenue Service or a revenue ruling pertaining to a comparable form of transaction to that effect published by the United States Internal Revenue Service, and (ii) if listed on any national securities exchange, such Junior Subordinated Notes would not be delisted from such exchange as a result of the exercise of such option. GOVERNING LAW

The Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

#### THE DEBT TRUSTEE

The Corporation and certain of its affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with the Debt Trustee and its affiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. The Debt Trustee also serves as trustee for certain series of the Corporation's outstanding indebtedness under other indentures.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES

Each NB Capital Trust may issue, from time to time, only one series of Preferred Securities having terms described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. The Declaration of each NB Capital Trust authorizes the Regular Trustees of that NB Capital Trust to issue on behalf of the NB Capital Trust one series of Preferred Securities. The Declaration will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The Bank of New York will act as Indenture Trustee for the purposes of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Securities will have such terms, including distributions, redemption, voting, liquidation rights and such other preferred, deferred or other special rights or such restrictions as shall be set forth in the Declaration or made part of the Declaration by the Trust Indenture Act and which will mirror the terms of the Subordinated Notes held by that NB Capital Trust and described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement relating to the Preferred Securities of the NB Capital Trust for specific terms, including (i) the distinctive designation of such Preferred Securities; (ii) the number of Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust; (iii) the annual distribution rate (or method of determining such rate) for Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust and the date or dates upon which such distributions shall be payable; provided, however, that distributions on such Preferred Securities shall be payable on a quarterly basis to holders of such Preferred Securities as of a record date in each quarter during which such Preferred Securities are outstanding; (iv) whether distributions on Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust shall be cumulative, and, in the case of Preferred Securities having cumulative distribution rights, the date or dates or method of determining the date or dates from which distributions on Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust shall be cumulative; (v) the amount or amounts which shall be paid out of the assets of such NB Capital Trust to the holders of Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust upon voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of such NB Capital Trust; (vi) the obligation, if any, of such NB Capital Trust to purchase or redeem Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust and the price or prices at which, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust shall be purchased or redeemed, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation; (vii) the voting rights, if any, of Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust in addition to those required by law, including the number of votes per Preferred Security and any requirement for the approval by the holders of Preferred Securities, or of Preferred Securities issued by one or more NB Capital Trusts, or of both, as a condition to specified action or amendments to the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust; (viii) the terms and conditions, if any, upon which the Junior Subordinated Notes may be distributed to holders of Preferred Securities; (ix) if applicable, any securities exchange upon which the Preferred Securities shall be listed; and (x) any other relevant rights, preferences, privileges, limitations or restrictions of Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust not inconsistent with the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust or with applicable law. All Preferred Securities offered hereby will be guaranteed by the Corporation to the extent set forth below under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees." Certain United States federal income tax considerations applicable to any offering of Preferred Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto.

The Declaration of each NB Capital Trust authorizes its Regular Trustees to issue on behalf of that NB Capital Trust one series of Common Securities having such terms including distributions, redemption, voting, liquidation rights or such restrictions as shall be set forth therein. Except for the voting rights noted below, the terms of the Common Securities issued by a NB Capital Trust will be substantially identical to the terms of the Preferred Securities issued by that trust and the Common Securities will rank pari passu, and payments will be made thereon pro rata, with the Preferred Securities except that, upon an Event of Default under the Declaration, the rights of the holders of the Common Securities to payment in respect of distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the Preferred Securities. Except in certain limited circumstances, the Common Securities will also carry the right to vote to

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appoint, remove or replace any of the NB Trustees of a NB Capital Trust. All of the Common Securities of each NB Capital Trust will be directly or indirectly owned by the Corporation.

ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS BY HOLDERS OF PREFERRED SECURITIES

If an Event of Default under the Declaration of a NB Capital Trust occurs and is continuing, then the holders of Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust would rely on the enforcement by the Property Trustee of its rights as a holder of the applicable series of Junior Subordinated Notes against the Corporation. In addition, the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Property Trustee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Property Trustee under the applicable Declaration, including the right to direct the Property Trustee to exercise the remedies available to it as a holder of the Junior Subordinated Notes. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the applicable series of Junior Subordinated Notes, a holder of Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against the Corporation to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the applicable series of Subordinated Notes without first instituting any legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other person or entity.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if NationsBank fails to pay interest or principal on the applicable series of Junior Subordinated Notes (a "Note Payment Failure") on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable (or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date) and such Note Payment Failure is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust may directly institute a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such holder of the principal of or interest on the applicable series of Junior Subordinated Notes having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities of such holder (a "Direct Action") after the respective due date specified in the applicable series of Junior Subordinated Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, the Corporation will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of Preferred Securities under the applicable Declaration to the extent of any payment made by the Corporation to such holder of Preferred Securities in such Direct Action.

## PROPOSED TAX LEGISLATION

On March 19, 1996, President Clinton proposed certain tax law changes that would, among other things, generally deny corporate issuers a deduction for interest in respect of certain debt obligations issued on or after December 7, 1995 (the "Proposed Legislation") if such debt obligations have a maximum term in excess of 20 years and are not shown as indebtedness on the issuer's applicable consolidated balance sheet. On March 29, 1996, Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth, Jr. and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer issued a joint statement (the "Joint Statement") indicating their intent that certain legislative proposals initiated by the Clinton administration, including the Proposed Legislation, that may be adopted by either of the tax-writing committees of Congress would have an effective date that is no earlier than the date of "appropriate Congressional action." In addition, subsequent to the publication of the Joint Statement, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Representatives Sam M. Gibbons and Charles B. Rangel wrote letters to Treasury Department officials concurring with the views expressed in the Joint Statement (the "Democrat Letters"). Based upon the Joint Statement and the Democrat Letters, it is expected that if the Proposed Legislation were to be enacted, such legislation would not apply to the Junior Subordinated Notes. There can be no assurances, however, that the effective date guidance contained in the Joint Statement and the Democrat Letters will be incorporated into the Proposed Legislation, if enacted, or that other legislation enacted after the date hereof will not otherwise adversely affect the ability of the Corporation to deduct the interest payable on the Junior Subordinated Notes. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a Tax Event will not occur. See "Description of

the Preferred Securities -- Tax Event Redemption or Distribution."

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES

Set forth below is a summary of information concerning the Preferred Securities Guarantees which will be executed and delivered by NationsBank for the benefit of the holders from time to time of Preferred Securities. Each Preferred Securities Guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The Bank of New York will act as indenture trustee under each Preferred Securities Guarantee for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"). The terms of each Preferred Securities Guarantee

will be those set forth in such Preferred Securities Guarantee and those made part of such Preferred Securities Guarantee by the Trust Indenture Act. The summary of the material terms of the Preferred Securities Guarantees does not purport to be complete and is subject in all respects to the provisions of, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the form of Preferred Securities Guarantee, which is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part, and the Trust Indenture Act. Each Preferred Securities Guarantee will be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities of the applicable NB Capital Trust.

GENERAL.

Pursuant to each Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Corporation will irrevocably and unconditionally agree, to the extent set forth therein, to pay in full, to the holders of the Preferred Securities issued by a NB Capital Trust, the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) (except to the extent paid by such NB Capital Trust), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which such NB Capital Trust may have or assert. The following payments with respect to Preferred Securities issued by a NB Capital Trust to the extent not paid by such NB Capital Trust (the "Guarantee Payments"), will be subject to the Preferred Securities Guarantee thereon (without duplication): (i) any accrued and unpaid distributions which are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities, to the extent such NB Capital Trust shall have funds available therefor; (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid distributions (the "Redemption Price"), to the extent such NB Capital Trust has funds available therefor with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by such NB Capital Trust and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of such NB Capital Trust (other than in connection with the distribution of Junior Subordinated Notes to the holders of Preferred Securities or the redemption of all of the Preferred Securities), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid distributions on such Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent such NB Capital Trust has funds available therefor and (b) the amount of assets of such NB Capital Trust remaining available for distribution to holders of such Preferred Securities in liquidation of such NB Capital Trust. The redemption price and liquidation amount will be fixed at the time the Preferred Securities are issued. The Corporation's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Corporation to the holders of Preferred Securities or by causing the applicable NB Capital Trust to pay such amounts to such holders.

Each Preferred Securities Guarantee will not apply to any payment of distributions except to the extent such NB Capital Trust shall have funds available therefor. If the Corporation does not make interest payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by a NB Capital Trust, such NB Capital Trust will not pay distributions on the Preferred Securities issued by such NB Capital Trust and will not have funds available therefor. See "Description of the Junior Subordinated Notes -- Certain Covenants of the Corporation." The Preferred Securities Guarantee, when taken together with the Corporation's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes, the Indenture and the Declaration, including its obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of such NB Capital Trust (other than with respect to the Trust Securities), will provide a full and unconditional guarantee on a subordinated basis by the Corporation of payments due on the Preferred Securities.

The Corporation has also agreed separately to irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee the obligations of the NB Capital Trusts with respect to the Common Securities (the "Common Securities Guarantees") to the same extent as the Preferred Securities Guarantees, except that upon an Event of Default under the Indenture, holders of Preferred Securities shall have priority over holders of Common Securities with respect to distributions and payments on liquidation, redemption or otherwise.

CERTAIN COVENANTS OF THE CORPORATION

In each Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Corporation will covenant that, so long as any Preferred Securities issued by the applicable NB Capital Trust remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred any event that would constitute an Event of Default under such Preferred Securities Guarantee or the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust, then (a) the Corporation shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than Permitted Purchases/Exchanges) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing, (b) the Corporation shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or

Preferred Stock (other than Permitted Purchases/Exchanges) except that the Corporation may meet the same proportion of its payment obligations with respect to its Preferred Stock that it meets under such Preferred Securities Guarantee and (c) the Corporation shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Corporation which rank pari passu with or junior to such Junior Subordinated Notes.

MODIFICATION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES; ASSIGNMENT

Except with respect to any changes which do not adversely affect the rights of holders of Preferred Securities (in which case no vote will be required), each Preferred Securities Guarantee may be amended only with the prior approval of the holders of not less than a majority in liquidation amount of the outstanding Preferred Securities issued by the applicable NB Capital Trust. The manner of obtaining any such approval of holders of such Preferred Securities will be as set forth in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement. All guarantees and agreements contained in a Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Corporation and shall inure to the benefit of the holders of the Preferred Securities of the applicable NB Capital Trust then outstanding.

Each Preferred Securities Guarantee will terminate as to the Preferred Securities issued by the applicable NB Capital Trust (a) upon full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust, (b) upon distribution of the Junior Subordinated Notes held by such NB Capital Trust to the holders of the Preferred Securities of such NB Capital Trust or (c) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration of such NB Capital Trust upon liquidation of such NB Capital Trust. Each Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of Preferred Securities issued by the applicable NB Capital Trust must restore payment of any sums paid under such Preferred Securities or such Preferred Securities Guarantee.

An Event of Default under a Preferred Securities Guarantee will occur upon the failure of the Corporation to perform any of its payment or other obligations thereunder.

The holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to such Preferred Securities Guarantee have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of the Preferred Securities Guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under such Preferred Securities. If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any holder of Preferred Securities relating to such Preferred Securities Guarantee may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Corporation to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under such Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the relevant NB Capital Trust, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Corporation has failed to make a guarantee payment, a holder of Preferred Securities may directly institute a proceeding against the Corporation for enforcement of the Preferred Securities Guarantee for such payment. The Corporation waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against such NB Capital Trust or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Corporation.

## STATUS OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES

The Preferred Securities Guarantees will constitute unsecured obligations of the Corporation and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Corporation, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Corporation and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by NationsBank in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any affiliate of the Corporation, and (iii) senior to the Corporation's common stock. The terms of the Preferred Securities provide that each holder of Preferred Securities issued by the applicable NB Capital Trust by acceptance thereof agrees to the subordination provisions and other terms of the Preferred Securities Guarantee relating thereto.

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The Preferred Securities Guarantees will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection (that is, the guaranteed party may institute a legal proceeding directly against the guarantor to enforce its rights under the Preferred Securities Guarantee without instituting a legal proceeding against any other person or entity).

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, prior to the occurrence of a default with respect to a Preferred Securities Guarantee, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in such Preferred Securities Guarantee and, after default, shall exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by a Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request of any holder of Preferred Securities, unless offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred thereby.

The Corporation and certain of its affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and its affifiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee also serves as trustee for certain series of the Corporation's outstanding indebtedness under other indentures. GOVERNING LAW

The Preferred Securities Guarantees will be governed by and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York.

EFFECT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES AND THE GUARANTEE

As set forth in the Declaration, the sole purpose of each of the NB Capital Trusts is to issue the Trust Securities evidencing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of each of the NB Capital Trusts, and to invest the proceeds from such issuance and sale in Junior Subordinated Notes.

As long as payments of interest and other payments are made when due on the Junior Subordinated Notes held by a NB Capital Trust, such payments will be sufficient to cover distributions and payments due on the Trust Securities because of the following factors: (i) the aggregate principal amount of such Junior Subordinated Notes will be equal to the sum of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the Trust Securities; (ii) the interest rate and the interest and other payment dates on such Subordinated Notes will match the distribution rate and distribution and other payment dates for the Preferred Securities; (iii) NationsBank shall pay all, and the NB Capital Trust shall not be obligated to pay, directly or indirectly, all costs, expenses, debt, and obligations of such NB Capital Trust (other than with respect to the Trust Securities); and (iv) the Declaration further provides that the NationsBank Trustees shall not take or cause or permit the NB Capital Trust to, among other things, engage in any activity that is not consistent with the purposes of such NB Capital Trust.

Payments of distributions (to the extent funds therefor are available) and other payments due on the Preferred Securities (to the extent funds therefor are available) are guaranteed by NationsBank as and to the extent set forth under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees." If NationsBank does not make interest payments on the Subordinated Notes purchased by the applicable NB Capital Trust, the applicable NB Capital Trust will not have sufficient funds to pay distributions on the Preferred Securities. The Preferred Securities Guarantee does not apply to any payment of distributions unless and until the applicable NB Capital Trust has sufficient funds for the payment of such distributions. The Preferred Securities Guarantee covers the payment of distributions and other payments on the Preferred Securities only if and to the extent that NationsBank has made a payment of interest or principal on the Junior Subordinated Notes held by the applicable NB Capital Trust as its sole asset. The Preferred Securities Guarantee, when taken together with the Corporation's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Indenture and its obligations under the Declaration, including its obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of the applicable NB Capital Trust (other than with respect to the Trust Securities), provide a full and unconditional guarantee, on a subordinated basis, by the Corporation of amounts due on the Preferred Securities.

