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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-4**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**South Carolina**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**6021**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)  
**5455 Sunset Blvd.**

**57-1010751**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Lexington, South Carolina 29072**  
**(803) 951-2265**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Michael C. Crapps**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**First Community Corporation**  
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Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale of the securities to the public:  
As soon as practicable after the effectiveness of this registration statement and the satisfaction or waiver of all other conditions  
to the merger described in the joint proxy statement/prospectus.

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### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(1)	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee(3)
Common Stock	1,597,320	N/A	\$9,480,360	\$1,221.07

- (1) Represents the maximum number of shares of common stock of First Community Corporation ("First Community") that may be issued to holders of shares of common stock of Savannah River Financial Corporation ("Savannah River") in the merger described herein, assuming the exercise of the outstanding options to acquire shares of Savannah River common stock for which Savannah River has not entered into an agreement with the option holder to cash out such options prior to the merger and assuming that First Community does not elect to increase the exchange ratio as permitted, but not required, under certain circumstances under the merger agreement described herein.
- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(f)(2) and (3) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), the proposed maximum offering price of First Community's common stock was calculated based upon the book value of the Savannah River shares of common stock as of June 30, 2013, and is equal to (A) the product of (i) \$8.22, multiplied by (ii) 3,563,400, the maximum number of Savannah River shares of common stock that may be canceled and exchanged for First Community common stock or cash in the merger, less (B) \$19,802,640, the minimum amount of cash to be paid by First Community in the merger.
- (3) Determined in accordance with Section 6(b) of the Securities Act at a rate equal to \$128.80 per \$1,000,000 of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant 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 Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This joint proxy statement/prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Preliminary Subject to Completion Dated October 9, 2013**

**PROPOSED MERGER OF  
FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION  
AND SAVANNAH RIVER FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

On behalf of the boards of directors of First Community Corporation and Savannah River Financial Corporation, we are pleased to deliver our joint proxy statement/prospectus for a merger involving First Community and Savannah River, with First Community as the surviving corporation.

If the merger is completed, each outstanding share of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for either \$11.00 in cash or a number of shares of First Community common stock equal to the exchange ratio specified in the merger agreement. Each shareholder of Savannah River will have the opportunity to elect to receive cash, First Community common stock, or a combination of cash and First Community common stock in exchange for the shareholder's Savannah River shares. Elections by Savannah River shareholders will be prorated such that in the aggregate 40% of Savannah River's non-dissenting shares of common stock will be converted into the right to receive shares of First Community common stock and 60% will be converted into the right to receive the cash consideration.

The exchange ratio for converting a share of Savannah River common stock into First Community common stock in the merger will be 1.0618 if the weighted average stock price of First Community common stock during a ten trading day period ending five business days prior to the completion of the merger (which we refer to as the "Average FCCO Stock Price") is at or above \$10.36; if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or below \$8.48, then the exchange ratio will be 1.2972. If the Average FCCO Stock Price is above \$8.48 but below \$10.36, then the exchange ratio will be equal to \$11.00 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price.

In addition, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is greater than \$11.78, First Community may terminate the merger agreement unless Savannah River agrees to decrease the exchange ratio so that a Savannah River share exchanged for First Community shares in the merger receives First Community shares with an implied value, based on the Average FCCO Stock Price, of \$12.51. Similarly, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is less than \$7.54, Savannah River may terminate the merger agreement unless First Community agrees to either (1) increase the exchange ratio so that a Savannah River share exchanged for First Community shares in the merger receives First Community shares with an implied value, based on the Average FCCO Stock Price, of \$9.78, or (2) contributes additional cash consideration for payment to Savannah River shareholders receiving First Community shares in the merger equal to the difference between \$7.54 and the Average FCCO Stock Price per share.

The value of the First Community shares to be issued in the merger will fluctuate between now and the closing date of the merger. First Community common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO". The common stock of Savannah River is not listed or traded on any established securities exchange or quotation system.

Shareholders of Savannah River are being asked to approve the merger agreement. Shareholders of First Community are being asked to approve the issuance of shares of First Community common stock as merger consideration. We cannot complete the merger unless we obtain these shareholder approvals and the necessary regulatory agency approvals. Each of Savannah River and First Community will hold a special meeting of its shareholders to vote on the merger agreement and the issuance of shares of First Community common stock, respectively. **Your vote is important.**

Whether or not you plan to attend your special shareholders' meeting, please take the time to vote as soon as possible.

You should read this entire joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully because it contains important information about the merger. **In particular, you should read carefully the information under the section entitled "Risk Factors," beginning on page 32.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued under this joint proxy statement/prospectus or determined if this joint proxy statement/prospectus is accurate or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The shares of First Community common stock to be issued in the merger are not savings or deposit accounts or other obligations of any bank or non-bank subsidiary of either of our companies, and they are not**

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insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund, or any other governmental agency.

*This joint proxy statement/prospectus is dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 and is first  
being mailed to shareholders of Savannah River and First Community on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.*

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**Sources of Information**

First Community has supplied all information contained in this prospectus/proxy statement relating to First Community, and Savannah River has supplied all information contained in this prospectus/proxy statement relating to Savannah River.

You should rely only on the information which is contained in this prospectus/proxy statement or to which we have referred in this prospectus/proxy statement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus/proxy statement is accurate as of any date other than the date of this prospectus/proxy statement.

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**FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION**

5455 Sunset Blvd.  
Lexington, South Carolina 29072  
(803) 951-2265

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2014**

To the shareholders of First Community Corporation:

A special meeting of shareholders of First Community Corporation will be held at \_\_\_\_\_, Lexington, South Carolina on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 at \_\_\_\_\_ m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. *Share Issuance.* To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance of shares of First Community common stock as merger consideration as contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated August 13, 2013, by and between First Community Corporation, SRMS, Inc., and Savannah River Financial Corporation. A copy of the merger agreement is attached to the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus as *Appendix A*.
2. *Adjournment.* To consider and vote on a proposal to authorize the board of directors to adjourn the special meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes present at the special meeting, in person or by proxy, to approve the issuance of shares.
3. *Other Business.* To transact any other business as may properly come before the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting.

Only shareholders of record of First Community common stock at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and at any adjournment or postponement of the special meeting.

**FIRST COMMUNITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT FIRST COMMUNITY SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSALS ABOVE.**

Whether or not you plan to attend the special shareholders' meeting, please vote as soon as possible by telephone, through the Internet, or by completing, signing, dating, and returning the enclosed proxy, or such other document as your broker instructs you to use if your shares are held in "street name," in the accompanying pre-addressed postage-paid envelope. If you are a record shareholder, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving written notice of revocation to First Community's Secretary, or by filing a properly executed proxy of a later date with First Community's Secretary, at or before the meeting. If you are a record shareholder, you may also revoke your proxy by attending and voting your shares in person at the meeting. If your shares are held in "street name" by your broker, you must follow the directions you will receive from your broker to change or revoke your proxy.

We do not know of any other matters to be presented at the special meeting but if other matters are properly presented, the persons named as proxies will vote on such matters at their discretion.

By Order of the Board of Directors

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Michael C. Crapps  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Lexington, South Carolina  
, 2013

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**SAVANNAH RIVER FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

3638 Walton Way Extension

Augusta, GA 30909

(706) 396-2500

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2014**

To the shareholders of Savannah River Financial Corporation:

A special meeting of shareholders of Savannah River Financial Corporation will be held at \_\_\_\_\_, Augusta, Georgia, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. *Merger.* To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 13, 2013, by and between First Community Corporation, Savannah River Financial Corporation, and SRMS, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community formed for the purpose of the merger. A copy of the merger agreement is attached to the accompanying joint proxy statement/prospectus as *Appendix A*.
2. *Adjournment.* To consider and vote on a proposal to authorize the board of directors to adjourn the special meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes present at the special meeting, in person or by proxy, to approve the merger agreement.
3. *Other Business.* To transact any other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement.

Only shareholders of record of Savannah River common stock at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and at any adjournment or postponement at the special meeting.

**SAVANNAH RIVER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT SAVANNAH RIVER SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSALS ABOVE.**

Whether or not you plan to attend the special shareholders' meeting, please vote as soon as possible by completing, signing, dating, and returning the enclosed proxy, or such other document as your broker instructs you to use if your shares are held in "street name," in the accompanying pre-addressed postage-paid envelope. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving written notice of revocation to Savannah River's Secretary, or by filing a properly executed proxy of a later date with Savannah River's Secretary, at or before the meeting. You may also revoke your proxy by attending and voting your shares in person at the meeting.

We do not know of any other matters to be presented at the special meeting but if other matters are properly presented, the persons named as proxies will vote on such matters at their discretion.

By Order of the Board of Directors

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J. Randolph Potter  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Augusta, Georgia  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MERGER**

*The following are some questions that you may have regarding the merger and the special shareholders' meetings, and brief answers to those questions. We urge you to carefully read the remainder of this joint proxy statement/prospectus because the information in this section does not provide all the information that might be important to you with respect to the merger and the special shareholders' meetings.*

**Q: What am I being asked to vote on, and how does the board recommend that I vote?**

**A:** Savannah River shareholders are being asked to vote "**FOR**" the approval of the merger agreement, thereby approving the merger. The board of directors of Savannah River adopted the merger agreement, determined that the merger is in the best interests of the Savannah River shareholders, and recommends that Savannah River shareholders vote "**FOR**" approval of the merger agreement. First Community shareholders are being asked to vote "**FOR**" the issuance of shares of First Community common stock as merger consideration in the merger. The board of directors of First Community approved the merger agreement, determined that the merger is in the best interests of the First Community shareholders, and recommends that First Community shareholders vote "**FOR**" approval of the share issuance. In addition, you are being asked to grant authority to First Community's and Savannah River's boards of directors to adjourn the special shareholders' meetings to allow time for further solicitation of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes present at the special shareholders' meetings, in person or by proxy, to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance.

**Q: Why is my vote important?**

**A:** The merger agreement must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Savannah River common stock. Accordingly, if a Savannah River shareholder fails to vote on the merger agreement, it will have the same effect as a vote against the merger agreement. The share issuance must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total votes cast by First Community shareholders on the share issuance. If a First Community shareholder fails to vote on the share issuance, or does not instruct his or her broker how to vote any shares held for him or her in "street name," it will not be counted as a vote "for" or "against" the share issuance and will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast on the share issuance.

**Q: Why is Savannah River merging with First Community?**

**A:** Savannah River is merging with First Community because the boards of directors of both companies believe that the merger will provide shareholders of both companies with substantial benefits and will enable the combined company to better serve its customers. The combined company would have a presence in contiguous counties across the Midlands region of South Carolina and into the Central Savannah River Area, or CSRA, in Georgia. A detailed discussion of the background of and reasons for the proposed merger is contained under the headings "Background of the Merger," "Savannah River's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Savannah River Board of Directors," and "First Community's Reasons for the Merger and the Share Issuance; Recommendation of the First Community Board of Directors," under "Proposal No. 1 The Merger".

