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Video Transcript A Conversation with Craig Dahl & Tom Shafer Bringing Together the Best of Both Banks February 20, 2019

(Craig Dahl, Chairman & CEO of TCF)

What I'm really excited about is we're going to have the opportunity to take the best of both banks and that's a very unique opportunity. Mergers of equals are very, very rare because they take two groups of companies and working together all on agreed upon strategies and that's what's going to be the exciting part.

(Tom Shafer, CEO & President of Chemical Bank)

I agree with that and it's really powerful when you put the strengths of both organizations into this new company, it's a significant Mid-West organization like we haven't seen in a long time.

(Craig)

This is going to benefit all of the stakeholders. We're talking about customers, employees ah communities, shareholders; that's the other part of it. Everybody's going to be behind it.

What does this mean for employees?

(Tom)

I think this is a really exciting part of the story. As we bring you these companies together first of all think about the geographies that we're in. So when you think about the scale of the organization, the markets we're serving, the new products we'll each have for each other is a significant opportunity. So you know creating an interesting, a vibrant career, the ability to develop talent and retain talent; this is a, this is a big step forward for our organization. (Craig)

That's one of the key things; there is not a lot of overlap. We keep using the word complimentary and it's actually very, very fitting in this case. One plus one is going to be greater than two on the other side of this.

The vast majority of our employees will not see changes to their daily habits and that's a great opportunity for us. It's business as usual, taking care of their customers just as they did the day before the announcement.

(Tom)

When I take a look at the, the scale of the new organization, Detroit's an, an important story but that's not to take away from the other installations that we have. So you think of you know the Twin Cities, Chicago, Midland and other locations throughout our, our organization, they're all going to play a critical roles. I don't see a market we're not going to grow in.

What will happen next?

(Craig)

Immediately after the announcement we went on the road meeting with investors and really telling the story to new organization. And we've gotten tremendous feedback already and showing great rapport as a management team. (Tom)

One of the next steps is to identify the next leadership team. That's important as we take a look at the new 45 billion dollar organization. Something that's going to be very impactful to all of us though is, is naming the steering committee for the transition. This really gets the process started. It will be representative from both organizations and we'll be making sure that we bring the best of both organizations quickly to the forefront as we design the new company.

(Craig)

On the other side of the integration process the first real hurdle is the regulatory approval. And so we're going to be working hard on that and that's probably six weeks from announcement when that will be filed with ah the appropriate parties.

What do you want team members to take away?

(Tom)

I would say it's really important to understand the enthusiasm I think both of us bring to this. How do you find a partner to really move your companies dramatically forward? This has all the makings of a great integration and a great new company.

(Craig)

We've got a lot of excitement here. I mean being a 45 billion dollar organization, I'm really excited about going to market with this, defending our markets, adding new markets, bringing products together and team members are going to be the winners as well as our customers.

(Tom)

One of the other take aways is even with all the excitement of this announcement we've got to stay very focused on our customers making sure that we deliver 2019 just as we've planned. So one of the things I'm looking forward to is the joint road shows that Craig and I are going to be on. I'll have a chance to meet TCF and Craig will have a chance to meet Chemical. And there will be somewhat intimate meetings where I hope you'll show up and ask questions and learn more about the transaction and opportunity for us, for us to get to know each other.

(Craig)

And we really appreciate all the hard work the due diligence teams put in. It just reinforced our belief that we're experts in all of these areas and we can't wait to compete with any bank out there as we move

forward. And I just want you to know I'm very honored to lead the new TCF and I just think going to want to be on and we're going to be winners on the other side.	this is a journey that we're

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