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If NationsBank fails to make interest or other payments on the Junior Subordinated Notes when due (taking account of any Extension Period), the Declarations provide a mechanism whereby the holders of the Preferred Securities affected thereby, using the procedures described in any accompanying Prospectus Supplement, may direct the Property Trustee to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes. If the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under the Junior Subordinated Notes, a holder of Preferred Securities of a Trust may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding against NationsBank to enforce the Property Trustee's rights under the Subordinated Notes owned by such Trust without first instituting any legal proceeding against the Property Trustee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Note Payment Failure has occurred and is continuing, a holder of Preferred Securities may institute a Direct Action for payment after the respective due date specified in the Junior Subordinated Notes. In connection with such Direct Action, NationsBank will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of Preferred Securities under the Declarations to the extent of any payment made by NationsBank to such holder of Preferred Securities in such Direct Action. NationsBank, under the Guarantee, acknowledges that the Guarantee Trustee shall enforce the Preferred Securities Guarantee on behalf of the holders of the Preferred Securities. If NationsBank fails to make payments under the Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Securities Guarantee provides a mechanism whereby the holders of the Preferred Securities may direct the Preferred Securities Guarantee Trustee to enforce its rights thereunder. Any holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against NationsBank to enforce the Preferred Securities Guarantee Trustee's rights under the Preferred Securities Guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the applicable NB Capital Trust, the Preferred Securities Guarantee Trustee, or any other person or entity.

NationsBank and each of the NB Capital Trusts believe that the above mechanisms and obligations, taken together, provide a full and unconditional guarantee by NationsBank of payments due on the Preferred Securities. See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees -- General."

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain matters of Delaware law relating to the validity of the Preferred Securities will be passed upon on behalf of the NB Capital Trusts by Richards, Layton & Finger, special Delaware counsel to the NB Capital Trusts. The validity of the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities Guarantees and certain matters relating thereto will be passed upon for NationsBank by Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. and for the underwriters by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. Certain United States federal income taxation matters will be passed upon for NationsBank and the NB Capital Trusts by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, special tax counsel to NationsBank and the NB Capital Trusts. Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan will rely on the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger as to matters of Delaware law.

# EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Price Waterhouse LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR THE PROSPECTUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER MADE BY THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE PROSPECTUS AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, NB CAPITAL TRUST I OR THE UNDERWRITERS. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE PROSPECTUS NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER AND THEREUNDER SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION OR NB CAPITAL TRUST I SINCE THE DATE HEREOF. THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE PROSPECTUS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION BY ANYONE IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR TO ANYONE TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION.

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DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.

A. G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.

PAINEWEBBER INCORPORATED

PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED

SMITH BARNEY INC.

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PREFERRED SECURITIES

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NationsBank Corporation ("NationsBank" or the "Corporation") may offer from time to time its subordinated debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") in one or more series and in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. The Junior Subordinated Notes when issued will be unsecured obligations of the Corporation. The Corporation's obligations under the Junior Subordinated Notes will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to other indebtedness of the Corporation, as may be described in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") and in an aggregate amount to be set forth as of the most recent practicable date in such Prospectus Supplement.

NB Capital Trust I, NB Capital Trust II and NB Capital Trust III (each, a "NB Capital Trust"), each a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, may offer, from time to time, preferred securities, representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the respective NB Capital Trust ("Preferred Securities"). The payment of periodic cash distributions ("distributions") with respect to Preferred Securities of each of the NB Capital Trusts out of moneys held by each of the NB Capital Trusts, and payment on liquidation, redemption or otherwise with respect to such Preferred Securities, will be guaranteed by NationsBank to the extent described herein (each a "Preferred Securities Guarantee"). See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees" below. The Corporation's obligations under the Preferred Securities Guarantees will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Corporation and will rank pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Corporation and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by NationsBank in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any affiliate of the Corporation. Junior Subordinated Notes may be issued and sold from time to time in one or more series to a NB Capital Trust, or a trustee of such NB Capital Trust, in connection with the investment of the proceeds from the offering of Preferred Securities and Common Securities (as defined herein, together the "Trust Securities") of such NB Capital Trust. The Junior Subordinated Notes purchased by a NB Capital Trust may be subsequently distributed pro rata to holders of the Trust Securities in connection with the dissolution of such NB Capital Trust upon the occurrence of certain events as may be described in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement. The Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities and the related Preferred Securities Guarantees are sometimes collectively referred to hereafter as the "Offered Securities."

Specific terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes of any series or the

Preferred Securities of any NB Capital Trust, the terms of which will mirror the terms of the Junior Subordinated Notes held by any NB Capital Trust, in respect of which this prospectus (the "Prospectus") is being delivered will be set forth in a Prospectus Supplement with respect to such securities, which will describe, without limitation and where applicable, the following: (i) in the case of Junior Subordinated Notes, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, denomination, maturity, premium, if any, any exchange, conversion, redemption or sinking fund provisions, if

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any, interest rate (which may be fixed or variable), if any, the time and method of calculating interest payments, if any, dates on which premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be payable, the right of NationsBank, if any, to defer payment of interest on the Junior Subordinated Notes and the maximum length of such deferral period, the initial public offering price, subordination terms, and any listing on a securities exchange and other specific terms of the offering; and (ii) in the case of Preferred Securities, the designation, number of securities, liquidation preference per security, initial public offering price, any listing on a securities exchange, distribution rate (or method of calculation thereof), dates on which distributions shall be payable and dates from which distributions shall accrue, any voting rights, terms for any conversion or exchange into other securities, any redemption, exchange or sinking fund provisions, any other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations or restrictions relating to the Preferred Securities and the terms upon which the proceeds of the sale of the Preferred Securities shall be used to purchase a specific series of Junior Subordinated Notes of NationsBank.

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement.

THE OFFERED SECURITIES ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OR BANK DEPOSITS, ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF OR GUARANTEED BY ANY BANKING OR NONBANKING AFFILIATE OF NATIONSBANK (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PREFERRED SECURITIES ARE GUARANTEED BY NATIONSBANK AS DESCRIBED HEREIN), ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND INVOLVE INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (THE "COMMISSIONER") OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSIONER OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS PROSPECTUS AND RELATED PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS ARE TO BE USED BY
NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC., A BROKER-DEALER AND A DIRECT WHOLLYOWNED SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONSBANK, IN CONNECTION WITH OFFERS AND SALES
RELATED TO SECONDARY MARKET TRANSACTIONS IN THE OFFERED SECURITIES.
NATIONSBANK CAPITAL MARKETS, INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES MAY ACT AS
PRINCIPAL OR AGENT IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS. ANY SUCH SALES WILL BE
MADE AT NEGOTIATED PRICES RELATING TO PREVAILING
MARKET PRICES AT THE TIME OF SALE OR OTHERWISE.

The date of this Prospectus is November , 1996 NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER MADE BY THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, ANY OF THE NB CAPITAL TRUSTS. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NOR ANY SALE MADE HEREUNDER AND THEREUNDER SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF NATIONSBANK CORPORATION OR ANY OF THE NB CAPITAL TRUSTS SINCE THE DATE HEREOF. THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION BY ANYONE IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR IN WHICH THE PERSON MAKING SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IS NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO OR TO ANYONE TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION.

NATIONSBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.

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## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

This Prospectus and related Prospectus Supplements are to be used by NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc. ("NCMI"), a broker-dealer and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of NationsBank, in connection with offers and sales of the Offered Securities in secondary market transactions at negotiated prices relating to prevailing prices at the time of sale or otherwise. NCMI may act as principal or agent in such transactions. The participation of NCMI in the offer and sale of the Offered Securities complies with the requirements of Section 2720 of the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") regarding underwriting of securities of an affiliate. NCMI will not execute a transaction in the Offered Securities in a discretionary account without the prior written specific approval of NCMI's customer. NCMI has no obligation to make a market in the Offered Securities and may discontinue its market-making activities at any time without notice, at its sole discretion. Furthermore, NCMI may be required to discontinue its market-making activities

during periods when the Corporation is involved in a distribution of certain of its securities or when NCMI, by virtue of its affiliation with the Corporation, is aware of material non-public information relating to the Corporation. In such instance, NCMI would not be able to recommence its market-making activities until such distribution has been completed or such information has become publicly available. It is not possible to determine the impact, if any, that any such discontinuance may have on the market for the Offered Securities. While other broker-dealers may make a market in the Offered Securities from time to time, there can be no assurance that any other broker-dealer will do so at any time when NCMI discontinues its market-making activities.

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#### PART II. INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.

The estimated expenses, other than underwriting or broker-dealer fees, discounts and commissions, in connection with the offering are as follows:

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Securities Act Registration Fee	\$	*
Printing and Engraving Expenses		*
Legal Fees and Expenses		*
Accounting Fees and Expenses		*
Blue Sky Fees and Expenses		*
Indenture Trustee Expenses		*
Rating Agency Fees and Expenses		*
Listing Fees		*
Miscellaneous		*
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ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

There are no provisions in the Corporation's Restated Articles of Incorporation, and no contracts between the Corporation and its directors and officers, relating to indemnification. The Corporation's Restated Articles of Incorporation prevent the recovery by the Corporation of monetary damages against its directors. However, in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (the "Act"), the Corporation's Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that, in addition to the indemnification of directors and officers otherwise provided by the Act, the Corporation shall, under certain circumstances, indemnify its directors, executive officers and certain other designated officers against any and all liability and litigation expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of their status or activities as directors and officers, except for liability or litigation expense incurred on account of activities that were at the time known or reasonably should have been known by such director or officer to be clearly in conflict with the best interests of the Corporation. Pursuant to such bylaw and as authorized by statute, the Corporation maintains insurance on behalf of its directors and officers against liability asserted against such persons in such capacity whether or not such directors or officers have the right to indemnification pursuant to the bylaw or otherwise.

In addition to the above-described provisions, Sections 55-8-50 through 55-8-58 of the Act contain provisions prescribing the extent to which directors and officers shall or may be indemnified. Section 55-8-51 of the Act permits a corporation, with certain exceptions, to indemnify a current or former director against liability if (i) he conducted himself in good faith, (ii) he reasonably believed (x) that his conduct in his official capacity with the corporation was in its best interests and (y) in all other cases his conduct was at least not opposed to the corporation's best interests, and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. A corporation may not indemnify a current or former director in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation in which the director was adjudged liable to the corporation or in connection with a proceeding charging improper personal benefit to him in which he was adjudged liable on such basis. The above standard of conduct is determined by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof or special legal counsel or the shareholders as prescribed in Section 55-8-55.

Sections 55-8-52 and 55-8-56 of the Act require a corporation to indemnify a director or officer in the defense of any proceeding to which he was a party because of his capacity as a director or officer against reasonable expenses when he is wholly successful in his defense, unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise. Upon application, the court may order indemnification of the director or officer if he is adjudged fairly and reasonably so entitled under Section 55-8-54. Section 55-8-56 allows a corporation to indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee or agent who is not a director to the same extent as a director or as otherwise set forth in the Corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

In addition, Section 55-8-57 permits a corporation to provide for indemnification of directors, officers, employees or agents, in its articles of incorporation or bylaws or by contract or resolution, against liability in various proceedings and to purchase and maintain insurance policies on behalf of these individuals.

THE FOREGOING IS ONLY A GENERAL SUMMARY OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF NORTH CAROLINA LAW DEALING WITH INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE COMPLETE. IT IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE RELEVANT STATUTES WHICH CONTAIN DETAILED SPECIFIC PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AND THE PERSON FOR WHOSE BENEFIT INDEMNIFICATION SHALL OR MAY BE MADE AND ACCORDINGLY ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Declarations of Trust of NB Capital Trust I, NB Capital Trust II, and NB Capital Trust III (each a "Trust" and together the "Trusts") provide that to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Sponsor shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the Regular Trustees of the respective Trust, any Affiliate of any such Regular Trustee, any officer, director, shareholder, member, partner, employee, representative or agent of any such Regular Trustee, or any employee or agent of the Trust or its Affiliates (each a "Company Indemnified Person"), from and against any loss, damage or claim incurred by such Company Indemnified Person by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Company Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner such Company Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Trust, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was illegal. The Declarations of Trust also provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, expenses (including legal fees) incurred by a Company Indemnified Person in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Company prior to the final disposition of such claim, demand, action suit or proceeding upon receipt by the Company of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Company Indemnified Person to repay such amount if it shall be determined that the Company Indemnified Person is not entitled to be indemnified as authority in the Declaration of Trust. The Declarations of Trust further provide that no Company Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust or any Covered Person (as defined therein) or for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Company Indemnified Person in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner such Company Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Company Indemnified Person by the Declaration of Trust or by law, except that a Company Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Company Indemnified Person's gross negligence or willful misconduct with respect to acts or omissions.

In addition, certain sections of each of the form of Underwriting Agreement filed as an Exhibit hereto provide for indemnification of the Registrants and their directors and officers by the underwriters or agents against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the 1933 Act. From time to time similar provisions have been contained in other agreements relating to other securities of the Corporation.

ITEM 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

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- Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for NB Capital Trust I Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for NB Capital Trust II 4.8
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- Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for NB Capital Trust III
- 4.10 Form of Indenture between NationsBank Corporation and The Bank of New York, as Trustee
- Form of Supplemental Indenture to be used in connection with the issuance of Junior Subordinated 4.11 Notes and Preferred Securities
- 4.12 Form of Preferred Security (included in 4.7-4.9 above)
- 4.13 Form of Junior Subordinated Debt Security (included in 4.11 above)
- 4.14 Form of Guarantee with respect to Preferred Securities issued by NB Capital Trust I
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- 5.1 Opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P.
- 5.2 Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger

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- 8.1 Opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan
- Calculation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 12.1 12(a) to the Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1996 (File No. 1-6523)
- 23.1 Consent of Price Waterhouse LLP*
- 23.2 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
- 23.3 Consent of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 23.4 Consent of Richards, Layton & Finger (included in Exhibit 5.2)
- 23.5 Consent of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan (included in Exhibit 8.1)

- 24.1 Powers of Attorney*
- 25.1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York, as Debt Trustee under the Indenture
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- 25.7 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of The Bank of New York, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under the Preferred Securities Guarantee of NationsBank Corporation for the benefit of the holders of Preferred Securities of NB Capital Trust III

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- * Previously filed with the initial filing of this Registration Statement and/or the filing of Amendment No. 1 to this Registration Statement
- ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.
  - (a) The undersigned Registrants hereby undertake:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement.