**Q: What will I receive in the merger?**

**A:** Each share of Savannah River common stock can be exchanged for either: (i) \$11.00 in cash; (ii) a number of shares of First Community common stock equal to the exchange ratio; or (iii) a combination of cash and shares of First Community common stock. The exchange ratio will be

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determined based on the volume weighted average price (rounded up to the nearest cent) of First Community's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market for the 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur, which we refer to as the "Average FCCO Stock Price". The exchange ratio will be 1.0618 if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or above \$10.36; if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or below \$8.48, then the exchange ratio will be 1.2972. If the Average FCCO Stock Price is above \$8.48 but below \$10.36, then the exchange ratio will be equal to \$11.00 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price.

In addition, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is greater than \$11.78, First Community may terminate the merger agreement unless Savannah River agrees to decrease the exchange ratio so that it results in the Savannah River shares that are exchanged for First Community common stock in the merger being exchanged for shares having a value, based on the Average FCCO Stock Price, of \$12.51. Similarly, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is less than \$7.54, Savannah River may terminate the merger agreement unless First Community agrees, in its sole discretion, to either (i) increase the exchange ratio so that it results in the Savannah River shares that are exchanged for First Community common stock in the merger being exchanged for shares having a value, based on the Average FCCO Stock Price, of \$9.78, or (ii) pay additional cash consideration to Savannah River shareholders that receive First Community common stock in the merger equal to the difference between \$7.54 and the Average FCCO Stock Price per share.

In total, 60% of Savannah River's non-dissenting shares of common stock outstanding will be exchanged for cash, and 40% of Savannah River's non-dissenting shares of common stock outstanding will be exchanged for shares of First Community common stock. First Community will not issue fractional shares in the merger. Instead, you will receive a cash payment, without interest, for the value of any fraction of a share of First Community common stock that you would otherwise be entitled to receive. The method for determining the value of a fractional share is described on page 76 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Each outstanding share of First Community common stock will remain outstanding after the merger.

**Q:**  
**How do I elect to receive cash, stock, or a combination of both for my Savannah River common stock?**

**A:**  
A joint election form/letter of transmittal will be sent to you shortly after the effective time of the merger, which will include instructions and the deadline date for making your election as to the form of consideration you prefer to receive in the merger. The election form will permit you to elect to receive cash, First Community common stock, or a combination of cash and First Community common stock for your shares of Savannah River common stock, subject to certain limitations. Please pay special attention to these materials since failure to follow the instructions may mean that you will not receive the consideration you desire. An election will be properly made only if the exchange agent receives a properly executed election form by the deadline date. The election deadline has not been determined. However, the deadline will be clearly stated in the transmittal materials that will be delivered to you. Please follow the instructions provided in the joint election form/letter of transmittal to properly elect to receive cash, stock or a combination of both for your Savannah River common stock.

**Q:**  
**If I am a Savannah River shareholder, am I assured of receiving the exact form of consideration I elect to receive?**

**A:**  
**NO.** In total, 60% of Savannah River's non-dissenting shares of common stock outstanding will be exchanged for cash and 40% of Savannah River's non-dissenting shares of common stock

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outstanding will be exchanged for shares of First Community common stock. Therefore, the form of consideration you receive will depend in part on the elections of other Savannah River shareholders so that 60% of Savannah River's non-dissenting shares of common stock outstanding will be exchanged for cash and 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for shares of First Community common stock. Accordingly, there is no assurance that you will receive the form of consideration you elect with respect to all of your shares of Savannah River common stock. If the elections of all Savannah River shareholders result in an oversubscription of cash or First Community common stock, the exchange agent will allocate the consideration you will receive between cash and First Community common stock in accordance with the proration procedures described under the heading "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Allocation of the Merger Consideration" beginning on page 78.

**Q: If my shares are held in an individual retirement account, or "IRA," how will my shares be voted and how will the election for cash or shares of First Community common stock be made?**

**A:** The custodian of your IRA will vote your shares on the proposal to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance and make the election to receive cash or shares of First Community common stock in accordance with the terms of your account agreement. You should contact your IRA custodian with any questions about the terms of your account agreement.

**Q: Will Savannah River shareholders be taxed on the cash and First Community common stock that they receive in exchange for their Savannah River shares?**

**A:** If the merger qualifies as a reorganization under Section 368(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, then we expect that Savannah River shareholders will generally not recognize any gain or loss on the conversion of shares of Savannah River common stock into shares of First Community common stock but will recognize gain on any cash received for their shares of Savannah River common stock. If the merger does not qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, then we expect that Savannah River shareholders will recognize gain or loss on the sum of any cash and the fair market value of the First Community common stock they receive for their shares of Savannah River common stock. See "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Important Federal Income Tax Consequences" beginning on page 83.

**Q: If I am a Savannah River shareholder, what happens if I don't make an election for cash or shares of First Community common stock?**

**A:** If you fail to make an election prior to the election deadline, the exchange agent will have the discretion to determine the type of consideration you will receive in exchange for your shares of Savannah River common stock. The type of consideration you will receive will be determined by the type of consideration other Savannah River shareholders elect to receive so that, in total, 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for cash and 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for shares of First Community common stock. For more information concerning the merger consideration, election procedures, and allocation procedures, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Merger Consideration, Election of the Form of Payment of the Merger Consideration, and Allocation of the Merger Consideration" beginning on page 75.

**Q: What should I do now?**

**A:** After you have carefully read this document, please vote your shares as soon as possible by completing, signing, dating, and returning the enclosed proxy in the accompanying pre-addressed postage-paid envelope so that your shares will be represented at the applicable special shareholders' meeting. Shareholders of First Community also may vote by telephone or through

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the Internet. If you date, sign and send in a proxy card but do not indicate how you want to vote, your proxy will be voted in favor of approval of the merger agreement or in favor of the share issuance, as applicable, and in favor of the proposal to adjourn the applicable special shareholders' meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance.

**Q:** **If my shares are held in "street name" by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?**

**A:** **NO.** Your broker will vote your shares on the proposal to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance only if you provide instructions on how to vote. You should instruct your broker how to vote your shares following the directions your broker provides. If you are a Savannah River shareholder, failure to instruct your broker how to vote your shares will be the equivalent of voting against the merger agreement. If you are a First Community shareholder, failure to instruct your broker how to vote your shares will have the effect of reducing the number of affirmative votes required to approve the share issuance.

**Q:** **Can I change my vote after I have submitted my proxy?**

**A:** **YES.** If you have not voted through your broker, there are three ways you can change your vote after you have submitted your proxy:

First, you may send a written notice to the person to whom you submitted your proxy stating that you would like to revoke your proxy.

Second, you may complete and submit a later dated proxy with new voting instructions. The latest vote actually received by your company prior to your special shareholders' meeting will be your vote. Any earlier votes will be revoked.

Third, if you are a record shareholder, you may attend your special shareholders' meeting and vote in person. Any earlier votes will be revoked. Simply attending your meeting without voting, however, will not revoke your proxy.

If you have instructed a broker to vote your shares, you must follow the directions you will receive from your broker to change or revoke your proxy.

**Q:** **Do I have the right to dissent and obtain the "fair value" for my shares?**

**A:** **Yes, if you are a Savannah River shareholder.** Georgia law permits a Savannah River shareholder to dissent from the merger and to obtain payment in cash of the "fair value" of his or her shares of Savannah River common stock. To do this, a Savannah River shareholder must follow specific procedures, including delivering written notice of his or her intent to demand payment for his or her shares if the merger is effectuated to Savannah River before the shareholder vote on the merger agreement is taken and not voting his or her shares in favor of the merger agreement. If a Savannah River shareholder follows the required procedures, his or her only right will be to receive the "fair value" of his or her common stock in cash. Copies of the applicable Georgia statutes are attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as *Appendix B*. See "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Dissenters' Rights" beginning on page 82.

If the holders of more than 10% of Savannah River's outstanding shares of common stock dissent from the merger, then First Community may elect not to complete the merger.

South Carolina law does not provide dissenters' rights to First Community's shareholders because they are not being asked to vote to approve the merger agreement but rather to approve the share issuance.



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**Q:**           **Should I send in my stock certificates now?**

**A:**           **NO.** You should not send in your stock certificates at this time. Shortly after the effective time of the merger, the exchange agent will send all Savannah River shareholders an election form and written instructions for exchanging Savannah River stock certificates for the merger consideration.

**Q:**           **When do you expect to complete the merger?**

**A:**           We presently expect to complete the merger before the end of the first quarter of 2014. However, we cannot assure you when or if the merger will occur. We must first obtain the approval of both First Community and Savannah River shareholders at their respective special shareholder's meeting and the necessary regulatory approvals.

**Q:**           **Whom should I call with questions about the merger?**

**A:**           First Community shareholders should call Michael C. Crapps, President and Chief Executive Officer, at (803) 951-2265. Savannah River shareholders should call J. Randolph Potter, Chief Executive Officer, at (706) 396-2500.

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**SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights material information regarding the merger and the special shareholders' meetings contained later in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that may be important to you and we urge you to carefully read this entire document carefully, including the exhibits and enclosures, to better understand the merger and its potential impact on you before deciding how to vote. Each item in this summary includes a page reference directing you to a more complete discussion of the item.*

**The Companies (page 118 for First Community and page 198 for Savannah River)**

First Community Corporation  
5455 Sunset Blvd.  
Lexington, South Carolina 29072  
(803) 951-2265  
Attention: Michael C. Crapps, President and Chief Executive Officer

First Community is a South Carolina corporation registered as a bank holding company with the Federal Reserve Board. First Community engages in a general banking business through its subsidiary, First Community Bank, a South Carolina state bank, which commenced operations in August 1995. The executive offices of First Community and First Community Bank are located in Lexington, South Carolina. First Community Bank operates 11 full-service banking offices in Lexington (two), Forest Acres, Irmo, Cayce-West Columbia, Gilbert, Chapin, Northeast Columbia, Prosperity, Newberry and Camden, South Carolina, under the First Community Bank name.

Savannah River Financial Corporation  
3638 Walton Way Extension  
Augusta, GA 30909  
(706) 396-2500  
Attention: J. Randolph Potter, Chief Executive Officer

Savannah River was organized under the laws of the State of Georgia in 2006 for the purpose of operating as a bank holding company for Savannah River Banking Company, a South Carolina banking corporation. Savannah River Banking Company received final approval for its charter on May 25, 2007 and commenced operations on August 1, 2007. Its principal business activity is providing banking services to the Central Savannah River Area, or CSRA, a 13-county region located on and named after the Savannah River, which forms the border between Georgia and South Carolina. Savannah River Banking Company has two full-service banking offices, one in Augusta, Georgia and the other in Aiken, South Carolina, the two largest cities within the CSRA.

