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Stearns Bank Acquisition of Horizon Bank's Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division

Frequently Asked Questions

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Why did Stearns Bank decide to acquire Horizon Bank's Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division?

As a well-capitalized, national financial services institution, Stearns Bank is always exploring ways to expand its banking services, products, and offerings to help people reach their full financial potential. This acquisition provided strategic opportunities for Stearns Bank to augment its existing market-leading specialty lending services and diversify its revenue mix.

Does this acquisition mean Stearns Bank will enter the mortgage loan origination business?

No. As part of this acquisition, Stearns Bank will only serve as the financial services intermediary between a mortgage company and the final-end investor.

When was the acquisition finalized?

The acquisition was fully executed and effective as of January 18, 2025.

How does the acquisition impact Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division customers?

All Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division customers are now fully serviced by Stearns Bank. During the transition period, Stearns Bank will continue to work with Horizon Bank to ensure a seamless experience for customers and deliver exceptional customer service.

How does the acquisition impact Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division employees?

All Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division employees are now Stearns Bank employees.

Who should Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division customers contact for customer service support?

All Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division customers that may encounter any issues during the transition period or have questions regarding the acquisition, should contact 1-888-280-4922.

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What new services or offerings will Stearns Bank offer with this acquisition?

Stearns Bank will provide short-term capital to mortgage companies through funding of individual mortgage loans. Those individual mortgage loans will be housed by Stearns Bank's for a short-term period before they are purchased by the final end-investor.

Will this acquisition result in a new Stearns Bank division?

No. The Mortgage Warehouse Lending Division will now be part of Stearns Bank's existing National Specialty Lending division.