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(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each filing of the Corporation's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the 1933 Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrants in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrants will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

- (d) The undersigned Registrants hereby undertake that:
- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrants pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the 1933 Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 25, 1996.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION
(REGISTRANT)
By: /S/ HUGH L. MCCOLL, JR.*
HUGH L. MCCOLL, JR.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

PAUL FULTON*

25, 1996

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	JAMES H. HANCE, JR.*	Vice Chairman and Chief Financial		November
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		Officer (Principal Financial Officer)		
	(JAMES H. HANCE, JR.)			
	MARC D. OKEN*	Executive Vice President		November
25, 1996				
		and Chief Accounting Officer		
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*By: /s			
CHARLES M	I. BERGER, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT		

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NB CAPITAL TRUST I
By:/s/ JOHN E. MACK
JOHN E. MACK
REGULAR TRUSTEE

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NB CAPITAL TRUST II
By:/s/ JOHN E. MACK
JOHN E. MACK
REGULAR TRUSTEE

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NB CAPITAL TRUST III
By:/s/ JOHN E. MACK
JOHN E. MACK
REGULAR TRUSTEE

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FORM OF UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT for offering of Preferred Securities

NB CAPITAL TRUST I (a Delaware Trust)

_____% Trust Originated Preferred Securities (SM)*("TOPrS (SM)")
(Liquidation Amount of \$25 per Preferred Security)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

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November , 1996

MERRILL LYNCH & CO. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., PaineWebber Incorporated, Prudential Securities Incorporated, Smith Barney Inc., as Representatives of the several Underwriters c/o Merrill Lynch & Co. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated Merrill Lynch World Headquarters North Tower World Financial Center New York, New York 10281

Dear Sirs:

NB Capital Trust I (the "Trust"), a statutory business trust organized under the Business Trust Act (the "Delaware Act") of the State of Delaware (Chapter 38, Title 12, of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. C. (S) (S) 3801 et seq.), and NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation (the "Company" and, together with the Trust, the "Offerors"), confirm their agreement (the "Agreement") with Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., PaineWebber Incorporated, Prudential Securities Incorporated, Smith Barney Inc. and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 10 hereof), for whom Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Dean Witter

 $\star\,(\text{SM})$  "Trust Originated Preferred Securities" and "TOPrS" are service marks of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Reynolds Inc., A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., PaineWebber Incorporated, Prudential Securities Incorporated and Smith Barney Inc. are acting as representatives (in such capacity, the "Representatives"), with respect to the sale by the Trust and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of _____% Trust Originated Preferred Securities (liquidation amount of \$___ per preferred security) of the Trust (the "Initial Preferred Securities") set forth in said Schedule A. The Company also grants to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, the option described in Section 2(c)(the "Option") to purchase up to ____ additional ___ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (liquidation amount of \$____ per preferred security) of the Trust (the "Option Preferred Securities" and together with the Initial Preferred Securities the "Preferred Securities") solely to cover over-allotments. The Preferred Securities will be guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company, to the extent set forth in the Prospectus (as defined herein), with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee") pursuant to the Preferred _, 1996, and as may be Securities Guarantee Agreement, dated as of ____ amended, if necessary, in connection with an exercise of the Option (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Guarantee Trustee"), and will be entitled to the benefits of certain backup undertakings described in the Prospectus (as defined herein) with respect to the Company's agreement pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture (as defined herein) to pay all expenses relating to administration of the Trust (other than payment obligations with respect to the Preferred Securities). The Preferred Securities and the related Preferred Securities Guarantees are referred to herein as the "Securities."

The Offerors have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-15375) and a related preliminary prospectus for the registration under the Securities Act of

1933, as amended (the "1933 Act") of (i) the Preferred Securities, (ii) the Preferred Securities Guarantee, and (iii) the Junior Subordinated Notes (as defined below) to be issued and sold to the Trust by the Company, have filed such amendments thereto, if any, and such amended preliminary prospectuses as may have been required to the date hereof, and will file such additional amendments thereto and such amended prospectuses as may hereafter be required. Such registration statement (as amended) and the prospectus constituting a part thereof (including, in each case, all documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act and the information, if any, deemed to be part thereof pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1933 Act (the "1933 Act Regulations")), as from time to time amended or supplemented pursuant to the 1933 Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), or otherwise, are hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement" and the "Prospectus," respectively, except that, if any revised prospectus shall be provided to the Underwriters by the Offerors for use in connection with the offering of the Preferred Securities which differs from the Prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement became effective (whether or not such revised prospectus is required to be filed by the Offerors pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations), the term "Prospectus" shall refer to such revised prospectus from and after the time it is first provided to the Underwriters for such

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use. All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that are or are deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the 1934 Act that is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

The Offerors understand that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Preferred Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered and the Declaration (as defined herein), the Indenture (as defined herein) and the Preferred Securities Guarantee have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "1939  $\operatorname{Act}$ "). The entire proceeds to the Trust from the sale of the Preferred Securities will be combined with the entire proceeds from the sale by the Trust to the Company of its common securities (the "Common Securities"), as guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company, to the extent set forth in the Prospectus, with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation and redemption thereof (the "Common Securities Guarantee" and together with the Preferred Securities Guarantee, the "Guarantees") pursuant to the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement, dated as of _____, 1996, as amended, if necessary, in connection with an exercise of the Option (the "Common Securities Guarantee Agreement" and, together with the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, the "Guarantee Agreements"), between the Company and Guarantee Trustee, as Trustee, and will be used by the Trust to purchase the __ aggregate principal amount of % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due (the "Junior Subordinated Notes") issued by the Company (and such additional aggregate principal amount of Junior Subordinated Notes as may be necessary if the Option is exercised), under the Indenture (as defined herein). The Preferred Securities and the Common Securities will be issued pursuant to the amended and restated declaration of trust of the Trust, dated as of November  $_$ , 1996 (the "Declaration") (as may be further amended, if necessary, subject to the exercise of the Option), among the Company, as Sponsor, John E. Mack, William L. Maxwell and Marc D. Oken, as trustees (the "Regular Trustees"), and The Bank of New York, a Delaware banking corporation, as property trustee (the "Property Trustee" and, together with the Regular Trustees, the "Trustees"), and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust. The Junior Subordinated Notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of November ___, 1996 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Debt Trustee"), and a supplement to the Base Indenture, dated as of November , 1996 (the "Supplemental Indenture," and together with the Base Indenture and any other amendments or supplements thereto, the "Indenture"), between the Company and the Debt Trustee.

SECTION 1. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. (a) The Offerors jointly and severally represent and warrant to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the  $\alpha$ 

Closing Time (as hereinafter defined) and as of the Option Closing Time (as hereinafter defined), if any, as follows:

- (i) At the time the Registration Statement became effective and as of the date hereof, the Registration Statement complied in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1939 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1939 Act (the "1939 Act Regulations"), and did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus, dated the date hereof (unless the term "Prospectus" refers to a prospectus that has been provided to the Underwriters by the Trust for use in connection with the offering of the Securities and that differs from the Prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement became effective, in which case, at the time it is first provided to the Underwriters for such use) and at Closing Time or Option Closing Time referred to in Section 2 hereof, does not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, the Offerors make no representations or warranties as to (A) that part of the Registration Statement which constitutes the Statements of Eligibility and Qualification (Forms T-1) under the 1939 Act of the Debt Trustee, the Property Trustee or the Guarantee Trustee or (B) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Offerors by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.
- (ii) The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1934 Act (the "1934 Act Regulations").
- (iii) To the best knowledge of the Offerors, Price Waterhouse LLP, the accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included in or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, are independent public accountants as required by the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.
- (iv) The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing and in good standing as a business trust under the Delaware Act with the power and authority to own property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Preferred Securities, the Common Securities and the Declaration; the Trust is not a party to or otherwise bound by any agreement other than those described in the Prospectus; the Trust is and will be

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classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust and not as an association taxable as a corporation; and the Trust is and will be treated as a consolidated subsidiary of the Company pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles.

- (v) The Common Securities have been duly authorized by the Trust pursuant to the Declaration and, when issued and delivered by the Trust to the Company against payment therefor as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, will be validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; the issuance of the Common Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.
- (vi) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Offerors.
- (vii) The Declaration has been duly authorized by the Company, as Sponsor, and will have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and the Trustees, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Declaration by the Property Trustee, the Declaration is and will be a valid and binding obligation of the Company, the Trust and the Regular Trustees, enforceable against the Company and the Regular Trustees in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement of remedies, to applicable bankruptcy, reorganization,

insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors now or hereafter in effect, and to equitable principles that may limit the right to specific enforcement of remedies, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. 1818(b)(6)(D) (or any successor statute) and any bank regulatory powers now or hereafter in effect and to the application of principles of public policy (collectively, the "Permitted Exceptions") and will conform to all statements relating thereto in the Prospectus; and the Declaration has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(viii) Each of the Guarantee Agreements has been duly authorized by the Company and, when validly executed and delivered by the Company, and, in the case of the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery of the Preferred Securities Guarantee by the Guarantee Trustee, will constitute a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions, and each of the Guarantees and the Guarantee Agreements will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; and the Trust pursuant to the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement will have been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

 $\,$  (ix) The Preferred Securities have been duly authorized by the Trust pursuant to the Declaration and, when issued and delivered pursuant to this Agreement against

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payment of the consideration therefor set forth in Schedule B hereto will be validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, fully paid and non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the Trust, will be entitled to the benefits of the Declaration and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; the issuance of the Preferred Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights; and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, holders of Preferred Securities will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability under Delaware law as extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit.

- (x) Each of the Regular Trustees of the Trust is an employee of the Company and has been duly authorized by the Company to execute and deliver the Declaration; the Declaration has been duly executed and delivered by the Regular Trustees and is a valid and binding obligation of each Regular Trustee, enforceable against such Regular Trustee in accordance with its terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.
- (xi) None of the Offerors is, and upon the issuance and sale of the Preferred Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus none will be, an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act).
- (xii) No authorization, approval, consent or order of any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Common Securities or the offering of the Preferred Securities, the Junior Subordinated Notes or the Guarantees hereunder, except such as may be required under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations or state securities laws and the qualification of the Declaration, the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture under the 1939 Act.
- (b) The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time (as hereinafter defined) and as of the Option Closing Time (as hereinafter defined), if any, as follows:
  - (i) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business.
  - (ii) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina with corporate power to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus, to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the

Declaration, as Sponsor, the Indenture and each of the Guarantees and to purchase, own, and hold the Common Securities issued by the Trust; the Company is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the character or location of its properties or the nature or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except for any failures to be so qualified or in good standing which, taken as a whole, are not material to the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise.

- (iii) NationsBank, National Association, NationsBank, National Association (South) and NationsBank of Texas, National Association (or the successors to such entities) (collectively, the "Principal Subsidiary Banks") are national banking associations formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary Bank has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable; and the capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary Bank owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, is owned free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity.
- (iv) The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and, when validly executed and delivered by the Company, will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; the Indenture will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus; and the Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.
- (v) The Junior Subordinated Notes have been duly authorized by the Company and have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor as described in the Prospectus, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions, will be in the form contemplated by, and subject to the Permitted Exceptions entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture and will conform to all statements relating thereto in the Prospectus.
- (vi) The Company's obligations under the Guarantees are subordinate and junior in right of payment to all liabilities of the Company and are pari passu with the most senior preferred stock issued by the Company.
- (vii) The Junior Subordinated Notes are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all "Senior Obligations" (as defined in the Indenture) of the Company.

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(viii) Each holder of securities of the Company having rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement has waived such rights or such rights have expired by reason of lapse of time following notification of the Company's intention to file the Registration Statement.

(ix) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other instrument to which the Company or any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks is subject (except for conflicts, breaches and defaults which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or materially adverse to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement), nor will such action result in any material

violation of the provisions of the articles of incorporation or by-laws of the Company, or any applicable law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree.

- (c) Each certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.
- (d) The Trust represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Time (as hereinafter defined) and as of the Option Closing Time (as hereinafter defined), if any, as follows:
  - (i) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the a condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Trust, other than in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Trust.
  - (ii) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, there is no action, suit or proceeding before or by any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, now pending or, to the best knowledge of the Trust, threatened, against or affecting the Trust that is required to be disclosed in the Prospectus, other than actions, suits or proceedings which are not reasonably expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business; and there are no transactions, contracts or documents of the Trust that are required to be filed

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as exhibits to the Registration Statement by the 1933 Act or by the 1933 Act Regulations that have not been so filed.

- (iii) The Trust possesses adequate certificates, authorities or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies to conduct the business now operated by it, and the Trust has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authority or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially and adversely affect the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust.
- (iv) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Declaration, the Guarantee Agreements and the Guarantees, the issuance and sale of the Preferred Securities and the Common Securities, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein and compliance by the Trust with its obligations hereunder and thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary action (corporate or otherwise) on the part of the Trust and do not and will not result in any violation of the Declaration or Certificate of Trust and do not and will not conflict with, or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Trust under (A) any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Trust is a party or by which it may be bound or to which any of its properties may be subject or (B) any existing applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, or any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Trust, or any of its properties (except for conflicts, breaches, violations or defaults which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be materially adverse to the Trust, or materially adverse to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement).

(e) Each certificate signed by any Trustee of the Trust and delivered to the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Trust to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

# SECTION 2. SALE AND DELIVERY TO UNDERWRITERS; CLOSING.

(a) On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Trust agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Trust, at the price per

security set forth in the Schedule B, the number of Initial Preferred Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter (except as otherwise provided in Schedule B), plus any additional number of Initial Preferred Securities that such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 hereof.