**The Merger (page 55)**

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Savannah River will merge with and into SRMS, Inc., a Georgia corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of First Community formed for the purpose of facilitating the merger, with Savannah River being the surviving corporation (we refer to this merger as the "merger"). As soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, Savannah River will merge up and into First Community, with First Community as the surviving entity. Simultaneously with the merger or immediately thereafter, Savannah River Banking Company will merge with and into First Community Bank, and First Community Bank will be the surviving bank. Both First Community and First Community Bank will continue their existence under South Carolina law, while Savannah River and Savannah River Banking Company will cease to exist. The merger agreement is attached as *Appendix A* and is incorporated into this joint proxy statement/prospectus by reference. We encourage you to read the merger agreement carefully as it is the legal document that governs the merger.



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**What Savannah River Shareholders Will Receive in the Merger (page 75)**

If the merger is completed, each outstanding share of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for either: (i) \$11.00 in cash, (ii) a number of shares of First Community common stock equal to the exchange ratio, or (iii) a combination of cash and shares of First Community common stock. Each shareholder of Savannah River will have the opportunity to elect to the form of merger consideration that he or she prefers, or he or she may choose no preference, in which case the merger consideration to be received by him or her will be determined by the exchange agent depending on the amount of cash and shares elected by those Savannah River shareholders who make an express election. Elections by Savannah River shareholders are limited by the requirement that 60% of the total number of outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for cash and 40% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for shares of First Community common stock. If the elections made by Savannah River shareholders would result in an oversubscription for either cash or stock, then the exchange agent will prorate the amount of cash and stock to be issued to Savannah River shareholders as necessary to satisfy this requirement. Therefore, the form of consideration that a Savannah River shareholder receives will depend in part on the elections of other Savannah River shareholders. Savannah River shareholders will not receive any fractional shares of First Community common stock. Instead, they will be paid cash in an amount equal to the fraction of a share of First Community common stock otherwise issuable upon conversion multiplied by the Average FCCO Stock Price.

After the merger, assuming a Average FCCO Stock Price of \$10.38, which was the closing price of First Community common stock on October 3, 2013, First Community's existing shareholders will own approximately 80.6% of First Community's total outstanding shares, on a fully diluted basis, and Savannah River's shareholders will own approximately 19.4% of First Community's outstanding shares, on a fully diluted basis.

**Merger Consideration Election (page 77)**

Shortly after the effective time of the merger, First Community will cause the exchange agent to deliver or mail to Savannah River shareholders an election form and instructions for making an election as to the form of consideration preferred to be received in the merger. The available elections, election procedures, and deadline for making elections are described under the heading "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Election of the Form of Payment of the Merger Consideration" on page 77. To be effective, an election form must be properly completed and received by First Community's exchange agent no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on the date set forth on the election form sent to Savannah River shareholders. If a Savannah River shareholder does not make an election by the election deadline, the exchange agent has the discretion to choose the consideration such shareholder will receive.

After the election deadline, the elections made by Savannah River shareholders may be adjusted as necessary to ensure that First Community pays cash in exchange for 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock and First Community common stock in exchange for 40% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock. The merger agreement provides the method, which is described under the heading "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Allocation of the Merger Consideration" on page 78, for allocating shares of First Community common stock and cash to be received for the shares of Savannah River common stock, based on the elections made. Accordingly, a Savannah River shareholder may receive less cash and more shares of First Community common stock, or more shares of First Community common stock and less cash, than elected.

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**Effect of the Merger on Savannah River Warrants**

As of the date of the merger agreement, there were outstanding warrants to purchase 300,000 shares of Savannah River common stock, each with an exercise price of \$10.00 per share. Each holder of Savannah River warrants has agreed to cancel, immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, such holder's warrants in exchange for a cash payment equal to the number of shares of Savannah River common stock underlying such holder's warrants multiplied by \$1.00 (the difference between the \$11.00 cash consideration and the exercise price per share of such warrants).

**Effect of the Merger on Savannah River Options**

As of the date of the merger agreement, there were outstanding options to purchase 263,000 shares of Savannah River common stock, with a weighted average exercise price of \$9.97 per share. In the merger, all outstanding stock options to purchase Savannah River common stock will convert into stock options to purchase First Community common stock, and First Community will assume each stock option, which will continue to be governed by the terms of its original agreement; provided, that the number of shares of First Community common stock subject to each converted stock option, and the per share exercise price thereof, will be adjusted to reflect the exchange ratio. Nevertheless, prior to the merger, each holder of Savannah River stock options may agree to cancel, immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, such holder's options in exchange for a cash payment equal to the number of shares of Savannah River common stock underlying such holder's options multiplied by the difference between the \$11.00 cash consideration and the exercise price per share of such options. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, Savannah River had entered into stock option cash-out agreements with option holders to cash out a total of \_\_\_\_\_ of the outstanding options to purchase 263,000 shares of Savannah River common stock.

**Regulatory Approvals (page 94)**

Because the merger qualifies as a "waiver transaction" under the applicable rules and regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"), we are not required to file a formal merger application with the Federal Reserve and must only make a notice filing with the Federal Reserve with respect to the merger. However, for the merger of Savannah River Banking Company with and into First Community Bank, we must obtain approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions ("SCBFI"). In addition, although no formal application or approval from the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance ("GDBF") is required for the merger or the merger of our banks, we will provide notice of the merger transactions to the GDBF.

As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, we have not received any of the required regulatory approvals.

**First Community's Special Shareholders' Meeting (page 50)**

First Community will hold its special shareholders' meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., local time at \_\_\_\_\_, Lexington, South Carolina.

**First Community's Record Date and Voting (page 50)**

If you owned shares of First Community common stock at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_, the record date for the First Community special shareholders' meeting, you are entitled to vote on the share issuance, as well as any other matters considered at the special shareholders' meeting. On the record date, there were \_\_\_\_\_ shares of First Community common stock outstanding. You will have one vote at the meeting for each share of First Community common stock you owned on the record date. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total votes cast on the share

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issuance at the special shareholders' meeting is required to approve the share issuance. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, First Community's current directors, executive officers, and their affiliates beneficially owned approximately \_\_\_\_\_ % of the outstanding shares of common stock.

**Savannah River's Special Shareholders' Meeting (page 50)**

Savannah River will hold its special shareholders' meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., local time at \_\_\_\_\_, Augusta, Georgia.

**Savannah River's Record Date and Voting (page 50)**

If you owned shares of Savannah River common stock at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, the record date for the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, you are entitled to vote on the merger agreement as well as any other matters considered at the special shareholders' meeting. On the record date, there were \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding. You will have one vote at the meeting for each share of common stock you owned on the record date. The affirmative vote of a majority of Savannah River's outstanding shares of common stock is required to approve the merger agreement. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, Savannah River's directors and executive officers and their affiliates beneficially owned approximately \_\_\_\_\_ % of the outstanding shares of Savannah River common stock. Each of Savannah River's directors and executive officers has agreed, subject to several conditions, to vote his or her shares of Savannah River common stock in favor of the merger agreement.

**First Community's Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends that First Community Shareholders Vote "FOR" the Approval of Share Issuance Pursuant to the Merger Agreement (page 69)**

First Community's board of directors has determined that the merger, the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the issuance of First Community common stock, are advisable and in the best interests of First Community and its shareholders and has unanimously approved the merger agreement. First Community's board of directors unanimously recommends that First Community shareholders vote "FOR" the approval of the share issuance pursuant to the merger agreement. For the factors considered by First Community's board of directors in reaching its decision to approve the merger agreement, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger First Community's Reasons for the Merger and the Share Issuance; Recommendation of the First Community Board of Directors."

**Savannah River's Board of Directors Recommends that Savannah River Shareholders Vote "FOR" the Approval of the Merger Agreement (page 60)**

Savannah River's board of directors has determined that the merger, the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are advisable and in the best interests of Savannah River and its shareholders and has adopted the merger agreement. Savannah River's board of directors recommends that Savannah River shareholders vote "FOR" the approval of the merger agreement. For the factors considered by Savannah River's board of directors in reaching its decision to adopt the merger agreement, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Savannah River's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Savannah River Board of Directors."

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**Interests of Directors and Officers of Savannah River that Differ from Your Interests (page 88)**

When considering whether to approve the merger agreement, you should be aware that some directors and officers of Savannah River have interests in the merger that differ from the interests of other Savannah River shareholders, including the following:

Following the merger, First Community will generally indemnify and provide liability insurance to the present directors and officers of Savannah River, subject to certain exceptions;

Following the merger, the First Community board of directors will appoint three members of the Savannah River board of directors to serve as members of the First Community board of directors until they are submitted for election by the shareholders of First Community. These three former Savannah River directors will be eligible for election onto the First Community board of directors at the next annual meeting of the First Community shareholders.

Each incumbent director of Savannah River will be invited to join an Aiken-Augusta regional advisory board of First Community Bank;

Simultaneously with the signing of the merger agreement, J. Randolph Potter entered into a retention agreement with Savannah River Banking Company and a consulting agreement with First Community Bank that will become effective immediately after consummation of the merger. The terms of these agreements are summarized on page 89;

Simultaneously with the signing of the merger agreement, Jeff P. Spears, Joe E. Lewis and Philip R. Wahl, II entered into employment agreements with First Community Bank that will become effective immediately after consummation of the merger. The terms of these agreements are summarized on page 90;

Simultaneously with the signing of the merger agreement, Gerry L. Owen entered into a retention agreement with Savannah River Banking Company and a consulting agreement with First Community Bank that will become effective immediately after consummation of the merger. Immediately prior to the merger, Mr. Owen will also enter into a non-compete agreement with Savannah River Banking Company. The terms of these agreements are summarized on page 90;

Each board member was aware of these and other interests and considered them before approving and adopting the merger agreement.

**Federal Income Tax Consequences (page 83)**

If the merger qualifies as a reorganization under Section 368(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, Savannah River's shareholders generally will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes on the receipt of shares of First Community common stock in the merger in exchange for the shares of Savannah River common stock surrendered. Savannah River shareholders will be taxed, however, on any cash consideration they receive and any cash they receive instead of any fractional shares of Savannah River common stock. First Community shareholders will have no direct tax consequences as a result of the merger. If the merger does not qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, Savannah River's shareholders will recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes equal to the difference between (1) the sum of the fair market value of the First Community common stock and cash received in the merger and (2) the basis in their Savannah River common stock. Tax matters are complicated, and the tax consequences of the merger may vary among Savannah River shareholders. We urge each Savannah River shareholder to contact his or her own tax advisor to fully understand the tax implications of the merger.