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The purchase price per security to be paid by the several Underwriters for the Initial Preferred Securities shall be an amount equal to the initial public offering price. The initial public offering price per Preferred Security shall be a fixed price to be determined by agreement between the Representatives and the Offerors. The initial public offering price and the purchase price are be set forth in Schedule B. As compensation to the Underwriters for their commitments hereunder and in view of the fact that the proceeds of the sale of the Initial Preferred Securities will be used to purchase the Junior Subordinated Notes of the Company, the Company hereby agrees to pay at Closing Time to the Representatives, for the accounts of the several Underwriters, a commission per Initial Preferred Security determined by agreement between the Representatives and the Company for the Initial Preferred Securities to be delivered by the Trust hereunder at Closing Time. The commission is set forth in Schedule B.

(b) Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates for, the Initial Preferred Securities shall be made at the office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives, the Company and the Trust, at 10:00 A.M. New York time on the [third] business day (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10) after the date hereof, or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by Representatives, the Trust and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time"). Payment shall be made to the Trust by wire transfer or certified or official bank check or similar same day funds payable to the order of the Trust to an account designated by the Trust, against delivery to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates for the Initial Preferred Securities to be purchased by them. Unless otherwise agreed, certificates for the Initial Preferred Securities shall be in the form set forth in the Declaration, and such certificates shall be deposited with a custodian (the "Custodian") for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC.

At the Closing Time, the Company will pay, or cause to be paid, the commission payable at such time to the Underwriters under Section 2 hereof by wire transfer or certified or official bank check or checks payable to the Representatives in same day funds.

(c) In addition, on the basis of the representations and warranties contained herein, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Trust grants an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional _____ Option Preferred Securities at the same price per security determined as provided above for the Initial Preferred Securities plus any accrued distributions thereon. The option hereby granted will expire 30 days after the date hereof, and may be exercised, in whole or in part, only for the purpose of covering over-allotments upon written notice by the Representatives to the Trust and the Company setting forth the number of Option Preferred Securities as to which the several Underwriters are exercising the option, the time and date of payment and delivery thereof. Such times and dates of delivery (each, on "Option Closing Time") shall be determined by the Representatives but shall not be later than [three] full business days after the exercise of such option and not in any event prior to the Closing Time. If the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option

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Preferred Securities, the Option Preferred Securities as to which the option is exercised shall be purchased by the Underwriters severally and not jointly, in proportion to, as nearly as practicable, their respective Initial Preferred Securities underwriting obligations as set forth on Schedule A. The Company hereby agrees to pay at the Option Closing Time to the Representatives, for the accounts of the several Underwriters, a commission per Option Preferred Security equal to the commission set forth on Schedule B.

In addition, in the event that any or all of the Option Preferred Securities are purchased by the Underwriters, delivery and payment for the Option Preferred Securities shall be made at the offices of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, or at such other place as the Trust, the Company and the Representatives shall determine, on each Option Closing Time as specified in the notice from the Representatives to the Company. Delivery of the Option Preferred Securities

shall be made to the Representatives against payment by the Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof to or upon the order of the Company in the manner set forth in Section 2(b) above. Unless otherwise agreed, certificates for the Option Preferred Securities shall be in the form set forth in the Declaration, and such certificates shall be deposited with the Custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC.

SECTION 3. COVENANTS OF THE OFFERORS. Each of the Offerors jointly and severally covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

- (a) The Offerors will notify the Representatives promptly, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto (including any post-effective amendment), (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose. The Offerors will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.
- (b) The Offerors will give the Representatives notice of their intention to file or prepare (i) any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any post-effective amendment), (ii) any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus (including any revised prospectus which the Offerors propose for use by the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Preferred Securities which differs from the prospectus on file at the Commission at the time the Registration Statement became effective, whether or not such revised prospectus is required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations), or (iii) any document that would as a result thereof be incorporated by reference in the Prospectus whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such amendment, supplement or other document within a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file any such amendment, supplement or other document or use any such prospectus to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall

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reasonably object. Subject to the foregoing, the Offerors will file the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A under the Act not later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

- (c) The Offerors will deliver to the Representatives as many signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) as the Representatives may reasonably request and will also deliver to the Representatives a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters.
- (d) The Offerors will furnish to each Underwriter, from time to time during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the 1933 Act or the respective applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
- (e) If at any time when the Prospectus is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Preferred Securities, any event shall occur as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented will include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading or if it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Offerors will, subject to paragraph (b) above, promptly prepare and file with the Commission such amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission or an amendment which will effect such compliance and the Offerors will furnish to the Underwriters a reasonable number of copies of such amendment or supplement.
- (f) The Offerors will endeavor, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Preferred Securities (and the Preferred Securities Guarantee) and the Junior Subordinated Notes for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and the other jurisdictions of the United States as the Representatives may designate; provided, however, that none of the Offerors shall be obligated to qualify as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified.

(g) The Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Underwriters as soon as practicable, but not later than 90 days after the close of the period covered thereby, an earnings statement (which need not be audited) of the Company and its subsidiaries, covering an applicable period beginning not later than the first day of the Company's fiscal quarter next following the "Effective Date" (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Act) of the Registration Statement, which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

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- (h) The Offerors will use best efforts to effect the listing of the Preferred Securities on the New York Stock Exchange; if the Preferred Securities are exchanged for Junior Subordinated Notes, the Company will use its best efforts to effect the listing of the Junior Subordinated Notes on the exchange on which the Preferred Securities were then listed.
- (i) During a period of 30 days from the date hereof, neither the Trust nor the Company will, without the Representatives' prior written consent, directly or indirectly, sell, offer to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of, any Preferred Securities, any security convertible into or exchangeable into or exercisable for Preferred Securities or the Junior Subordinated Notes or any junior subordinated debt securities substantially similar to the Junior Subordinated Notes or equity securities substantially similar to the Preferred Securities (except for the Junior Subordinated Notes and the Preferred Securities issued pursuant to this Agreement); and except for any preferred securities with a liquidation amount of greater than \$25 which are non-callable for at least years 10 years (except for any call provisions relating to unanticipated tax or accounting consequences to the Sponsor, the Trust or holders of such preferred securities or status of the Trust under the 1940 Act) and any junior subordinated debt securities issued in connection therewith.

SECTION 4. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of each Offerors' obligations under this Agreement, and will pay: (i) the printing and filing of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates for the Preferred Securities, (iii) the fees and disbursements of the Company's and the Trust's counsel and accountants, (iv) the qualification of the Preferred Securities, the Preferred Securities Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Notes under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f) hereof, including filing fees and the fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters, in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of any blue sky survey, (v) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, of each preliminary prospectus, and of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, (vi) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of any blue sky survey, (vii) the fee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., if applicable, (viii) the fees and expenses of the Debt Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Debt Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Notes, (ix) the fees and expenses of the Property Trustee, and the Guarantee Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Property Trustee in connection with the Declaration and the Certificate of Trust; (x) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Preferred Securities and Junior Subordinated Notes; (xi) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Preferred Securities and, if applicable, the Junior Subordinated Notes on the New York Stock Exchange, and (xii) the cost and charges of any transfer agent or registrar and (xiii) the cost of qualifying the Preferred Securities with DTC.

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If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 or Section 9 hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters.

SECTION 5. CONDITIONS OF UNDERWRITERS' OBLIGATIONS. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Offerors herein contained or in certificates of officers of the Company, to the performance by the Offerors of their obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:

(a) The Registration Statement shall have become effective not later than  $5:30\ P.M.$  on the date hereof, or with the consent of the Representatives,

at a later time and date, not later, however, than 5:30 P.M. on the first business day following the date hereof, or at such later time and date as may be approved by the Representatives; and at Closing Time no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission. The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by the 1933 Regulations and in accordance with Section 3(b) and prior to Closing Time the Offerors shall have provided evidence satisfactory to the Representatives of such timely filing.

- (b) At Closing Time the Representatives shall have received:
- (1) The favorable opinion of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., counsel for the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect of paragraphs (i) and (v) through (xiii) below, and the favorable opinion of Paul J. Polking, General Counsel to the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect of paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) below:
  - (i) The Company is a duly organized and validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, has the corporate power and authority to own its properties, conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and perform its obligations under this Agreement, and is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended; the Principal Subsidiary Banks are national banking associations formed under the laws of the United States and authorized thereunder to transact business.
  - (ii) Except for those jurisdictions specifically enumerated in such opinion, neither the Company nor any of the Principal Subsidiary Banks is required to be qualified or licensed to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction.
  - (iii) All the outstanding shares of capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary Bank have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and (except as provided in 12 U.S.C. ss. 55, as amended) non-assessable, and, except as otherwise set

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forth in the Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Principal Subsidiary Banks (except directors' qualifying shares) are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company free and clear of any perfected security interest and, to the best knowledge of such counsel, any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.

- (iv) To the best knowledge of such counsel, there is no pending threatened action, suit or proceeding before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement which is not adequately disclosed in the Prospectus, and there is no franchise, contract, or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit, which is not described or filed as required.
- (v) If the Initial Preferred Securities are to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, authorization therefor has been given, subject to official notice of issuance and evidence of satisfactory distribution, or the Company has filed a preliminary listing application and all required supporting documents with respect to the Initial Preferred Securities with the New York Stock Exchange and such counsel has no reason to believe that the Initial Preferred Securities will not be authorized for listing, subject to official notice of issuance and evidence of satisfactory distribution.
- (vi) The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act; to the best knowledge of such counsel, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened; the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and each amendment thereof or supplement thereto (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained therein or incorporated by reference therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.
- (vii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding instrument enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms

(subject to the Permitted Exceptions, and except insofar as the enforceability of the indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Agreement may be limited by federal and state securities laws, and further subject to 12 U.S.C. 1818(b)(6)(D) and any bank regulatory powers and to the application of principles of public policy).

(viii) No authorization, approval, consent or order of any court or governmental authority or agency is required in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Initial Preferred Securities, the Preferred Securities Guarantee and the Junior Subordinated Notes to the Underwriters, except (a) such as may be required under the

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1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and such as may be required under the blue sky or insurance laws of any jurisdiction, and (b)the qualification of the Declaration, the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Indenture under the 1939 Act.

(ix) The Declaration has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Regular Trustees and has been duly qualified under the 1939  $\,\mathrm{Act.}$ 

(x) Each of the Guarantee Agreements has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, assuming it is duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Guarantee Trustee, constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; and the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act.

(xi) The Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution, and delivery thereof by the Debt Trustee, is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions; the Indenture has been duly qualified under the 1939 Act; and the Indenture conforms to the description thereof in the Prospectus.

(xii) The Junior Subordinated Notes have been duly authorized and executed by the Company and, when authenticated by the Trustee in the manner provided in the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exception; and the Junior Subordinated Notes conform to the description thereof in the Prospectus.

(xiii) Neither the Company nor the Trust is, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus neither will be, an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company" within the meaning of the 1940 Act.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of North Carolina or the United States, to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be reliable and who are satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters; and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on the representations and warranties of the Offerors contained herein or in the Declaration, the Indenture, the Guarantees, the Subscription Agreement, of even date herewith, between the Company and the Trust covering the Common Securities and the Note Purchase Agreement, of even date herewith, between the

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Company and the Trust or on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and public officials.

(2) The favorable opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, Special Delaware counsel to the Offerors, in form and substance satisfactory to

- (i) The Trust has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a business trust under the Delaware Act; all filings required under the laws of the State of Delaware with respect to the formation and valid existence of the Trust as a business trust have been made; the Trust has all necessary power and authority to own property and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Initial Preferred Securities and the Common Securities; the Trust is duly qualified and in good standing as a foreign company in any other jurisdiction in which such qualification is necessary, except to the extent that the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Trust; and the Trust is not a party to or otherwise bound by any agreement other than those described in the Prospectus.
- (ii) Assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company and the Trustees, the Declaration is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.
- (iii) The Common Securities have been duly authorized by the Declaration and are validly issued and (subject to the terms of the Declaration) fully paid and non-assessable beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust, and the issuance of the Common Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.
- (iv) The Initial Preferred Securities have been duly authorized by the Declaration and are validly issued and, subject to the terms of the Declaration, when delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable beneficial interests in the assets of the Trust; the holders of the Initial Preferred Securities will, subject to the terms of the Declaration, be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability under Delaware law as is extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit; and the issuance of the Initial Preferred Securities is not subject to preemptive or other similar rights.
- (v) The Common Securities, the Initial Preferred Securities and the Declaration conform in all material respects to all statements relating thereto contained in the Prospectus.

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- (vi) All of the issued and outstanding Common Securities of the Trust are directly owned by the Company free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equitable right.
- (vii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the  $\mbox{Trust.}$
- (viii) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Declaration, the Initial Preferred Securities and the Common Securities; the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein; and the compliance by the Trust with its obligations hereunder and thereunder do not and will not result in any violation of the Declaration or Certificate of Trust, and do not and will not conflict with, or result in, a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Trust under (A) any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument known to such counsel to which the Trust is a party or by which it may be bound or to which any of its properties may be subject (except for such conflicts, breaches or defaults or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust, (B) any existing applicable law, rule or regulation (other than the securities or blue sky laws of the various states, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) or (C) any judgment, order or decree of any government, governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, or any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Trust or any of its properties.
- (3) The favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Emmett, Marvin & Martin, LLP, counsel of The Bank of New York (Delaware), as Property Trustee under the Declaration, and Guarantee Trustee under the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to

- (i) The Bank of New York (Delaware) is a Delaware banking corporation with trust powers, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware with all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver, and to carry out and perform its obligations under the terms of the Declaration.
- (ii) The execution, delivery and performance by the [Debt Trustee of the Indenture and the execution, delivery and performance by the] Property Trustee of the Declaration and the execution, delivery and performance by the Guarantee Trustee of the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the [Debt Trustee], the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively. The [Indenture, the] Declaration and the Guarantee Agreements have been duly executed and delivered by the [Debt Trustee], the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively, and

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constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the [Debt Trustee], the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively, enforceable against the [Debt Trustee], the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively, in accordance with their terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Permitted Exceptions.

- (iii) The execution, delivery and performance of the [Indenture, the], Declaration and the Guarantee Agreements by the [Debt Trustee], Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively, does not conflict with or constitute a breach of the Articles of Organization or Bylaws of the [Debt Trustee], Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee, respectively.
- (iv) No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration with or notice to, any Delaware or federal banking authority is required for the execution, delivery or performance by the [Debt Trustee], the Property Trustee and the Guarantee Trustee of the [Indenture, the], Declaration and the Guarantee Agreements, respectively.
- (4) The favorable opinion, dated as of Closing Time, of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters with respect to the legal existence of the Company and the Trust, the Initial Preferred Securities, the Indenture, the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement, this Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and other related matters as the Representatives may require.

In giving its opinion, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan may rely as to certain matters of Delaware law upon the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, counsel for the Offerors, which shall be delivered in accordance with Section  $5\,(b)\,(2)$  hereto.

- (5) The favorable opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, special tax counsel to the Company and the Trust, as to certain Federal tax matters set forth in the Prospectus under "United States Income Taxation."
- (6) In giving their opinions required by subsection (b), of this Section, Mr. Polking and Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. shall each additionally state that nothing has come to their attention that has caused them to believe that the Registration Statement (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial or statistical data included or incorporated by reference, therein, as to which counsel need make no statement), at the time it became effective or as of the date of their respective opinions, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial or statistical data included or incorporated by reference therein, as to which counsel need make no statement), as at the date hereof or at Closing Time, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representatives shall have received a certificate of a Senior Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company and a certificate of the Trustee of the Trust, and dated as of Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties in Section 1 hereof are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of Closing Time, (iii) the Trust and the Company have complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the Commission.

- (8) At the Closing Time, Price Waterhouse LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to the Representatives), dated as of the Closing Time, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, confirming that the response, if any, to Item 10 of the Registration Statement is correct insofar as it relates to them and stating in effect that:
  - (i) They are independent accountants within the meaning of the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act and the1933 Act Regulations and the 1934 Act Regulations.
  - (ii) In their opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries audited by them and included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations with respect to registration statements on Form S-3 and the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.
  - (iii) On the basis of procedures (but not an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) consisting of:
  - (a) Reading the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders, the board of directors, executive committee and audit committee of the Company and the boards of directors and executive committees of its subsidiaries as set forth in the minute books through a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of delivery of such letter;
  - (b) Performing the procedures specified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for a review of interim financial information as described in SAS No. 71, Interim Financial Information, on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim

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financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and reading the unaudited interim financial data, if any, for the period from the date of the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus to the date of the latest available interim financial data; and

(c) Making inquiries of certain officials of the Company who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters regarding the specific items for which representations are requested below;

nothing has come to their attention as a result of the foregoing procedures that caused them to believe that:

- (1) the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations thereunder:
- (2) any material modifications should be made to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (3) (i) at the date of the latest available interim financial data and at the specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the

long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in shareholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as compared with the amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or (ii) for the period from the date of the latest available financial data to a specified date not more than five business days prior to the delivery of such letter, there was any change in the capital stock or the long-term debt (other than scheduled repayments of such debt) or any decreases in shareholders' equity of the Company and the subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, except in all instances for changes or decreases which the Registration Statement and Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur, or Price Waterhouse LLP shall state any specific changes or decreases.

(iv) The letter shall also state that Price Waterhouse LLP has carried out certain other specified procedures, not constituting an audit, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information which are included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and which are specified by the

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Representatives and agreed to by Price Waterhouse LLP, and has found such amounts, percentages and financial information to be in agreement with the relevant accounting, financial and other records of the Company and its subsidiaries identified in such letter.

In addition, at the time this Agreement is executed, Price Waterhouse LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters, dated the date of this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect set forth in this subsection 8.

(9) At Closing Time, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Initial Preferred Securities as herein contemplated and related proceedings, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Offerors, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Initial Preferred Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters.

(10) At Closing Time, at least one "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) under the 1933 Act), has rated the Initial Preferred Securities in one of its four highest rating categories and there shall not have occurred any decrease in the ratings of any of the securities of the Company or of the Initial Preferred Securities by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of any of the Company's securities or any of the Initial Preferred Securities.

 $\,$  (11) At Closing Time, the Initial Preferred Securities shall have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange upon notice of issuance.

[(12) At Closing Time, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") shall have confirmed in writing that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.]

If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Offerors, in writing or by telephone or telegraph confirmed in writing, at any time at or prior to Closing Time, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and except that Sections 1, 7, and 8 shall survive any such termination and will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. CONDITIONS TO PURCHASE OF OPTION SECURITIES. In the event the Underwriters exercise the Option to purchase all or any portion of the Option Preferred Securities and the Option Closing Time determined by the Representatives pursuant to Section 2

is later than the Closing Time, the obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Option Preferred Securities that they shall have respectively agreed to purchase hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Offerors contained herein, to the performance by the Offerors of their obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

- (a) No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, as amended from time to time, shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or threatened; and any required filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act shall have been made within the proper time period.
- (b) As of the Option Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received, each dated as of the Option Closing Time and relating to the Option Preferred Securities:
  - (i) the favorable opinions of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P., counsel for the Company, and of Paul J. Polking, General Counsel to the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the same effect as the opinions required by Section  $5\,(b)\,(1)$ ;
  - (ii) the favorable opinion of Richards Layton & Finger, Special Delaware counsel to the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, to the same effect as the opinion required by Section  $5\,(b)\,(2)$ ;
  - (iii) the favorable opinion of Emmett, Marvin & Martin, L.L.P., counsel for [The Bank of New York and] The Bank of New York (Delaware), to the same effect as the opinion required by Section  $5\,(b)\,(3)$ :
  - (iv) the favorable opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters to the same effect as the opinion required by Section  $5\,(b)\,(4)$ ;

In giving its opinion, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan may rely as to certain matters of Delaware law upon the opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, counsel for the Offerors, which shall be delivered in accordance with Section 6(b)(2) hereto;

- (v) the favorable opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, special tax counsel to the Company and the Trust, to the same effect as the opinion required by Section  $5\,(b)\,(5)\,;$
- (vi) a certificate, of a Senior Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company with respect to the matters set forth in Section 5(b) (7);

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- (vii) a letter from Price Waterhouse LLP, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, substantially the same in scope and substance as the letter furnished to the Underwriters pursuant to Section 5(b)(8) except that the "specified date" in the letter furnished pursuant to this Section 6(b)(vii) shall be a date not more than [three] days prior to the Option Closing Time; and
- (viii) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (b) (vii) of this Section 6 or (ii) any change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, is, in the judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus;
- (ix) At the Option Closing Time, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Option Preferred Securities as herein contemplated and related proceedings, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the

conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Offerors, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Option Preferred Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, counsel for the Underwriters;

- (x) At the Option Closing Time, at least one "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) under the 1933 Act), has rated the Preferred Securities in one of its four highest rating categories and there shall not have occurred any decrease in the ratings of any of the securities of the Company or of the Preferred Securities by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of any of the Company's securities or any of the Preferred Securities; and
- (xi) At the Option Closing Time, the Option Preferred Securities shall have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange upon notice of issuance.
- [(c) At Option Closing Time, the NASD shall have confirmed in writing that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.]

 $\qquad \qquad \text{If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by the$ 

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Representatives by notice to the Offerors, in writing or by telephone or telegraph confirmed in writing, at any time at or prior to Option Closing Time, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and except that Sections 1, 7, and 8 shall survive any such termination and will remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 7. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONTRIBUTION

(a) The Offerors jointly and severally agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each of its partners, officers, directors, and employees and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, and any action in respect thereof (including, but not limited to, any loss, claim, damage, liability or action relating to purchases and sales of the Preferred Securities), joint or several, which arises out of, or is based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in (A) the Registration Statement, or any amendment or supplement thereto, including information deemed to be part of the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations, if applicable, (B) the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, or (C) any application or other document, any amendment or supplement thereto, executed by the Offerors or based upon information furnished by or on behalf of the Offerors filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Preferred Securities under the securities or blue sky laws thereof (each, an "Application") or (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state in the Registration Statement, or any amendment or supplement thereto, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Application, a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and shall reimburse as incurred each Underwriter and each such controlling person for any legal and other expenses incurred in investigating or defending or preparing to defend against or appearing as a third party witness in connection with any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that neither of the Offerors shall be liable to any Underwriter in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of, or is based upon, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made in the Prospectus, including any amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Offerors by or on behalf of such Underwriter specifically for inclusion and actually included therein; and provided further that, as to any Prospectus that has been amended or supplemented as provided herein, this indemnity agreement shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter, on account of any loss, claim, damage, liability or action arising out of the sale of Preferred Securities to any person by such Underwriter if (A) such Underwriter failed to send or give a copy of the final Prospectus as so amended or supplemented to that person at or prior to the confirmation of the sale of such Preferred Securities to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the 1933 Act, and (B) the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in any preliminary Prospectus was corrected in an amendment or supplement thereto (but only if the sale to such person occurred after the Offerors provided such Underwriter and the Underwriter received copies of such amendment or supplement for distribution). This indemnity agreement will (b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Trust, the Trustees and each of the Company's directors, each of its officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company or the Trust within the meaning of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Offerors to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Offerors by such Underwriter and specifically included in the Prospectus. This indemnity shall be in addition to any liability which such Underwriter may otherwise have. The Offerors acknowledge that the statements set forth in the penultimate paragraph of the cover page (p. S-3) and under the heading "Underwriting" or "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus constitute the only information furnished in writing by the several Underwriters for inclusion in the Prospectus.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 7 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against one or more indemnifying parties under this Section 7, notify such indemnifying party or parties of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party or parties will not relieve it or them from any liability which it or they may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section 7 or to the extent that the indemnifying party was not adversely affected by such omission. In case any such action is brought against an indemnified party and it notifies an indemnifying party or parties of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party or parties against which a claim is to be made will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it or they may wish, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnifying party shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties and such indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to defend such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. After notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof and approval by such indemnified party of counsel appointed to defend such action, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 7 for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of investigation, subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof, unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that in connection with such action the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to local counsel) in any one action or separate but substantially similar actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, designated by the lead Underwriter in the case of paragraph (a) of this Section 7, representing the indemnified parties under such paragraph (a) who are parties to such action or actions), or (ii) the indemnifying party has authorized in writing the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party. After such notice from the indemnifying party to such

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indemnified party, the indemnifying party will not be liable for the costs and expenses of any settlement of such action effected by such indemnified party without the consent of the indemnifying party, which will not be unreasonably withheld, unless such indemnified party waived its rights under this Section 7 in writing in which case the indemnified party may effect such a settlement without such consent.

(d) The Company agrees to indemnify the Trust against all losses, claims, damages or liabilities due from the Trust under Section 7(a) hereof.

(e) If the indemnification provided for in the preceding paragraphs of this Section 7 is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under paragraph (a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then the Offerors or the Underwriters shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses

reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Offerors and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion so that the Underwriters are responsible for that portion represented by the percentage that the total discounts and/or commissions received by the Underwriters bears to the sum of such discounts and/or commissions and the purchase price of the Preferred Securities specified in Schedule B hereto and the Offerors are responsible for the balance; provided, however, that (y) in no case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among Underwriters relating to the offering of the Preferred Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the total discounts and/or commissions received by it with respect to the Preferred Securities purchased by such Underwriter under this Agreement and (z) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not quilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 7, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls either of the Offerors within the meaning of either the 1933 Act or the 1934 Exchange Act, each officer or trustee of the Offerors who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director or trustee of the Offerors shall have the same rights to contribution as the Offerors, subject in each case to clause (y) of this paragraph (e). Any party entitled to contribution will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against another party or parties under this paragraph (e), notify such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify such party or parties shall not relieve the party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have hereunder or otherwise than under this paragraph (d).

SECTION 8. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AGREEMENTS TO SURVIVE DELIVERY. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement, or contained in certificates of officers or Trustees of the Offerors submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by

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or on behalf of any Underwriter or controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Offerors and shall survive delivery of the Preferred Securities to the Underwriters.

### SECTION 9. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.

(a) The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Offerors, at any time at or prior to Closing Time or the Option Closing Time (i) if there has been, since the date of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings or business affairs of the Trust or the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or elsewhere or any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable to market the Preferred Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Preferred Securities, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company or the Trust has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the applicable exchange, or if trading generally on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market, has been suspended, limited or restricted or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices for securities have been required, by said exchanges or such system or by order of the Commission, the NASD or any governmental authority, or (iv) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal, New York, North Carolina or Delaware authorities, or (v) if there has been any decrease in the ratings of any of the securities of the Company or of the Preferred Securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined for purposes of Rule 436(g) under the Act) or if any such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review its rating of any of the Company's securities or any of the Preferred Securities.

(b) If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and except that Sections 1, 7, and 8 shall survive any such termination and will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. DEFAULT BY ONE OR MORE OF THE UNDERWRITERS. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at Closing Time or the Option Closing Time to purchase the Preferred Securities or the Option Preferred Securities, as the

case may be, that it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

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- (a) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the Preferred Securities or the Option Preferred Securities, as the case may be, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or
- (b) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the Preferred Securities or the Option Preferred Securities, as the case may be, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement, either the Representatives or the Offerors shall have the right to postpone Closing Time or the Option Closing Time, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements.

SECTION 11. NOTICES. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to the Representatives at Merrill Lynch World Headquarters, North Tower, World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281-1201, attention of Louis J. Wolfe, Managing Director; notices to the Trust, and the Company shall be directed to them at NationsBank Corporation, NationsBank Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28255, attention of John E. Mack, Senior Vice President and Treasurer.

SECTION 12. PARTIES. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters and the Trust, the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers, directors and trustees referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers, directors and trustees and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Preferred Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

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SECTION 13. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in said State. Except as otherwise set forth herein, specified times of day refer to New York City time.

SECTION 14. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

agreement between the Underwriters and the Trust and the Company in accordance with its terms.