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**Comparative Rights of Shareholders (page 107)**

The rights of Savannah River's shareholders are currently governed by Georgia corporate law and Savannah River's certificate of incorporation and bylaws. The rights of First Community's shareholders are currently governed by South Carolina corporate law and First Community's articles of incorporation and bylaws. Upon consummation of the merger, the shareholders of Savannah River will become shareholders of First Community, and South Carolina corporate law, as well as the articles of incorporation and bylaws of First Community, will govern their rights. First Community's articles of incorporation and bylaws differ somewhat from those of Savannah River.

**Termination of the Merger Agreement and Termination Fee (page 94)**

Notwithstanding the approval of the merger agreement by Savannah River shareholders and the share issuance by First Community shareholders, the parties can mutually agree at any time to terminate the merger agreement before completing the merger.

Either First Community or Savannah River can also terminate the merger agreement:

If the merger agreement or the share issuance is not approved by the other party's shareholders;

If any regulatory authority whose approval is required for consummation of the merger makes a final decision not to approve the merger;

If the other party breaches any representation, warranty or covenant in the merger agreement which cannot be or is not cured within 30 days of notice of such breach; provided, that such breach is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on such breaching party or to prevent such breaching party from complying in all material respects with its covenants; or

If the merger is not completed by April 30, 2014.

Savannah River can terminate the merger agreement if, at any time during the three business days following the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur, the volume weighted average price of the First Community common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market during the 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur is less than \$7.54 per share. However, if Savannah River seeks to terminate the merger for this reason, it must give prompt notice to First Community, and First Community will have the option, in its sole discretion, to increase the exchange ratio or pay to each recipient of stock consideration an additional cash amount as specified in the merger agreement in order to increase the value of the First Community stock consideration, and in such event, Savannah River's notice of termination would not terminate the merger agreement.

Savannah River can also terminate the merger agreement if it receives an acquisition proposal from a third party that is superior to First Community's proposal and concludes, after receiving legal advice, that the board of directors would be in breach of its fiduciary duties if the board did not accept the superior proposal; provided, however, First Community would then have the opportunity to match the superior proposal in order to proceed with the merger. Savannah River would pay a \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community if it were to terminate the merger agreement for this reason.

First Community can terminate the merger agreement if Savannah River's board of directors (i) withdraws or modifies its recommendation that the Savannah River shareholders approve the merger agreement or approves or recommends an acquisition proposal by a third party, (ii) fails to reaffirm the merger agreement after being requested to do so following the announcement of an acquisition proposal by a third party, or (iii) otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the merger agreement regarding obtaining shareholder approval of the merger agreement and soliciting other offers for an acquisition of Savannah River. In this event, Savannah River must pay the \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community.



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First Community can also terminate the merger agreement if, at any time during the three business days following the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur, the volume weighted average price of the First Community common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market during the 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur is more than \$11.78 per share. However, if First Community seeks to terminate the merger agreement for this reason, it must give prompt notice to Savannah River, and Savannah River will have the option to decrease the exchange ratio as specified in the merger agreement in order to cap the value of the First Community stock consideration, and in such event, First Community's notice of termination would not terminate the merger agreement.

**Termination Fee (page 94)**

In addition to the circumstances set forth above under which Savannah River must pay the termination fee to First Community, if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances following the communication of an acquisition proposal to Savannah River, and if within one year after the termination of the merger agreement, Savannah River consummates an acquisition transaction or enters into an acquisition agreement, then Savannah River must also pay the \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community.

**Accounting Treatment (page 99)**

First Community will account for the merger using the acquisition method of accounting. Under this accounting method, First Community would record the acquired identifiable assets and liabilities assumed at their fair market value at the time the merger is complete. Any excess of the cost of Savannah River over the sum of the fair values of tangible and identifiable intangible assets less liabilities assumed would be recorded as goodwill. Based on an assumed purchase price of \$33.5 million and utilizing information as of June 30, 2013, estimated goodwill and other intangibles would total approximately \$4.5 million. First Community's reported income would include the operations of Savannah River after the merger. Financial statements of First Community after completion of the merger would reflect the impact of the acquisition of Savannah River. Financial statements of First Community issued before completion of the merger would not be restated retroactively to reflect Savannah River's historical financial position or results of operations.

**Market Price and Dividend Information**

First Community's common stock is currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO". Savannah River's common stock is not listed on an exchange or quoted on any over the counter service, and there is no established trading market for shares of Savannah River common stock. Savannah River has never paid dividends on its common stock.

As of October 3, 2013, there were approximately 1,457 holders of record of common stock of First Community. The following table presents the closing sale price per share of First Community common stock on August 13, 2013, the last trading day before we publicly announced the merger agreement, and \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, the last practicable trading day prior to mailing this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The table also presents the equivalent value of the merger consideration per share of Savannah River common stock on those dates, calculated by multiplying the closing price of First

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Community common stock on those dates by the exchange ratio that would apply if the exchange ratio was to be determined based on the closing price of the First Community common stock on those dates.

Date	First Community Closing Price	Equivalent Savannah River Per Share Value
August 13, 2013	\$ 10.36	\$ 11.00

Because the exchange ratio is fixed if the Average FCCO Stock Price is above \$10.36 or below \$8.48 (subject to potential termination and adjustment provisions if the Average FCCO Stock Price is about \$11.78 or below \$7.54) and because the market price of First Community common stock is subject to fluctuation, the market value of the shares of First Community common stock that Savannah River shareholders may receive in the merger may increase or decrease prior to and following the merger. Savannah River shareholders are urged to obtain current market quotations for First Community common stock, which are available at [www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com).

The following table shows the high and low sales prices of First Community common stock published by the NASDAQ Capital Market since 2011. First Community paid quarterly dividends as shown below.

2013	Dividends	High	Low
Third Quarter	\$ 0.06	\$ 11.16	\$ 8.44
Second Quarter	0.05	10.00	8.80
First Quarter	0.05	9.25	8.21

2012	Dividends	High	Low
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.04	\$ 8.68	\$ 8.15
Third Quarter	0.04	8.60	7.84
Second Quarter	0.04	8.80	7.65
First Quarter	0.04	8.00	5.98

2011	Dividends	High	Low
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.04	\$ 6.60	\$ 5.42
Third Quarter	0.04	7.00	5.28
Second Quarter	0.04	7.35	6.44
First Quarter	0.04	6.75	5.40

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the future dividend policy of First Community is subject to the discretion of the board of directors and will depend upon a number of factors, including future earnings, financial condition, cash requirements, and general business conditions. First Community's ability to pay dividends is generally limited by the ability of First Community Bank to pay dividends to it. As a South Carolina chartered bank, First Community Bank is subject to limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay. Unless otherwise instructed by the SCBFI, First Community Bank is generally permitted under South Carolina state banking regulations to pay cash dividends of up to 100% of net income in any calendar year without obtaining the prior approval of the SCBFI.

### **NASDAQ Listing**

First Community will list the shares of First Community common stock to be issued to the shareholders of Savannah River in connection with the merger on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO".



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**Resale of First Community Common Stock (page 82)**

The shares of First Community common stock to be issued to the shareholders of Savannah River in connection with the merger will be freely tradable by such shareholders, except that if any Savannah River shareholders are deemed to be affiliates of First Community, they must abide by certain transfer restrictions under the Securities Act.

**Dissenters' Rights (page 82)**

Under Georgia law, holders of Savannah River common stock will be entitled to dissent from the merger and to obtain payment in cash of the fair value of his or her shares of Savannah River common stock. Set forth below is a summary of the procedures that must be followed by the holders of Savannah River common stock in order to exercise their dissenters' rights of appraisal. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the applicable Georgia statutes, a copy of which are attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as *Appendix B*.

A record holder of Savannah River common stock who wishes to assert dissenters' rights (i) must deliver to Savannah River before the vote on the merger agreement is taken written notice of his or her intent to demand payment for his or her shares if the merger is effectuated and (ii) must not vote his shares in favor of the merger agreement.

If the merger is approved at the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, Savannah River will deliver, no later than 10 days after the special shareholders' meeting, a written dissenters' notice to all Savannah River shareholders who satisfied the two requirements set forth above. The written dissenters' notice will state where the payment demand must be sent and where and when stock certificates must be deposited and will set a date by which Savannah River must receive the payment demand, which date will not be less than 30 or more than 60 days after the written dissenters' notice is delivered. A dissenting shareholder who does not demand payment or deposit his or her share certificate as required by the dissenters' notice will not be entitled to payment for his or her shares, and such shareholder's shares of Savannah River common stock will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration in connection with the merger.

Within 10 days of the later of the date of the merger or receipt of a payment demand, Savannah River will by written notice offer to pay to each dissenting shareholder who properly demanded payment the amount Savannah River estimates to be the fair value of his or her shares, plus accrued interest. If the shareholder accepts the offer by written notice with 30 days or fails to respond within 30 days, payment for his or her shares will be made within 60 days after making the offer or the date of the merger, whichever is later. If the shareholder believes that the amount offering is less than the fair value of his shares or that the interest is incorrectly calculated, the shareholder may notify Savannah River in writing of his own estimate of the fair value of his shares and the amount of interest due and demand payment of his estimate. If a demand for payment remains unsettled, Savannah River will commence a court proceeding to determine the fair value of the shares and the accrued interest.

Exercise of dissenters' rights by holders of Savannah River common stock will result in the recognition of gain or loss, as the case may be, for federal income tax purposes.

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**SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF FIRST COMMUNITY**

First Community's summary consolidated financial data is presented below as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2012. The summary consolidated financial data presented below as of or for the years ended December 31, 2008 through 2012 are derived from First Community's audited consolidated financial statements, which were audited by Elliott Davis, LLC. First Community's audited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2012 are included elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. First Community's selected consolidated financial data as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 have not been audited but, in the opinion of management, contain all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations and cash flows for such periods. First Community's results for the six months ended June 30, 2013, are not necessarily indicative of First Community's results of operations that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013. The following summary consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with First Community's consolidated financial statements and related

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notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this joint proxy/prospectus.