	Title:	
	NB CAPITAL TRUST I	
	By: Title: Trustee  By:	
	Title: Trustee	
CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED, as of the date first above written:		
MERRILL LYNCH & CO.  Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		
By: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated		
By:Authorized Signatory		
For themselves and as Representatives of th Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto.	e other	
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NAME OF UNDERWRITER	NUMBER OF INITIAL PREFERRED SECURITIES	NUMBER OF OPTION PREFERRED SECURITIES
<pre> <s> Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner &amp; Smith</s></pre>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Total		

Very truly yours,

By:_____

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION

Underwriting Agreement dated, 199_
Registration Statement No. 333-
Representatives:
Address of Representatives:
Title, Purchase Price and Description of Securities:
Title:
<ol> <li>The initial public offering price per security for the Preferred Securities, determined as provided in said Section 2, shall be</li> </ol>
2. The purchase price per security for the Preferred Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be \$, being an amount equal to the initial public offering price set forth above, plus, in the case of Option Preferred Securities, any accrued distributions thereon.
3. The compensation per Preferred Securities to be paid by the Company to the several Underwriters in respect of their commitments hereunder shall be; provided, however, that the compensation per Preferred Securities for sales of 10,000 or more Preferred Securities to a single purchaser shall be

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### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

### SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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### SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

### SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

### SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

### SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

### SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

### ARTICLE V

### SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

### SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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### SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

### SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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### SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

### SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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### SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

### SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

### SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

### SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

### SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

### SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

NB Capital Trust III

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### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

### SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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### SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

### SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

### SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

### SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

### SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

### ARTICLE V

### SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

### SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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### SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

### SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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### SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

### SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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### SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

### SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

### SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

### SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

### SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

### SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

# PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

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# PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

# SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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## SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

## SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

# SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

## SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

# SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

# ARTICLE V

## SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

# SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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# SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

## SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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# SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

# SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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# SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

## ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

## SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

# SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VIII

# SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

# SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

# SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

## SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

# PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

NB Capital Trust III

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# PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

# SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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## SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

## SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

# SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

## SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

# SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

# ARTICLE V

## SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

# SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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# SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

## SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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# SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

# SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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# SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

## ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

## SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

# SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VIII

# SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

# SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

# SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

## SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

# PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

NB Capital Trust III

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# PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

# SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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## SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

## SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

# SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

## SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

# SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

# ARTICLE V

#### SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

# SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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### SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

#### SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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### SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

# SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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# SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

#### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

#### SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

#### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

### SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VIII

# SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

#### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

# SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

#### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

### SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

#### SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

NB Capital Trust III

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### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

# SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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#### SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

#### SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

### SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

#### SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

# SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

# ARTICLE V

#### SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

# SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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### SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

#### SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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### SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

# SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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# SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

#### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

#### SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

#### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

### SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VIII

# SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

#### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

# SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

#### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

### SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

#### SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

NB Capital Trust III

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### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

# SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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#### SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

#### SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

### SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

#### SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

# SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been  $\frac{1}{2}$

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

# ARTICLE V

#### SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

# SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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### SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

#### SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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### SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

# SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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# SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

#### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

#### SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

#### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

### SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VIII

# SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

#### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

# SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

#### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

### SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

#### SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

NB Capital Trust III

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#### PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTEE AGREEMENT (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee"), dated as of _____, 199_, is executed and delivered by NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, a North Carolina corporation (the "Guarantor"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Preferred Guarantee Trustee"), for the benefit of the Holders (as defined herein) from time to time of the Preferred Securities (as defined herein) of NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Issuer").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration"), dated as of ______, 199_, among the trustees of the Issuer named therein, the Guarantor, as sponsor, and the holders from time to time of undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer, the Issuer is issuing on the date hereof ______ preferred securities, having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$______, designated the ____ % Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Original Preferred Securities") and pursuant to the terms of an Underwriting Agreement dated as of ______, by and among the Guarantor, as Sponsor, the Issuer and the Underwriters named therein, the Issuer has agreed to issue up to an additional ______ Preferred Securities, with an aggregate liquidation amount of \$_____ (the "Additional Preferred Securities") upon the exercise of the option granted thereunder to the Underwriters;

WHEREAS, as incentive for the Holders to purchase the Preferred Securities, the Guarantor desires irrevocably and unconditionally to agree, to the extent set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, to pay to the Holders of the Preferred Securities the Guarantee Payments (as defined herein) and to make certain other payments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the Guarantor is also executing and delivering a guarantee agreement (the "Common Securities Guarantee") in substantially identical terms to this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the

holders of the Common Securities (as defined herein), except that if an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture), has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under the Common Securities Guarantee are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the purchase by each Holder of Preferred Securities, which purchase the Guarantor

hereby agrees shall benefit the Guarantor, the Guarantor executes and delivers this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders.

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### SECTION 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

 $\hbox{ In this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless the context otherwise requires:} \\$ 

- (a) Capitalized terms used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee but not defined in the preamble above have the respective meanings assigned to them in this Section 1.1;
- (b) terms defined in the Declaration as at the date of execution of this Preferred Securities Guarantee have the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (c) a term defined anywhere in this Preferred Securities Guarantee has the same meaning throughout;
- (d) all references to "the Preferred Securities Guarantee" or "this Preferred Securities Guarantee" are to this Preferred Securities Guarantee as modified, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (e) all references in this Preferred Securities Guarantee to Articles and Sections are to Articles and Sections of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise specified;
- (f) a term defined in the Trust Indenture Act has the same meaning when used in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, unless otherwise defined in this Preferred Securities Guarantee or unless the context otherwise requires; and
- (g) a reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

"Affiliate" has the same meaning as given to that term in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor rule thereunder.

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"Business Day" means any day other than a day on which federal or state banking institutions in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or obligated by law, executive order or regulation to close.

"Common Securities" means the securities representing common undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Issuer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office at the date of execution of this Agreement is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21 West, New York, New York 10286.

"Covered Person" means any Holder or beneficial owner of Preferred Securities.

"Event of Default" means a default by the Guarantor on any of its payment or other obligations under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

"Guarantee Payments" means the following payments or distributions, without duplication, with respect to the Preferred Securities, to the extent not paid or made by the Issuer: (i) any accrued and unpaid Distributions that are required to be paid on such Preferred Securities to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, (ii) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Price") to the extent the Issuer has funds available therefor, with respect to any Preferred Securities called for redemption by the Issuer, and (iii) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the Issuer (other than in connection with the distribution of Notes to the Holders in exchange for Preferred Securities as provided in the Declaration), the lesser of (a) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid Distributions on the Preferred Securities to the date of payment, to the extent the Issuer shall have funds available therefor, and (b) the amount of assets of the Issuer remaining available for distribution to Holders in liquidation of the Issuer (in either case, the "Liquidation Distribution"). an event of default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, the rights of holders of the Common Securities to receive payments under the Common Securities Guarantee Agreement are subordinated to the rights of Holders of Preferred Securities to receive Guarantee Payments.

"Holder" shall mean any holder as registered on the books and records of the applicable Clearing Agency.

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"Indemnified Person" means the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any Affiliate of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or any officers, directors, shareholders, members, partners, employees, representatives, nominees, custodians or agents of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Indenture" means the Indenture dated as of November 27, 1996, among the Guarantor (the "Note Issuer") and The Bank of New York, as trustee, together with any Board Resolution or any indenture supplemental thereto, pursuant to which certain subordinated debt securities of the Note Issuer are to be issued to the Property Trustee (as defined in the Declaration) of the Issuer.

"Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities" means, except as provided by the Trust Indenture Act, a vote by Holder(s) of Preferred Securities, voting separately as a class, of more than 50% of the liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation, dissolution or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all Preferred Securities.

"Notes" means the series of junior subordinated debt securities of the Guarantor designated the  $__$ % Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due  $__$  held by the Property Trustee of the Issuer.

"Officers' Certificate" means, with respect to any Person, a certificate signed by two Authorized Officers of such Person. Any Officers' Certificate delivered with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall include:

- (a) a statement that each officer signing the Officers' Certificate has read the covenant or condition and the definition relating thereto;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and scope of the examination or investigation undertaken by each officer in rendering the Officers' Certificate;
- (c) a statement that each such officer has made such examination or investigation as, in such officer's opinion, is necessary to enable such officer to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- $\,$  (d) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such officer, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

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"Person" means a legal person, including any individual, corporation, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity of whatever nature.

"Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation, until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has

been appointed and has accepted such appointment pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and thereafter means each such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

"Preferred Securities" means the total number of  $_$  % Trust Originated Preferred Securities issued pursuant to the Declaration, including the original preferred securities and any Additional Preferred Securities.

"Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, including any vice president, any assistant vice president, any assistant secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer or other officer of the Corporate Trust Office of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of that officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee" means a successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee possessing the qualifications to act as Preferred Guarantee Trustee under Section 4.1.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trust Securities" means the Common Securities and the Preferred Securities.

# ARTICLE II TRUST INDENTURE ACT

SECTION 2.1 Trust Indenture Act; Application

(a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture  ${\tt Act}$  that are required to be

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part of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions; and

(b) if and to the extent that any provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

### SECTION 2.2 Lists of Holders of Securities

(a) The Guarantor shall provide the Preferred Guarantee Trustee with a list, in such form as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Preferred Securities ("List of Holders") as of such date, (i) within 14 days after each record date, and (ii) at any other time within 30 days of receipt by the Guarantor of a written request for a List of Holders as of a date no more than 14 days before such List of Holders is given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee provided, that the Guarantor shall not be obligated to provide such List of Holders at any time the List of Holders does not differ from the most recent List of Holders given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee by the Guarantor. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may destroy any List of Holders previously given to it on receipt of a new List of Holders.

(b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall comply with its obligations under Sections 311(a), 311(b) and Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.3 Reports by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

Within 60 days after March 31 of each year, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall provide to the Holders of the Preferred Securities such reports as are required by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act, if any, in the form and in the manner provided by Section 313 of the Trust Indenture Act. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall also comply with the requirements of Section 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 2.4 Periodic Reports to Preferred Guarantee Trustee

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

such documents, reports and information as required by Section 314 (if any) and the compliance certificate required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act in the form, in the manner and at the times required by Section 314 of the Trust Indenture Act.

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#### SECTION 2.5 Evidence of Compliance with Conditions Precedent

The Guarantor shall provide to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such evidence of compliance with any conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee that relate to any of the matters set forth in Section  $314\,(c)$  of the Trust Indenture Act. Any certificate or opinion required to be given by an officer pursuant to Section  $314\,(c)\,(1)$  may be given in the form of an Officers' Certificate.

#### SECTION 2.6 Events of Default: Waiver

The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of Preferred Securities may, by vote, on behalf of the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities, waive any past Event of Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, any such Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent

#### SECTION 2.7 Event of Default; Notice

- (a) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of an Event of Default, transmit by mail, first class postage prepaid, to the Holders of the Preferred Securities, notices of all Events of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless such defaults have been cured before the giving of such notice, provided, that, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Event of Default unless the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have received written notice, or of which a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee charged with the administration of the Declaration shall have obtained actual knowledge.

#### SECTION 2.8 Conflicting Interests

The Declaration shall be deemed to be specifically described in this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the purposes of clause (i) of the first proviso contained in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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# ARTICLE III POWERS, DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

#### SECTION 3.1 Powers and Duties of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be held by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not transfer this Preferred Securities Guarantee to any Person except a Holder of Preferred Securities exercising his or her rights pursuant to Section 5.4(b) or to a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee on acceptance by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee of its appointment to act as Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. The right, title and interest of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall automatically vest in any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee, and such vesting and cessation of title shall be effective whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to the appointment of such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (b) If an Event of Default actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall enforce this Preferred Securities Guarantee for the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee, before the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing of all Events of Default that may have occurred, shall undertake to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred (that has not been cured or waived pursuant to Section 2.6) and is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise thereof, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(d) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be construed to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

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- (i) prior to the occurrence of any Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all such Events of Default that may have occurred:
  - (A) the duties and obligations of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Preferred Securities Guarantee, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Preferred Securities Guarantee against the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; and
  - (B) in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Preferred Securities Guarantee;
- (ii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Preferred Guarantee Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts upon which such judgment was made;
- (iii) the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; and
- (iv) no provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall require the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties

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or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have reasonable grounds for believing that the repayment of such funds or liability is not reasonably assured to it under the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

# SECTION 3.2 Certain Rights of Preferred Guarantee Trustee

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3.1:
- (i) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may conclusively rely, and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or presented by the

proper party or parties.

- (ii) Any direction or act of the Guarantor contemplated by this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate.
- (iii) Whenever, in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established before taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee (unless other evidence is herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, request and conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate which, upon receipt of such request, shall be promptly delivered by the Guarantor.
- (iv) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have no duty to see to any recording, filing or registration of any instrument (or any rerecording, refiling or registration thereof).
- (v) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. Such counsel may be counsel to the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates and may include any of its employees. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have the right at any time to seek instructions concerning the administration of this

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Preferred Securities Guarantee from any court of competent jurisdiction.

- (vi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee at the request or direction of any Holder, unless such Holder shall have provided to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee such security and indemnity, reasonably satisfactory to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, against the costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and the expenses of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's agents, nominees or custodians) and liabilities that might be incurred by it in complying with such request or direction, including such reasonable advances as may be requested by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee; provided that, nothing contained in this Section 3.2(a)(vi) shall be taken to relieve the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, of its obligation to exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (vii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.
- (viii) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents, nominees, custodians or attorneys, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (ix) Any action taken by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents hereunder shall bind the Holders of the Preferred Securities, and the signature of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or its agents alone shall be sufficient and effective to perform any such action. No third party shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to so act or as to its compliance with any of the terms and provisions of this Preferred Securities Guarantee, both of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's or its agent's taking such action.

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(x) Whenever in the administration of this Preferred Securities Guarantee the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall deem it desirable to receive instructions with respect to enforcing any remedy or right or taking any other action hereunder, the Preferred Guarantee

Trustee (i) may request instructions from the Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Securities, (ii) may refrain from enforcing such remedy or right or taking such other action until such instructions are received, and (iii) shall be protected in conclusively relying on or acting in accordance with such instructions.

- (xi) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Preferred Securities
- (b) No provision of this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be deemed to impose any duty or obligation on the Preferred Guarantee Trustee to perform any act or acts or exercise any right, power, duty or obligation conferred or imposed on it in any jurisdiction in which it shall be illegal, or in which the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be unqualified or incompetent in accordance with applicable law, to perform any such act or acts or to exercise any such right, power, duty or obligation. No permissive power or authority available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be construed to be a duty.