(Dollars in thousands except per share amounts)	As of or For the Six Months Ended June 30,		As of or For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>							
Total assets	\$ 633,185	\$ 598,014	\$ 602,925	\$ 593,887	\$ 599,023	\$ 605,827	\$ 650,233
Loans held for sale	5,789	4,356	9,658	3,725			
Loans	341,089	324,913	332,111	324,311	329,954	344,187	332,964
Deposits	509,619	474,019	474,977	464,585	455,344	449,576	423,798
Total common shareholders' equity	52,828	38,105	54,183	36,759	30,762	30,501	57,306
Total shareholders' equity	52,828	49,296	54,183	47,896	41,797	41,440	68,156
Average shares outstanding, basic	5,274	3,319	4,144	3,287	3,262	3,252	3,203
Average shares outstanding, diluted	5,312	3,343	4,172	3,287	3,262	3,252	3,203
<b>Results of Operations:</b>							
Interest income	\$ 10,653	\$ 11,884	\$ 23,002	\$ 25,526	\$ 27,511	\$ 30,981	\$ 33,008
Interest expense	1,951	2,924	5,428	7,209	9,374	13,104	15,810
Net interest income	8,702	8,960	17,574	18,317	18,137	17,877	17,198
Provision for loan losses	250	301	496	1,420	1,878	3,103	2,129
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	8,452	8,659	17,078	16,897	16,259	14,774	15,069
Non-interest income (loss)	4,230	3,345	7,929	5,710	3,017	3,543	(10,056)
Securities gains (losses)	148	(27)	26	575	827	1,489	(28)
Non-interest expenses	9,762	9,520	19,445	18,401	17,684	16,580	15,539
Impairment of goodwill						27,761	
Income (loss) before taxes	3,068	2,457	5,588	4,781	2,419	(24,535)	(10,554)
Income tax expense (benefit)	827	730	1,620	1,457	565	696	(3,761)
Net income (loss)	2,241	1,727	3,968	3,324	1,854	(25,231)	(6,793)
Amortization of warrants		53	72	102	96	89	9
Preferred stock dividends, including discount accretion and redemption costs		284	604	568	568	567	62
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	2,241	1,390	3,292	2,654	1,190	(25,887)	(6,864)
<b>Per Share Data:</b>							
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	0.42	0.42	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.36	\$ (7.95)	\$ (2.14)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	0.42	0.42	0.79	0.81	0.36	(7.95)	(2.14)
Book value at period end	9.98	11.39	10.37	11.11	9.41	9.38	17.76
Tangible book value at period end	9.86	11.14	10.23	10.83	9.14	8.92	8.50
Dividends per common share	0.10	0.08	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.24	0.32
<b>Asset Quality Ratios:</b>							
Non-performing assets to total assets(4)	1.39%	1.60%	1.45%	2.16%	2.20%	1.38%	0.39%
Non-performing loans to period end loans	1.75%	1.43%	1.44%	1.67%	1.90%	1.50%	0.54%
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.13%	0.08%	0.17%	0.50%	0.54%	0.84%	0.34%
Allowance for loan losses to period-end total loans	1.30%	1.46%	1.39%	1.45%	1.49%	1.41%	1.38%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing assets	50.43%	49.66%	52.77%	35.83%	37.39%	58.21%	178.53%
<b>Selected Ratios:</b>							
<i>Return on average assets:</i>							
GAAP earnings (loss)	0.73%	0.47%	0.55%	0.44%	0.20%	(3.90)%	(1.10)%
Operating earnings(3)	0.73%	0.47%	0.55%	0.44%	0.20%	0.39%	0.48%
<i>Return on average common equity:</i>							
GAAP earnings (loss)	8.24%	7.46%	7.40%	7.98%	3.73%	(49.66)%	(11.11)%
Operating earnings (loss)(3)	8.24%	7.46%	7.40%	7.98%	3.73%	4.98%	4.82%
<i>Return on average tangible common equity:</i>							
GAAP earnings (loss)	8.88%	7.64%	7.55%	8.16%	3.87%	(89.13)%	(21.60)%
Operating earnings (loss)(3)	8.88%	7.64%	7.55%	8.16%	3.87%	8.94%	9.37%
Efficiency Ratio(1)	74.33%	76.77%	74.82%	75.55%	73.07%	73.47%	72.74%
Noninterest income to operating revenue(2)	33.47%	26.97%	31.16%	25.55%	17.48%	21.97%	19.78%
Net interest margin	3.06%	3.29%	3.17%	3.33%	3.26%	3.10%	3.16%
Equity to assets	8.34%	8.24%	8.99%	8.06%	6.97%	6.84%	10.48%
Tangible common shareholders' equity to tangible assets	8.25%	6.24%	8.88%	6.04%	5.00%	4.80%	4.42%
Tier 1 risk-based capital	17.25%	16.64%	17.33%	15.33%	13.73%	12.41%	12.58%
Total risk-based capital	18.41%	18.59%	18.58%	17.25%	14.99%	13.56%	13.73%
Leverage	10.61%	9.94%	10.63%	9.40%	8.79%	8.41%	8.28%
Average loans to average deposits(5)	69.91%	70.40%	70.33%	70.59%	73.53%	76.99%	75.45%

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- (1) The efficiency ratio is a key performance indicator in First Community's industry. The ratio is computed by dividing non-interest expense, less goodwill impairment, by the sum of net interest income on a tax equivalent basis and non-interest income, net of any securities gains or losses and OTTI on securities. It is a measure of the relationship between operating expenses and earnings.
- (2) Operating revenue is defined as net interest income plus noninterest income, excluding OTTI related to the write-down of FHLMC preferred shares in 2008.
- (3) Constitutes a non-GAAP financial measure. Please see "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.
- (4) Includes non-accrual loans, loans > 90 days delinquent and still accruing interest and OREO.
- (5) Includes loans held for sale.

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**Reconciliations**

The following is a reconciliation for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the five years ended December 31, 2012, of net income (loss) as reported for generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and the non-GAAP measure referred to throughout our discussion of "operating earnings."

(Dollars in thousands)	June 30,			December 31,			
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Net income (loss), as reported (GAAP)	\$ 2,241	\$ 1,727	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,324	\$ 1,854	\$ (25,231)	\$ (6,793)
Add: Income tax expense (benefit)	827	720	1,620	1,457	565	696	(3,761)
	3,068	2,457	5,588	4,781	2,419	(24,535)	(10,554)
Non-operating items:							
Goodwill impairment charge						27,761	
Other-than-temporary-impairment on FHLMC preferred shares							14,325
Pre-tax operating earnings	3,068	2,457	5,588	4,781	2,419	3,226	3,771
Related income tax expense	827	730	1,620	1,457	565	696	825
Operating earnings, (net income, excluding non operating items)	\$ 2,241	\$ 1,727	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,324	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,530	\$ 2,946

The following is a reconciliation for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the five years ended December 31, 2012, of non-interest income (loss) as reported for GAAP and the non-GAAP measure referred to throughout our discussion regarding non-interest income (loss).

(Dollars in thousands)	June 30,			December 31,			
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Non-interest income (loss), as reported (GAAP)	\$ 4,378	\$ 3,318	\$ 7,955	\$ 6,285	\$ 3,844	\$ 5,032	\$ (10,084)
Non-operating items:							
Other-than-temporary-impairment charge							14,325
Operating non-interest income	\$ 4,378	\$ 3,318	\$ 7,955	\$ 6,285	\$ 3,844	\$ 5,032	\$ 4,241

The following is a reconciliation for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and the five years ended December 31, 2011, of non-interest expense as reported for GAAP and the non-GAAP measure referred to throughout our discussion regarding non-interest expense.

(Dollars in thousands)	June 30,			December 31,			
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Non-interest expense, as reported (GAAP)	\$ 9,762	\$ 9,520	\$ 19,445	\$ 18,401	\$ 17,684	\$ 44,341	\$ 15,539
Non-operating items:							
Impairment of goodwill						27,761	
Operating non-interest expense	\$ 9,762	\$ 9,520	\$ 19,445	\$ 18,401	\$ 17,684	\$ 16,580	\$ 15,539

First Community's management believes that the non-GAAP measures above are useful because they enhance the ability of investors and management to evaluate and compare the operating results from period to period in a meaningful manner. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance as promulgated under GAAP, and investors should consider the OTTI charges in the second and third quarter of 2008 when assessing the performance of First Community. Non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools, and investors should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of First Community's results as reported under GAAP.



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**SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF SAVANNAH RIVER**

Savannah River's summary consolidated financial data is presented below as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2012. The summary consolidated financial data presented below as of or for the years ended December 31, 2008 through 2012 are derived from Savannah River's audited consolidated financial statements, which were audited by Elliott Davis, LLC. Savannah River's audited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2012 are included elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Savannah River's selected consolidated financial data as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 have not been audited but, in the opinion of management, contain all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations and cash flows for such periods. Savannah River's results for the six months ended June 30, 2013, are not necessarily indicative of Savannah River's results of operations that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013. The following summary consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with Savannah River's consolidated financial statements

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and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this joint proxy/prospectus.

(Dollars in thousands except per share amounts)	As of or For the Six Months Ended June 30,			As of or For the Years Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>							
Total assets	\$ 160,168	\$ 158,530	\$ 162,580	\$ 157,723	\$ 147,226	\$ 116,646	\$ 93,518
Loans held for sale		131	112	195			
Loans, net	108,613	100,182	111,897	99,509	96,287	87,568	57,224
Deposits	124,535	123,576	126,440	121,310	112,799	82,600	64,895
Total shareholders' equity	29,283	28,958	29,226	28,756	27,666	27,577	28,066
Average shares outstanding, basic	3,000,400	3,000,400	3,000,400	3,000,400	3,000,254	3,000,000	3,000,000
Average shares outstanding, diluted	3,000,400	3,000,400	3,000,400	3,000,400	3,000,254	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>Results of Operations:</b>							
Interest income	3,064	3,006	6,007	6,143	5,614	4,512	3,010
Interest expense	346	530	921	1,471	1,623	1,507	1,153
Net interest income	2,718	2,476	5,086	4,672	3,991	3,005	1,857
Provision for loan losses	147	188	583	250	229	514	446
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	2,571	2,288	4,503	4,422	3,762	2,491	1,411
Non-interest income	185	158	361	244	260	145	86
Gain on sale of other real estate owned	13						
Securities gains		65	109				
Impairment on nonmarketable equity securities						(72)	(100)
Non-interest expenses	2,096	2,289	4,337	3,962	3,927	3,707	3,577
Income (loss) before taxes	673	222	636	704	95	(1,143)	(2,180)
Income tax expense (benefit)	261	211	397	418	191	(309)	(661)
Net income (loss)	412	11	239	286	(96)	(834)	(1,519)
<b>Per Share Data:</b>							
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.51)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.51)
Book value at period end	9.76	9.65	9.74	9.58	9.22	9.19	9.36
Tangible book value at period end	9.76	9.65	9.74	9.58	9.22	9.19	9.36
Dividends per common share							
<b>Asset Quality Ratios:</b>							
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.61%	0.06%	0.78%	0.07%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%
Non-performing loans to period end loans	0.78%	0.03%	1.07%	0.11%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.00%	0.04%	0.27%	0.04%	0.05%	0.01%	0.00%
Allowance for loan losses to period-end total loans	1.88%	1.73%	1.69%	1.60%	1.45%	1.39%	1.25%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing assets	242.54%	5886.67%	158.53%	1434.51%	4158.82%	N/A	N/A
<b>Selected Ratios:</b>							
Return on average assets:	0.51%	0.01%	0.15%	0.19%	-0.07%	-0.77%	-2.06%
Return on average common equity:	2.81%	0.07%	0.82%	1.02%	-0.35%	-3.01%	-4.98%
Efficiency ratio	72.20%	86.90%	79.62%	80.59%	92.38%	115.05%	175.09%
Noninterest income to operating revenue	6.37%	6.00%	6.63%	4.96%	6.12%	4.60%	4.43%
Net interest margin	3.75%	3.51%	3.58%	3.43%	3.41%	3.14%	3.14%
Equity to assets	18.28%	18.27%	17.98%	18.23%	18.79%	23.64%	30.01%
Tier 1 risk-based capital	22.42%	24.03%	22.43%	24.00%	21.06%	26.11%	38.33%
Total risk-based capital	23.66%	25.21%	23.66%	25.22%	22.17%	27.32%	39.26%
Leverage	18.01%	18.04%	18.19%	18.22%	18.12%	22.47%	29.01%



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Average loans to average deposits	92.65%	86.39%	85.89%	87.25%	99.56%	96.37%	100.09%
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**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is based upon the assumptions that: (i) the total number of shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger will be 3,000,400, (ii) none of the holders of Savannah River common stock will exercise their dissenters' rights; and (iii) all of the outstanding warrants and options to acquire shares of Savannah River common stock are cashed out in connection with the merger.

Additionally, the following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information assumes that the Average FCCO Stock Price is \$10.38, which was the closing price of First Community common stock on October 3, 2013. Accordingly, applying the assumptions listed above, 1,200,160 shares of Savannah River common stock are assumed to be converted in the merger into the right to receive 1.0618 shares of First Community common stock, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares, resulting in an aggregate of approximately 1,274,330 shares of First Community common stock to be issued in connection with the merger.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information and explanatory notes show the impact on the historical financial positions and results of operations of First Community and have been prepared to illustrate the effects of the merger involving First Community and Savannah River under the acquisition method of accounting with First Community treated as the acquirer. Under the acquisition method of accounting, the assets and liabilities of Savannah River, as of the effective date of the merger, will be recorded by First Community at their respective fair values and the excess of the merger consideration over the fair value of Savannah River's net assets will be allocated to goodwill.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information combines the historical financial information of First Community and Savannah River as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2013 and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and has been derived from and should be read in conjunction with the audited and unaudited financial statements of First Community and Savannah River included in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet gives effect to the merger as if the merger had been consummated on June 30, 2013. The unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of income dated as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 give effect to the merger as if the merger had been consummated on January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2012, respectively.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and does not necessarily indicate the financial results of the combined companies had the companies actually been combined at the beginning of the period presented. The adjustments included in these unaudited pro forma condensed financial statements are preliminary and may be revised. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information also does not consider any potential impacts of current market conditions on revenues, potential revenue enhancements, anticipated cost savings and expense efficiencies, or asset dispositions, among other factors.

In addition, as explained in more detail in the accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information, the pro forma allocation of purchase price reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is subject to adjustment and may vary from the actual purchase price allocation that will be recorded at the time the merger is completed. Adjustments may include, but not be limited to, changes in (i) SRFC's balance sheet through the effective time of the merger; (ii) the aggregate value of merger consideration paid if the price of First Community's stock varies from the assumed \$10.38 per share; (iii) total merger related expenses if consummation and/or implementation costs vary from currently estimated amounts; and (iv) the underlying values of assets and liabilities if market conditions differ from current assumptions.

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In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Standards (SFAS) No. 141(R) (ASC Topic 805) (ASC Topic 805), which replaced SFAS 141, "Business Combinations," for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008, but retains the fundamental requirements in SFAS 141 that the acquisition method of accounting (which SFAS 141 called the purchase method) be used for all business combinations and for an acquirer to be identified for each business combination.

ASC Topic 805 revises the definition of the acquisition date as the date the acquirer obtains control of the acquiree. This is typically the closing date and is used to measure the fair value of the consideration paid. When the acquirer issues equity instruments as full or partial payment for the acquiree, the fair value of the acquirer's equity instruments will be measured at the acquisition date, rather than an earlier measurement date that was required under prior accounting guidance. Under ASC Topic 805 all loans are transferred at fair value, including adjustments for credit and no allowance is carried over. Transaction costs are excluded from the acquisition accounting. They are instead accounted for under other generally accepted accounting principles, which may mean the costs are expensed as incurred (e.g., due diligence costs), or, to the extent applicable, treated as a cost of issuing equity securities. ASC Topic 805 requires costs associated with restructuring or exit activities that do not meet the recognition criteria in ASC Topic 420 as of the acquisition date to be subsequently recognized as post-combination costs when those criteria are met.

ASC Topic 805 also retains the accounting guidance for identifying and recognizing intangible assets separately from goodwill. However, ASC Topic 805's scope is broader than that of prior accounting guidance, which applied to only business combinations in which control was obtained by transferring consideration. The application of ASC Topic 805 was considered in arriving at the unaudited pro forma results in the tables provided below, including the tabular presentation immediately below, which cross-references the required disclosures under ASC Topic 805.

Table of Contents**Pro-Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information (Unaudited)****Pro-Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet**

As of June 30, 2013

(Dollars in thousands except per share data)	Historical		Pro-Forma Before Adjustments	Pro-Forma Adjustments		Pro-Forma After Adjustments
	First Community Corporation	Savannah River Financial Corporation				
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and due from banks	\$ 23,882	\$ 6,610	\$ 30,492	\$ (22,145)	A	\$ 8,347
Federal Funds Sold & Sec Pur U/A	405	6,977	7,382			7,382
Certificates of Deposit		2,940	2,940			2,940
Investment Securities:						
Available for Sale	223,646	22,194	245,840			245,840
Other, at cost	2,269	502	2,771			2,771
Total Investment Securities	225,915	22,696	248,611			248,611
Loans held for sale	5,789		5,789			5,789
Loans	341,089	110,694	451,783	(1,643)	B	450,140
Less, Allowance for loan losses	(4,439)	(2,081)	(6,520)	2,081	C	(4,439)
Net loans	336,650	108,613	445,263	438		445,701
Premises and Equipment Net	17,255	7,841	25,096			25,096
Other real estate owned	2,824	127	2,951			2,951
Intangibles	65		65	1,245	E	1,310
Goodwill	571		571	3,211	D	3,782
Accrued Int Receivable	2,177	442	2,619			2,619
Other Assets	17,652	3,922	21,574	(75)	F	21,499
Total Assets	\$ 633,185	\$ 160,168	\$ 793,353	\$ (17,326)		\$ 776,027
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>						
<b>EQUITY</b>						
Deposits:						
Non-interest bearing	\$ 105,478	\$ 12,799	\$ 118,277	\$		\$ 118,277
NOW and money market	186,778	83,528	270,306			270,306
Savings	47,238	284	47,522			47,522
Time deposits	170,125	27,924	198,049	118	G	198,167
Total Deposits	509,619	124,535	634,154	118		634,272
Cash Mgmt Repo Agrmnts	15,650		15,650			15,650
Total Deposits and Cash Mgmt	525,269	124,535	649,804	118		649,922
Other Borrowed Money	49,799	5,328	55,127			55,127
Accrued Interest Payable	666	186	852			852
Other Liabilities	4,623	836	5,459			5,459
Total Liabilities	580,357	130,885	711,242	118		711,360
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>						
Preferred Stock						
Common Stock	5,293	3,000	8,293	(3,000)	H	6,567
				1,274	H	
Common Stock Warrants Issued	50		50			50
Surplus	62,151	28,635	90,786	(28,635)	H	74,105
				11,954	H	
Restricted Stock	(593)		(593)			(593)
Undivided Profit	(13,193)	(2,576)	(15,769)	2,576	H	(14,582)

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				(1,389)	A	
Accumulated Dividends						
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(880)	224	(656)	(224)	H	(880)
Total Capital	52,828	29,283	82,111	(17,444)		64,667
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	\$ 633,185	\$ 160,168	\$ 793,353	\$ (17,326)		\$ 776,027
Number of common shares outstanding	5,293,116	3,000,400		(1,726,070)		6,567,446
Total book value per common share	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.76				\$ 9.85

Table of Contents**Pro-Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information (Unaudited)****Pro-Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income****For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013**

(Dollars in thousands except per share data)	Historical		Pro-Forma Before Adjustments	Pro-Forma Adjustments		Pro-Forma After Adjustments
	First Community Corporation	Savannah River Financial Corporation				
Loan interest	\$ 8,823	\$ 2,810	\$ 11,633	210	I	\$ 11,780
				(63)	I	
Taxable investment securities	1,312	227	1,539			1,539
Tax exempt investment securities	486		486			486
Other	32	27	59			59
Total interest income	10,653	3,064	13,717	147		13,864
Interest on deposits	970	306	1,276	(15)	J	1,261
Interest on borrowed money	981	40	1,021			1,021
Total interest expense	1,951	346	2,297	(15)		2,282
Net interest income	8,702	2,718	11,420	162		11,582
Provision for loan losses	250	147	397		K	397
Net interest income after provision for loan loss	8,452	2,571	11,023	162		11,185
Non-interest income:						
Deposit service charges	728	37	765			765
Mortgage origination fees	2,198	68	2,266			2,266
Investment fees	416		416			416
Other	1,036	93	1,129			1,129
Total non-interest income	4,378	198	4,576			4,576
Non-interest expense						
Salaries and employee benefits	5,986	1,252	7,238			7,238
Occupancy	680	192	872			872
Equipment	597	93	690			690
Marketing	205	47	252			252
Legal and professional	288	60	348			348
FDIC assessments	201	50	251			251
Other real estate expense	206		206			206
Amortization of intangibles	96		96	89	L	185
Other	1,503	402	1,905			1,905
Total non-interest expense	9,762	2,096	11,858	89		11,947
Net income before tax	3,068	673	3,741	73		3,814
Income taxes	827	260	1,087	26	M	1,113
Net income	\$ 2,241	\$ 413	\$ 2,654	\$ 47		\$ 2,701
Earnings per common share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.14				\$ 0.41
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.14				\$ 0.41
Average common shares outstanding	5,273,777	3,000,400		(1,726,070)		6,548,107
	5,330,011	3,000,400		(1,726,070)		6,604,341