SECTION 3.3 Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Preferred Securities
Guarantee

The recitals contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be taken as the statements of the Guarantor, and the Preferred Guarantee Trustee does not assume any responsibility for their correctness. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IV PREFERRED GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

- SECTION 4.1 Preferred Guarantee Trustee; Eligibility
- (a) There shall at all times be a Preferred  $\,$  Guarantee Trustee which shall:
  - (i) not be an Affiliate of the Guarantor; and

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- (ii) be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or any State or Territory thereof or of the District of Columbia, or a corporation or Person permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to act as an Property Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State, Territorial or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the supervising or examining authority referred to above, then, for the purposes of this Section 4.1(a) (ii), the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published.
- (b) If at any time the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall cease to be eligible to so act under Section 4.1(a), the Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall immediately resign in the manner and with the effect set out in Section 4.2(c).
- (c) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee has or shall acquire any "conflicting interest" within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, the Preferred Guarantee
  Trustee and Guarantor shall in all respects comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- SECTION 4.2 Appointment, Removal and Resignation of Preferred Guarantee Trustee
- (a) Subject to Section  $4.2\,(b)$ , the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may be appointed or removed without cause at any time by the Guarantor except during an event of default.
- (b) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall not be removed in accordance with Section  $4.2\,(a)$  until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by written instrument executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor.
- (c) The Preferred Guarantee Trustee appointed to office shall hold office until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been

appointed or until its removal or resignation. The Preferred Guarantee Trustee may resign from office (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing executed by the Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor, which resignation shall not take effect until a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee has been appointed and has accepted such appointment by instrument in

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writing executed by such Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee and delivered to the Guarantor and the resigning Preferred Guarantee Trustee.

- (d) If no Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall have been appointed and accepted appointment as provided in this Section 4.2 within 60 days after delivery of an instrument of removal or resignation, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee resigning or being removed may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee. Such court may thereupon, after prescribing such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, appoint a Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (e) No Preferred Guarantee Trustee shall be liable for the acts or omissions to act of any Successor Preferred Guarantee Trustee.
- (f) Upon termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or removal or resignation of the Preferred Guarantee Trustee pursuant to this Section 4.2, the Guarantor shall pay to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee all amounts accrued to the date of such termination, removal or resignation.

# ARTICLE V

#### SECTION 5.1 Guarantee

The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to pay in full to the Holders the Guarantee Payments (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by the Issuer), as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim that the Issuer may have or assert. The Guarantor's obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by the Guarantor to the Holders or by causing the Issuer to pay such amounts to the Holders.

### SECTION 5.2 Waiver of Notice and Demand

The Guarantor hereby waives notice of acceptance of this Preferred Securities Guarantee and of any liability to which it applies or may apply, presentment, demand for payment, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person before proceeding against the Guarantor, protest, notice of nonpayment, notice of dishonor, notice of redemption and all other notices and demands.

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#### SECTION 5.3 Obligations Not Affected

The obligations, covenants, agreements and duties of the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall in no way be affected or impaired by reason of the happening from time to time of any of the following:

- (a) the release or waiver, by operation of law or otherwise, of the performance or observance by the Issuer of any express or implied agreement, covenant, term or condition relating to the Preferred Securities to be performed or observed by the Issuer;
- (b) the extension of time for the payment by the Issuer of all or any portion of the Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or any other sums payable under the terms of the Preferred Securities or the extension of time for the performance of any other obligation under, arising out of, or in connection with, the Preferred Securities (other than an extension of time for payment of Distributions, Redemption Price, Liquidation Distribution or other sum payable that results from the extension of any interest payment period on the Notes or any extension of the maturity date of the Notes permitted by the Indenture):
- (c) any failure, omission, delay or lack of diligence on the part of the Holders to enforce, assert or exercise any right, privilege, power or remedy conferred on the Holders pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Securities, or any action on the part of the Issuer granting indulgence or extension of any kind;

- (d) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale of any collateral, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition or readjustment of debt of, or other similar proceedings affecting, the Issuer or any of the assets of the Issuer;
- (e) any invalidity of, or defect or deficiency in, the Preferred Securities;
- (f) any failure or omission to receive any regulatory approval or consent required in connection with the Common or Preferred Securities, including the failure to receive any approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System required for the redemption of the Preferred Securities;
- (g) the settlement or compromise of any obligation  $\mbox{ guaranteed}$  hereby or hereby incurred; or

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(h) any other circumstance whatsoever that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, it being the intent of this Section 5.3 that the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances.

There shall be no obligation of the Holders to give notice to, or obtain consent of, the Guarantor with respect to the happening of any of the foregoing.

#### SECTION 5.4 Rights of Holders

- (a) The Holders of a Majority in liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting of any proceeding for any remedy available to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee in respect of this Preferred Securities Guarantee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Preferred Guarantee Trustee under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.
- (b) If the Preferred Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce such Preferred Securities Guarantee, any Holder of Preferred Securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against the Guarantor to enforce the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's rights under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Issuer, the Preferred Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity. The Guarantor waives any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the Issuer or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against the Guarantor.

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#### SECTION 5.5 Guarantee of Payment

 $\,$  This Preferred Securities Guarantee creates a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

### SECTION 5.6 Subrogation

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all (if any) rights of the Holders of Preferred Securities against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid to such Holders by the Guarantor under this Preferred Securities Guarantee; provided, however, that the Guarantor shall not (except to the extent required by mandatory provisions of law) be entitled to enforce or exercise any right that it may acquire by way of subrogation or any indemnity, reimbursement or other agreement, in all cases as a result of payment under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, if, at the time of any such payment, any amounts are due and unpaid under this Preferred Securities Guarantee. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence, the Guarantor agrees to hold such amount in trust for the Holders and to pay over such amount to the Holders.

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### SECTION 5.7 Independent Obligations

The Guarantor acknowledges that its obligations hereunder are independent of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Preferred Securities, and that the Guarantor shall be liable as principal and as debtor hereunder to make Guarantee Payments pursuant to the terms of this Preferred Securities Guarantee notwithstanding the occurrence of any event referred to in subsections (a) through (g), inclusive, of Section 5.3 hereof.

#### ARTICLE VI LIMITATION OF TRANSACTIONS; SUBORDINATION

#### SECTION 6.1 Limitation of Transactions

So long as any Preferred Securities remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under this Preferred Securities Guarantee, an Event of Default or a Nonpayment under the Declaration or during an Extended Interest Payment Period (as defined in the Indenture), then (a) the Guarantor shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (i) purchases or acquisitions of shares of Common Stock in connection with the satisfaction by the Guarantor of its obligations under any employee benefit plans, (ii) as a result of a reclassification of the Guarantor's capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock for another class or series of the Guarantor's capital stock or, (iii) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of the Guarantor's capital stock pursuant to an acquisition or the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock of the Guarantor or the security being converted or exchanged) or make any guarantee payments with respect to the foregoing or (b) the Guarantor shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) issued by the Guarantor which rank pari passu with or junior to the Notes.

#### SECTION 6.2 Ranking

This Preferred Securities Guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor and will rank (i) subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of the Guarantor, (ii) pari passu with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by the Guarantor and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by the Guarantor in respect of any preferred securities or preference stock of any

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Affiliate of the Guarantor, and (iii) senior to the Guarantor's common stock.

# ARTICLE VII TERMINATION

#### SECTION 7.1 Termination

This Preferred Securities Guarantee shall terminate upon (i) full payment of the Redemption Price of all Preferred Securities, (ii) upon the distribution of the Notes to the Holders of all of the Preferred Securities or (iii) upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the Declaration upon liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Preferred Securities Guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any Holder of Preferred Securities must restore payment of any sums paid under the Preferred Securities or under this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE VIII

### SECTION 8.1 Exculpation

(a) No Indemnified Person shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Guarantor or any Covered Person for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission performed or omitted by such Indemnified Person in good faith in accordance with this Preferred Securities Guarantee and in a manner that such Indemnified Person reasonably believed to be within the scope of the authority conferred on such Indemnified Person by this Preferred Securities Guarantee or by law, except that an Indemnified Person shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of such Indemnified Person's negligence or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions.

(b) An Indemnified Person shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Guarantor and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Guarantor by any Person as to matters the Indemnified Person reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Guarantor, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which Distributions to Holders of Preferred Securities might properly be paid.

#### SECTION 8.2 Indemnification

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person for, and to hold each Indemnified Person harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) of defending itself against, or investigating, any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder. The obligation to indemnify as set forth in this Section 8.2 shall survive the termination of this Preferred Securities Guarantee.

# ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

#### SECTION 9.1 Successors and Assigns

All guarantees and agreements contained in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of the Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Holders of the Preferred Securities then outstanding.

#### SECTION 9.2 Amendments

Except with respect to any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of Holders (in which case no consent of Holders will be required), this Preferred Securities Guarantee may only be amended with the prior approval of the Holders of at least a Majority in liquidation amount (including the stated amount that would be paid on redemption, liquidation or otherwise, plus accrued and unpaid Distributions to the date upon which the voting percentages are determined) of all the outstanding Preferred Securities. The provisions of Section 12.2 of the Declaration with respect to meetings of Holders of the Securities apply to the giving of such approval.

#### SECTION 9.3 Notices

All notices provided for in this Preferred Securities Guarantee shall be in writing, duly signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be delivered, telecopied or mailed by first class mail, as follows:

(a) If given to the Preferred Guarantee Trustee, at the Preferred Guarantee Trustee's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Preferred Guarantee Trustee may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

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The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, 21 West
New York, New York 10286
Attention: Corporate Trust Trustee
Administration
Telecopy: (212)815-5915

(b) If given to the Guarantor, at the Guarantor's mailing address set forth below (or such other address as the Guarantor may give notice of to the Holders of the Preferred Securities):

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporation Center 100 North Tryon Street, 23rd Floor Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 Attention: Treasurer Telecopy: (704) 386-0270

(c) If given to any Holder of Preferred Securities, at the address set forth on the books and records of the Issuer.

All such notices shall be deemed to have been given when received in person, telecopied with receipt confirmed, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid except that if a notice or other document is refused delivery or cannot be delivered because of a changed address of which no notice was given, such notice or other document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date of such refusal or inability to deliver.

#### SECTION 9.4 Benefit

of the Holders of the Preferred Securities and, subject to Section 3.1(a), is not separately transferable from the Preferred Securities.

SECTION 9.5 Governing Law

THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

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THIS PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE is executed as of the day and year first above written.

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION, as Guarantor

By: Name:

Title:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee  $\,$ 

By: Name: Title:

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Re: NB Capital Trust I, NB Capital II and NB Capital Trust III

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Delaware counsel for NationsBank Corporation, a North Carolina corporation (the "Company"), NB Capital Trust I, a Delaware business trust ("Trust I"), NB Capital Trust II, a Delaware business trust ("Trust II"), and NB Capital Trust III, a Delaware business trust ("Trust III") (Trust I, Trust II and Trust III are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Trusts" and sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as a "Trust"), in connection with the matters set forth herein. At your request, this opinion is being furnished to you.

For purposes of giving the opinions hereinafter set forth, our examination of documents has been limited to the examination of originals or copies of the following:

- (a) The Certificate of Trust of Trust I, dated October 29, 1996 as filed with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, (the "Secretary of State") on November 1, 1996;
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- (c) The Certificate of Trust of Trust III, dated October 29, 1996, as filed with the Secretary of State on November 1, 1996;
- (d) The Declaration of Trust of Trust I, dated as of October 29, 1996 among the Company and the trustees of Trust I named therein;
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- (f) The Declaration of Trust of Trust III, dated as of October 29, 1996 among the Company and the trustees of Trust III named therein;
- (g) The Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-3, including a preliminary prospectus and a prospectus supplement with respect to Trust I (the "Prospectus"), relating to the Preferred Securities of the Trusts representing preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trusts (each, a "Preferred Security" and collectively, the "Preferred Securities"), filed by the Company and the Trusts with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 1, 1996;
- (h) A form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for each of the Trusts, to be entered into between the Company, the trustees of the Trust named therein, and the holders, from time to time, of the undivided beneficial interests in the assets of such Trust (including the exhibits and Annex I thereto) (collectively, the "Declarations" and individually, a "Declaration"), attached as an exhibit to the Registration Statement; and
- (i) A Certificate of Good Standing for each of the Trusts, dated November 22, 1996, obtained from the Secretary of State.

Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the  ${\tt Declarations}$ .

For purposes of this opinion, we have not reviewed any documents other

than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (i) above. In particular, we have not reviewed any document (other than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (i) above) that is referred to in or incorporated by reference into the documents reviewed by us. We have assumed that there exists no provision in any document that we have not reviewed that is inconsistent with the opinions stated herein. We have conducted no independent factual investigation of our own but rather have relied solely upon the foregoing documents, the statements and information set forth

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therein and the additional matters recited or assumed herein, all of which we have assumed to be true, complete and accurate in all material respects.

With respect to all documents examined by us, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as authentic originals, (ii) the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies or forms, and (iii) the genuineness of all signatures.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed (i) that each of the Declarations constitutes the entire agreement among the parties thereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, including with respect to the creation, operation and termination of the applicable Trust, and that the Declarations and the Certificates of Trust are in full force and effect and have not been amended, (ii) except to the extent provided in paragraph 1 below, the due organization or due formation, as the case may be, and valid existence in good standing of each party to the documents examined by us under the laws of the jurisdiction governing its organization or formation, (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons who are parties to the documents examined by us, (iv) that each of the parties to the documents examined by us has the power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, such documents, (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery by all parties thereto of all documents examined by us, (vi) the receipt by each Person to whom a Preferred Security is to be issued by the Trusts (collectively, the "Preferred Security Holders") of a Preferred Security Certificate for such Preferred Security and the payment for such Preferred Security, in accordance with the Declarations and the Registration Statement, and (vii) that the Preferred Securities are issued and sold to the Preferred Security Holders in accordance with the Declarations and the Registration Statement. We have not participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and assume no responsibility for its contents.