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Diluted average common shares  
outstanding

<b>Comprehensive income:</b>										
Net income	\$	2,241	\$	413	\$	2,654	\$	47	\$	2,701
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		(997)		(364)		(1,361)				(1,361)
Comprehensive income	\$	1,244	\$	49	\$	1,293	\$	47	\$	1,340

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(Dollars in thousands except per share data)	Historical		Pro-Forma Before Adjustments	Pro-Forma Adjustments		Pro-Forma After Adjustments
	First Community Corporation	Savannah River Financial Corporation				
Loan interest	\$ 18,361	\$ 5,384	\$ 23,745	420	I	\$ 24,040
				(125)	I	
Taxable investment securities	3,832	581	4,413			4,413
Tax exempt investment securities	725		725			725
Other	84	42	126			126
Total interest income	23,002	6,007	29,009	295		29,304
Interest on deposits	3,122	834	3,956	(30)	J	3,926
Interest on borrowed money	2,306	87	2,393			2,393
Total interest expense	5,428	921	6,349	(30)		6,319
Net interest income	17,574	5,086	22,660	325		22,985
Provision for loan losses	496	583	1,079		K	1,079
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	\$ 17,078	\$ 4,503	\$ 21,581	\$ 325		\$ 21,906
Non-interest income:						
Deposit service charges	1,562	78	1,640			1,640
Mortgage origination fees	4,242	186	4,428			4,428
Investment fees	651		651			651
Other	1,500	206	1,706			1,706
Total non-interest income	7,955	470	8,425			8,425
Non-interest expense						
Salaries and employee benefits	11,152	2,433	13,585			13,585
Occupancy	1,358	372	1,730			1,730
Equipment	1,168	199	1,367			1,367
Marketing	478	114	592			592
Legal and professional	745	90	835			835
FDIC assessments	597	121	718			718
Other real estate expense	1,010		1,010			1,010
Amortization of intangibles	204		204	177	L	381
Other	2,733	1,008	3,741			3,741
Total non-interest expense	19,445	4,337	23,782	177		23,959
Net income before tax	5,588	636	6,224	148		6,372
Income taxes	1,620	397	2,017	52	J	2,069
Net income	\$ 3,968	\$ 239	\$ 4,207	\$ 96		\$ 4,303
Preferred stock dividends	557		557			557
Preferred stock redemption cost	119		119			119



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Net income available to common shareholders	\$	3,292	\$	239	\$	3,531	\$	96	\$	3,627
Earnings per common share	\$	0.79	\$	0.08					\$	0.67
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.79	\$	0.08					\$	0.67
Average common shares outstanding		4,143,609		3,000,400		(1,726,070)				5,417,939
Diluted average common shares outstanding		4,171,630		3,000,400		(1,726,070)				5,445,960
<b>Comprehensive income:</b>										
Net income	\$	3,968	\$	239	\$	4,207	\$	96	\$	4,303
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		1,029		52		1,081				1,081
Comprehensive income	\$	4,997	\$	291	\$	5,288	\$	96	\$	5,384

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**Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information**

**Note 1 Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting. Balance sheet data is presented as of June 30, 2013 and assumes the merger involving First Community and Savannah River was completed on that date. Income statement data is presented to give effect to the merger as if it had occurred on January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2012. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations or financial position had the merger been consummated at the beginning of the period presented, nor is it necessarily indicative of the results of operations in future periods or the future financial position of the combined entities. Certain historical financial information has been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. The merger, which is currently expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2014, provides that 40% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for shares of First Community common stock and 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for cash, and is subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including First Community and Savannah River shareholder approval and regulatory approvals.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information includes preliminary estimated adjustments to record assets and liabilities of Savannah River at their respective fair values and represents management's estimates based on available information. The pro forma adjustments included herein are subject to updates as additional information becomes available and as additional analyses are performed. The final allocation of the purchase price will be determined after the merger is completed and after completion of thorough analyses to determine the fair value of Savannah River's tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities as of the date the merger is completed. Increases or decreases in the estimated fair values of the net assets, commitments, executory contracts, and other items of Savannah River as compared with the information shown in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information may change the amount of the purchase price allocated to goodwill and other assets and liabilities and may impact the statement of income due to adjustments in yield and/or amortization of the adjusted assets or liabilities. Any changes to Savannah River's shareholders' equity including results of operations from July 1, 2013 through the date the merger is completed will also change the amount of goodwill recorded.

**Note 2 Accounting Policies and Financial Statement Classifications**

The accounting policies of both First Community and Savannah River are in the process of being reviewed in detail. Upon completion of such review, conforming adjustments or financial statement reclassifications may be determined. There are currently no material transactions between First Community and Savannah River in relation to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information.

**Note 3 Merger Related Charges**

In connection with the merger, the plan to integrate First Community's and Savannah River's operations is anticipated to occur at the time of closing. The total merger related costs have been preliminarily estimated to be approximately \$1.8 million (\$1.4 million after tax) and are included in the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet in accordance with disclosure guidelines. These estimates are based on current managerial assumptions regarding the operations and activities of the combined companies. The specific details of these plans will continue to be refined over the next several months as business units and functional areas from First Community and Savannah River work together to finalize their operating models. This effort is designed to assess the two companies' product

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offerings, organizational structure, operating platforms information technology, distribution network, operating policies and procedures, employee benefit plans, supply chain methodologies, and service contracts to determine optimum strategies to serve customers and realize cost savings. Management is unable to determine the exact period over which merger costs will be recognized until this integration planning is completed. However, management anticipates realizing substantially all of the \$1.8 million in merger costs estimated above at consummation. The following table provides a breakdown of the estimated merger related charges.

	Estimated Merger Related Charges			Estimated Timing of Recognition
	Total	Actual Through June 30, 2013	Remaining	
Employee-related expense	\$ 646	\$	\$ 646	At or near merger consummation
Technology & operations integration	404		404	At or near merger consummation
Legal and professional fees	310		310	At or near merger consummation
Investment banking fees	375		375	At merger consummation
Other merger related expense	110	25	85	Within 3 - 6 months of merger consummation
	\$ 1,845	\$ 25	\$ 1,820	

**Note 4 Pro Forma Adjustments**

The following pro forma adjustments have been reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information. All adjustments are based on current assumptions and valuations which are subject to change.

**Balance Sheet Adjustments**

A.

Cash was adjusted to reflect the payment of cash merger consideration of an estimated \$19.8 million, estimated remaining merger-related expenses of \$1.8 million and the cash out of outstanding stock options and warrants in the approximate amount of \$500 thousand, held by Savannah River directors and employees (which is assumed to occur at closing prior to any income statement effect, and is therefore offset by a corresponding reduction in additional paid-in-capital of \$1.4 million).

B.

First Community identified \$1.6 million in net preliminary estimated fair value adjustments to Savannah River's loan portfolio during due diligence. This includes a \$2.1 million credit to reflect the estimated credit portion of the fair value adjustment and a net \$438 thousand increase to reflect estimated fair value based upon current interest rates for similar loans, both as required under ASC Topic 805. First Community engaged a third-party advisor to assist in determining the credit adjustments. Actual fair value adjustments may be revised based upon existing exposures, market conditions or other factors at the time of merger.

The interest rate portion of the fair value adjustment (\$438 thousand) was determined by comparing the pricing on Savannah River's existing loan exposures to current market interest rates. Exposures were analyzed based on loan type, risk rating and maturity. Market benchmarks were created based on the advisor's proprietary data, adjusted by management input for current local market conditions. This adjustment will be amortized into income over the estimated lives of these loans. Estimated amortization in the pro forma was determined using the level yield method.

The credit portion of the fair value adjustment (\$2.1 million) was determined by estimating remaining loss content in the loan portfolio as required under ASC Topic 805. This amount is an

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estimate of the contractual cash flows not expected to be collected over the estimated lives of these loans as determined by First Community during due diligence. The scope of this due diligence, which was conducted as of July 18, 2013, included approximately \$118.2 million in total loans, of which \$72.8 million, or 64%, were evaluated through individual file reviews, \$46.4 million, or 36%, through quantitative modeling. Individual file reviews included evaluation of factors such as a borrower's balance sheet strength, earnings capability, cash flow generation, collateral value and, if applicable, guarantor strength. Quantitative modeling included evaluation of roll rate analysis and estimates of probability of default and loss given default. Both approaches represent First Community's judgment regarding the potential credit losses in Savannah River's loan portfolio based upon assumptions regarding potential migration of Savannah River's loan portfolio in future periods and assumptions regarding potential disposition strategies for problem assets.

During due diligence, First Community engaged a third-party advisor to evaluate the loan portfolio. As part of this due diligence, loans were initially segregated into loan type. Within each loan type, loans were further segregated and evaluated by performance characteristics, such as loan grade and payment status (i.e. 30-, 60-, 90-days+ past due and non-accruals). Through this evaluation, approximately \$3.0 million of loans were determined to be purchased impaired (loans for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the acquirer will be unable to collect all contractually acquired payments). A breakdown of estimated purchase impaired and non-purchase impaired loans by type is shown below:

Loan Type	Purchased Impaired	Purchased Non-Impaired	Total Loans
Construction and development	1,368	14,352	\$ 15,900
1 - 4 Family Closed End First Lien		21,300	21,300
Home Equity and Second Mortgage		8,000	8,000
Owner Occupied Commercial Real Estate	769	16,331	17,100
Non-Owner Occupied Commercial Real Estate	858	30,542	31,400
Multi-Family		100	100
Commercial and Industrial		19,100	19,100
All Other Loans		300	300
	\$ 2,995	\$ 110,205	\$ 113,200

The \$3.0 million of loans estimated to be purchase impaired fall within the scope of ASC 310-30, which provides recognition, measurement and disclosure guidance for loans acquired with evidence of deteriorated credit quality since origination for which it is probable, at acquisition, that the acquirer will be unable to collect all contractually required payments. Approximately \$610 thousand, or 29%, of the total \$2.1 million estimated credit portion of the fair value adjustment relates to purchase impaired loans. This adjustment results in a preliminarily estimated fair value of purchase impaired loans at acquisition of \$2.4 million, representing the estimated collectible principal balance of these loans. The estimated annual contractually required interest payments on these purchase impaired loans total \$185 thousand, none of which is expected to be collected.

The final determination of whether acquired loans are to be accounted for as purchase impaired under ASC 310-30 must be made at acquisition on either a loan-by-loan or loan-pool-by-loan-pool basis. The excess of cash flows expected to be collected over the carrying value of such loans is referred to as the accretable yield and is recognized in interest income using an effective yield method over the remaining life of the loan, or the pool of loans. The accretable yield may be affected by changes in interest rate indices, changes in prepayment assumptions and/or changes in the collectability of principal or interest payments that cause actual cash flows to differ from expected cash flows. First Community has assumed no income (accretable yield) from any loan

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estimated to be subject to ASC 310-30 in this Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information.