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Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such questions of law and statutes of the State of Delaware as we have considered necessary or appropriate, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

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- 1. Each of the Trusts has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a business trust under the Business Trust Act.
- 2. The Preferred Securities of each Trust will represent valid and, subject to the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 below, fully paid and nonassessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable Trust.
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We consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent

to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. In giving the foregoing consents, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder. Except as stated above, without our prior written consent, this opinion may not be furnished or quoted to, or relied upon by, any other person for any purpose.

Very truly yours,

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- (d) The Declaration of Trust of Trust I, dated as of October 29, 1996 among the Company and the trustees of Trust I named therein;
- (e) The Declaration of Trust of Trust II, dated as of October 29, 1996 among the Company and the trustees of Trust II named therein;
- (f) The Declaration of Trust of Trust III, dated as of October 29, 1996 among the Company and the trustees of Trust III named therein;
- (g) The Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-3, including a preliminary prospectus and a prospectus supplement with respect to Trust I (the "Prospectus"), relating to the Preferred Securities of the Trusts representing preferred undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Trusts (each, a "Preferred Security" and collectively, the "Preferred Securities"), filed by the Company and the Trusts with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 1, 1996;
- (h) A form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for each of the Trusts, to be entered into between the Company, the trustees of the Trust named therein, and the holders, from time to time, of the undivided beneficial interests in the assets of such Trust (including the exhibits and Annex I thereto) (collectively, the "Declarations" and individually, a "Declaration"), attached as an exhibit to the Registration Statement; and
- (i) A Certificate of Good Standing for each of the Trusts, dated November 22, 1996, obtained from the Secretary of State.

Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the  ${\tt Declarations}$ .

For purposes of this opinion, we have not reviewed any documents other

than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (i) above. In particular, we have not reviewed any document (other than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (i) above) that is referred to in or incorporated by reference into the documents reviewed by us. We have assumed that there exists no provision in any document that we have not reviewed that is inconsistent with the opinions stated herein. We have conducted no independent factual investigation of our own but rather have relied solely upon the foregoing documents, the statements and information set forth

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therein and the additional matters recited or assumed herein, all of which we have assumed to be true, complete and accurate in all material respects.

With respect to all documents examined by us, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as authentic originals, (ii) the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies or forms, and (iii) the genuineness of all signatures.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed (i) that each of the Declarations constitutes the entire agreement among the parties thereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, including with respect to the creation, operation and termination of the applicable Trust, and that the Declarations and the Certificates of Trust are in full force and effect and have not been amended, (ii) except to the extent provided in paragraph 1 below, the due organization or due formation, as the case may be, and valid existence in good standing of each party to the documents examined by us under the laws of the jurisdiction governing its organization or formation, (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons who are parties to the documents examined by us, (iv) that each of the parties to the documents examined by us has the power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, such documents, (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery by all parties thereto of all documents examined by us, (vi) the receipt by each Person to whom a Preferred Security is to be issued by the Trusts (collectively, the "Preferred Security Holders") of a Preferred Security Certificate for such Preferred Security and the payment for such Preferred Security, in accordance with the Declarations and the Registration Statement, and (vii) that the Preferred Securities are issued and sold to the Preferred Security Holders in accordance with the Declarations and the Registration Statement. We have not participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and assume no responsibility for its contents.

This opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Delaware (excluding the securities laws of the State of Delaware), and we have not considered and express no opinion on the laws of any other jurisdiction, including federal laws and rules and regulations relating thereto. Our opinions are rendered only with respect to Delaware laws and rules, regulations and orders thereunder which are currently in effect.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such questions of law and statutes of the State of Delaware as we have considered necessary or appropriate, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

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- 1. Each of the Trusts has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a business trust under the Business Trust Act.
- 2. The Preferred Securities of each Trust will represent valid and, subject to the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 below, fully paid and nonassessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable Trust.
- 3. The Preferred Security Holders, as beneficial owners of the applicable Trust, will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We note that the Preferred Security Holders may be obligated to make payments as set forth in the Declaration.

We consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent

to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. In giving the foregoing consents, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder. Except as stated above, without our prior written consent, this opinion may not be furnished or quoted to, or relied upon by, any other person for any purpose.

Very truly yours,

/s/ RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER Richards, Layton & Finger

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November 22, 1996

NationsBank Corporation NationsBank Corporate Center Charlotte, NC 28255

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to NationsBank Corporation (the "Company") and to NB Capital Trust I, NB Capital Trust II and NB Capital Trust III (the "Trusts") in connection with the proposed issuance of (i) Preferred Securities (the "Preferred Securities") of the Trusts to be offered in one or more underwritten public offerings; (ii) Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes (the "Notes") of the Company to be issued pursuant to the terms of an indenture from the Company to The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Indenture") to be issued and sold by the Company to the Trusts, and (iii) Guarantee Agreements of the Company with respect to the Preferred Securities (the "Guarantees") between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee. The Preferred Securities and the Notes are to be issued in a combined aggregate liquidation amount of up to \$1,000,000,000, as contemplated by the registration statement on Form S-3 (file No. 333-15375), as amended (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company and the Trusts on November 1, 1996 for the registration of the Preferred Securities, the Notes and the Guarantees under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

We have examined and are familiar with originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (i) the Registration Statement, (ii) the Indenture, and (iii) the Guarantees. We have also examined such other documents and satisfied ourselves as to such other matters as we have deemed necessary in order to render this opinion.

Based on the foregoing and subject to the qualifications hereinafter expressed, we are of the opinion that the statements contained in the preliminary prospectus supplement constituting part of the Registration Statement under the caption "United States Federal Income Taxation" describing certain federal income tax consequences to holders of the Preferred Securities and the Notes, as qualified therein, constitute an accurate description, in general terms, of the indicated United States federal tax consequences to such holders.

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The opinion expressed above is based on existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), existing Treasury

regulations, published interpretations of the Code and such Treasury regulations by the Internal Revenue Service, and existing court decisions, any of which could be changed at any time. Any such changes may or may not be retroactively applied.

Attorneys involved in the preparation of this opinion are admitted to practice law in the State of New York and we do not purport to be experts on, or express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the laws of the State of New York and the federal laws of the United States of America (excluding therefrom principles of conflicts of laws, state securities or blue sky laws). To the extent that our opinion relates to or is dependent upon matters governed by the laws of other states, we have assumed the legal conclusions set forth in the opinions of Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P. and of Richards, Layton & Finger which are being filed as Exhibits 5.1 and 5.2, respectively, to the Registration Statement.

This letter is not being delivered for the benefit of, nor may it be relied upon by, the holders of the Notes, the Guarantees or the Preferred Securities or any other party to which it is not specifically addressed or on which reliance is not expressly permitted hereby.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 8.1 to the Registration Statement and to reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the preliminary prospectus constituting a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not admit hereby that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Stroock & Stroock & Lavan

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#### CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Amendment No. 2 the Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related prospectus of NationsBank Corporation for the registration of \$1,000,000,000 of junior subordinated notes and preferred securities of our report dated January 18, 1996 (except for the pooling of interests with Fourth Financial Corporation as of January 31, 1996, and Note 3, for which the date is January 31, 1996) with respect to the supplemental consolidated financial statements of Boatmen's Bancshares, Inc. for the three years ended December 31, 1995, 1994, and 1993 incorporated by reference in NationsBank Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 6, 1996, (as amended by Form 8-K/A-1 on September 11, 1996 and Form 8-K/A-2 on November 13, 1996) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

St. Louis, Missouri

November 22, 1996

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FORM T-1

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10286 (ZIP CODE)

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NORTH CAROLINA
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
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56-0906609 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

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NONE. (SEE NOTE ON PAGE 3.)

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ITEM 2 MAY, HOWEVER, BE CONSIDERED AS CORRECT UNLESS AMENDED BY AN AMENDMENT TO THIS FORM T-1.

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#### SIGNATURE

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT, THE TRUSTEE, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, HAS DULY CAUSED THIS STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY TO BE SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREUNTO DULY AUTHORIZED, ALL IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND STATE OF NEW YORK, ON THE 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

BY: /S/STEPHEN J. GIURLANDO NAME: STEPHEN J. GIURLANDO TITLE: ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT Exhibit 7

# Consolidated Report of Condition of

# THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of 48 Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286 And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries, a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business March 31, 1996, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Cash and balances due from depos- itory institutions:	In Inousanas
Noninterest-bearing balances and	
currency and coin	\$ 2,461,550
Interest-bearing balances	835,563
Securities: Held-to-maturity securities	802,064
Available-for-sale securities	2,051,263
Federal funds sold in domestic of-	, ,
fices of the bank: Federal funds sold	3,885,475
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned	
income	27,820,159
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reserve	1,000
Loans and leases, net of unearned	
income, allowance, and reserve	27,309,342
Assets held in trading accounts  Premises and fixed assets (including	837,118
capitalized leases)	614,567
Other real estate owned	51,631
Investments in unconsolidated	
subsidiaries and associated companies	225,158
Customers' liability to this bank on	223,136
acceptances outstanding	800,375
Intangible assets	436,668
Other assets	1,247,908
Total assets	\$41,558,682
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	***
In domestic offices	\$18,851,327
Noninterest-bearing Interest-bearing	7,102,645 11,748,682
In foreign offices, Edge and	, ,
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Noninterest-bearing	37,855
Interest-bearing	10,927,749
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IBFs: Federal funds purchased	1,224,886
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Demand notes issued to the U.S.	
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Trading liabilities Other borrowed money:	673,944
With original maturity of one year	
or less	2,713,248
With original maturity of more than	
one year	20,780
Bank's liability on acceptances exe- cuted and outstanding	803,292
Subordinated notes and debentures	1,022,860
Other liabilities	1,590,564
Total liabilities	38,015,103
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Common stock	942,284
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Surplus	525,666
Undivided profits and capital reserves	2,078,197
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securities	3,197
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tion adjustments	(5,765)
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Total liabilities and equity	
capital	\$41,558,682

I, Robert E. Keilman, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robert E. Keilman

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and is true and correct.

J. Carter Bacot | Thomas A. Renyi | Directors Alan R. Griffith | ______

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tion adjustments	(5,765)
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Total liabilities and equity	
capital	\$41,558,682

Robert E. Keilman

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and is true and correct.

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FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(B)(2) | |

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (EXACT NAME OF TRUSTEE AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

NEW YORK (STATE OF INCORPORATION IF NOT A U.S. NATIONAL BANK) 13-5160382 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

48 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

10286 (ZIP CODE)

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION (EXACT NAME OF OBLIGOR AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

NORTH CAROLINA
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

56-0906609 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

NATIONSBANK CORPORATION
NATIONSBANK CORPORATE CENTER
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

28255 (ZIP CODE)

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GUARANTEE OF PREFERRED SECURITIES OF NB CAPITAL TRUST III (TITLE OF THE INDENTURE SECURITIES)

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- 1. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:
  - (A) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

NAME ADDRESS

SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

2 RECTOR STREET, NEW YORK,

NEW TOTAL

N.Y. 10006, AND ALBANY, N.Y. 12203

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

33 LIBERTY PLAZA, NEW YORK,

N.Y. 10045

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20429

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(B) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.

2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

NONE. (SEE NOTE ON PAGE 3.)

16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITS IDENTIFIED IN PARENTHESES BELOW, ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSION, ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS AN EXHIBIT HERETO, PURSUANT TO RULE 7A-29 UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 (THE "ACT") AND RULE 24 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE.

- 1. A COPY OF THE ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE OF THE BANK OF NEW YORK (FORMERLY IRVING TRUST COMPANY) AS NOW IN EFFECT, WHICH CONTAINS THE AUTHORITY TO COMMENCE BUSINESS AND A GRANT OF POWERS TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS. (EXHIBIT 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM T-1 FILED WITH REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-6215, EXHIBITS 1A AND 1B TO FORM T-1 FILED WITH REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-21672 AND EXHIBIT 1 TO FORM T-1 FILED WITH REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-29637.)
- 4. A COPY OF THE EXISTING BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEE. (EXHIBIT 4 TO FORM T-1 FILED WITH REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-31019.)

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- 6. THE CONSENT OF THE TRUSTEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 321(B) OF THE ACT. (EXHIBIT 6 TO FORM T-1 FILED WITH REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-44051.)
- 7. A COPY OF THE LATEST REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE TRUSTEE PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO LAW OR TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITS SUPERVISING OR EXAMINING AUTHORITY.

NOTE

INASMUCH AS THIS FORM T-1 IS FILED PRIOR TO THE ASCERTAINMENT BY THE TRUSTEE OF ALL FACTS ON WHICH TO BASE A RESPONSIVE ANSWER TO ITEM 2, THE ANSWER TO SAID ITEM IS BASED ON INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.

ITEM 2 MAY, HOWEVER, BE CONSIDERED AS CORRECT UNLESS AMENDED BY AN AMENDMENT TO THIS FORM T-1.

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## SIGNATURE

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT, THE TRUSTEE, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, HAS DULY CAUSED THIS STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY TO BE SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREUNTO DULY AUTHORIZED, ALL IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND STATE OF NEW YORK, ON THE 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

BY: /S/STEPHEN J. GIURLANDO NAME: STEPHEN J. GIURLANDO TITLE: ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

# Consolidated Report of Condition of

# THE BANK OF NEW YORK

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Cash and balances due from depos- itory institutions:	In Inousanas
Noninterest-bearing balances and	
currency and coin	\$ 2,461,550
Interest-bearing balances	835,563
Securities: Held-to-maturity securities	802,064
Available-for-sale securities	2,051,263
Federal funds sold in domestic of-	, ,
fices of the bank: Federal funds sold	3,885,475
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned	
income	27,820,159
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	509,817
LESS: Allocated transfer risk	309,617
reserve	1,000
Loans and leases, net of unearned	
income, allowance, and reserve	27,309,342
Assets held in trading accounts  Premises and fixed assets (including	837,118
capitalized leases)	614,567
Other real estate owned	51,631
Investments in unconsolidated	
subsidiaries and associated companies	225,158
Customers' liability to this bank on	223,136
acceptances outstanding	800,375
Intangible assets	436,668
Other assets	1,247,908
Total assets	\$41,558,682
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	***
In domestic offices	\$18,851,327
Noninterest-bearing Interest-bearing	7,102,645 11,748,682
In foreign offices, Edge and	, ,
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