The estimate of contractual cash flows resulting from First Community's due diligence, including both the estimated interest rate portion and credit portion of the total \$1.6 million fair value adjustment, differs from the allowance for loan losses under ASC Topic 450 using the incurred loss model, which estimated probable loan losses incurred as of the balance sheet date. Under the incurred loss model, losses expected as a result of future events are not recognized. When using the expected cash flow approach, these losses are considered in the valuation. Further, when estimating the present value of expected cash flows, the loans are discounted using an effective interest rate, which is not considered in the incurred loss method. Output included an estimate both of loans with evidence of deteriorated credit quality since origination and of potential credit losses.

- C. Savannah River's existing allowance for loan losses was eliminated to reflect accounting guidance.
- D. As described in Note 5 Preliminary Purchase Accounting Allocation in the accompanying notes, based on management's estimates of adjustments to reflect assets acquired and liabilities assumed at fair value, the aggregate purchase price to be paid by First Community, assuming a price per share of First Community common stock of \$10.38, will result in approximately \$3.2 million in preliminary goodwill in connection with the merger. Management believes this estimated goodwill appropriately reflects the potential contribution of Savannah River to the First Community franchise as a strong business and cultural fit.
- E. Intangible assets were adjusted by a net \$1.2 million to reflect estimated core deposit intangible.
- F. Estimated deferred tax asset/liabilities arising from the credit quality fair value adjustment on loans and other fair value adjustments of assets and liabilities and estimated tax benefits related to deductible merger related expenses. Estimated deferred taxes were calculated at the estimated consolidated statutory tax rate of 35%.
- G. Time deposits were adjusted by an estimated \$0.1 million credit for fair value adjustments on deposits at current market rates for similar products. This adjustment will be amortized into income over the estimated lives of the deposits. Estimated amortization in the pro forma was computed using the sum-of-the-years-digits method, which approximates the level yield method.
- H. Shareholders equity was adjusted by a net \$18.2 million before estimated expenses of \$1.4 million to reflect (i) an estimated \$13.2 million credit for the equity component of merger consideration, and (ii) an estimated \$29.3 million debit to eliminate historical shareholders' equity of Savannah River pursuant to ASC 805. Historic shareholders' equity has been eliminated and consolidated shareholders' equity has been adjusted to reflect First Community's estimated capitalization of Savannah River. The pro forma adjustments reflect that 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for 1,0618 shares of First Community common stock and the remaining 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares will be exchanged for cash at a price of \$11.00 per share. Based on these assumptions, the pro forma adjustments reflect the issuance of approximately 1,274,330 shares of First Community common stock with an aggregate value of \$13.2 million, at \$10.38 per share.

Income Statement Adjustments

- I. Interest income from loans has been adjusted to estimate the loss of income from nonperforming loans (debit) and the amortization of the acquisition accounting adjustment related to current interest rates (debit).

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- J. Interest expense from deposits has been adjusted to estimate the amortization of the acquisition accounting adjustment related to current interest rates.
- K. The provision for loan losses of \$583 thousand as of December 31, 2012 and \$147 thousand as of June 30, 2013 represent the historical provisions for Savannah River for the twelve-month and six -month periods then ended, respectively. Management expects that future provision expense related to Savannah River's loan portfolio will be less than last year's results given that loans will be recorded at fair market value, taking into consideration estimated remaining loss content as discussed in Note B above, at the time of the merger. Any provision expense (or loss accruals) recognized after the merger closes shall reflect only those losses incurred by First Community after acquisition, rather than losses either incurred by Savannah River or estimated by First Community as described above. For loans subject to ASC 310-30, any such loss accrual would represent the subsequent decrease, if any, in the estimate of cash flows expected to be collected from such loans after acquisition.
- L. Intangible amortization expense has been adjusted to estimate the amortization of incremental identifiable intangible assets recognized (debit).
- M. Income-tax expense reflects adjustment to estimated consolidated effective tax rate of 35.0%.

**Note 5 Preliminary Purchase Accounting Allocation**

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information reflects the issuance of approximately 1,274,330 shares of First Community common stock totaling approximately \$13.2 million as well as cash consideration of approximately \$19.8 million. The merger will be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting; accordingly First Community's cost to acquire Savannah River will be allocated to the assets (including identifiable intangible assets) and liabilities of Savannah River at their respective estimated fair values as of the merger date. Accordingly, the pro forma purchase

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price was preliminarily allocated to the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as summarized in the following table.

<b>(Dollars in thousands except per share data)</b>	<b>June 30, 2013</b>	
<b>Pro forma purchase price</b>		
Savannah River common stock		3,000,400
Closing price per share of First Community common stock(1)	\$	10.38
Savannah River common stock		1,200,160
Exchange ratio		1.0618
Total shares of First Community common stock exchanged	\$	13,228 1,274,330
<b>Total pro forma purchase price</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,528</b>
<b>Preliminary allocation of the pro forma purchase price</b>		
Savannah River shareholders' equity		29,283
Adjustments to reflect assets acquired and liabilities assumed at fair value:		
Loans		438
Intangible assets		1,245
Deposits		(118)
Deferred taxes		(531)
		 30,317
<b>Preliminary pro forma goodwill resulting from the merger</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,211</b>

(1) Assumed closing price

**Note 6 Pro Forma Capital Ratios**

The following table sets forth pro forma capital ratios for the combined company based upon the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information as of June 30, 2013:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2013</b>		<b>For Capital Adequacy Purposes</b>		<b>To Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Actions Provisions</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	\$ 77,952	15.23%	\$ 40,958	8.00%	\$ 51,197	10.00%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	73,513	14.36%	20,480	4.00%	30,718	6.00%
Tier 1 Leverage Ratio	73,513	9.61%	30,590	4.00%	38,238	5.00%

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The following summary presents per share information for First Community and Savannah River on a historical, pro forma combined and pro forma diluted equivalent basis for the periods and as of the dates indicated below. The pro forma information gives effect to the merger accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. This information should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements and related notes and pro forma condensed consolidated financial data included elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The pro forma information should not be relied upon as being indicative of the historical results First Community and Savannah River would have had if the merger had occurred before such periods or the future results that the First Community will experience after the merger.

The pro forma combined income per diluted share has been computed based on the diluted average number of shares of common stock of First Community adjusted for the additional shares to be issued in connection with the acquisition of Savannah River. The merger equivalent income per diluted share of Savannah River is based on the number of shares of First Community common stock into which each share and option of Savannah River common stock will be converted in the merger.

The pro forma combined book value per share is based upon the pro forma combined equity of First Community divided by the pro forma number of outstanding shares of the combined companies as of June 30, 2013. The merger equivalent book value per share of Savannah River is based on the 1,200,160 shares of First Community common stock into which the 3,000,400 shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2013 will be converted in the merger. The foregoing assumes that the shares of First Community common stock to be issued will have a value of \$10.38 per share, the closing price per share of First Community common stock as of October 3, 2013 and that 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for cash. The actual price of First Community stock on the date of merger may be different than the price used for the pro forma.

	As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2012
<b>Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share:</b>		
Earnings per diluted share:		
First Community	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.79
Savannah River	0.14	0.08
Pro Forma Combined	0.41	0.67
First Community merger equivalent(1)	0.44	0.71
<b>Net Book Value Per Common Share (at period end)</b>		
First Community	\$ 9.98	\$ 10.37
Savannah River	9.76	9.74
Pro Forma Combined	9.85	10.15
First Community merger equivalent(1)	10.46	10.78

(1) Calculated by multiplying the pro forma combined amounts by 1.0618.



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**RISK FACTORS**

*If the merger is consummated and you are a Savannah River shareholder, you may receive shares of First Community common stock in exchange for your shares of Savannah River common stock. An investment in First Community common stock is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which also apply to your existing investment in Savannah River common stock. Risks and uncertainties relating to general economic conditions are not summarized below. Those risks, among others, are highlighted on page 48 under the heading "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."*

*However, there are a number of other risks and uncertainties relating to First Community that you should consider in deciding how to vote on the merger agreement in addition to the risks and uncertainties associated with financial institutions generally. Many of these risks and uncertainties could affect First Community's future financial results and may cause First Community's future earnings and financial condition to be less favorable than First Community's expectations. There are also a number of risks related to the merger that shareholders of both First Community and Savannah River should consider in deciding how to vote on the merger agreement and the share issuance. This section summarizes those risks.*

**Risks Related to the Merger**

***First Community and Savannah River shareholders will experience a reduction in percentage ownership and voting power of their shares as a result of the merger.***

First Community shareholders and Savannah River shareholders will experience a substantial reduction in their respective percentage ownership interests and effective voting power relative to their respective percentage ownership interests in First Community and Savannah River compared to their ownership interests and voting power prior to the merger. If the merger is consummated, assuming a Average FCCO Stock Price of \$10.38, which was the closing price of First Community common stock on October 3, 2013, current First Community shareholders will own approximately 80.6% of First Community's outstanding common stock, on a fully diluted basis, and current Savannah River shareholders will own approximately 19.4% of First Community's outstanding common stock, on a fully diluted basis. Accordingly, former Savannah River shareholders will own less than a majority of the outstanding voting stock of the combined company and could, as a result, be outvoted by current First Community shareholders if such current First Community shareholders voted together as a group. Shareholders of both companies will experience a reduction in percentage ownership and voting power of their shares as a result of the merger.

***Because the market price of First Community common stock will fluctuate, Savannah River shareholders cannot be sure of the number of shares or exact value of shares of First Community common stock they will receive.***

Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding share of Savannah River common stock will be converted into the merger consideration consisting of cash, shares of First Community common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of First Community common stock, as provided in the merger agreement. If a Savannah River shareholder receives only cash as merger consideration, the value of the merger consideration that such Savannah River shareholder receives will be independent of any fluctuations in the market price of First Community common stock. If a Savannah River shareholder receives First Community common stock as part or all of the merger consideration, the number of shares that such Savannah River shareholder will receive for each share of Savannah River common stock will depend on the volume weighted average price of First Community common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market during the 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur. The value of such shares of First Community common stock received for each share of Savannah River common stock will depend on the price per share of First Community common stock at the time the shares are

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actually received by a Savannah River shareholder. The closing price of First Community common stock on the date that the shareholder actually receives the shares of such stock after the merger is completed and the volume weighted average price over the 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur may vary from each other, as well as from the closing price of First Community common stock on the date that the First Community and Savannah River announced the merger, on the date that this joint proxy statement/prospectus is being mailed to First Community and Savannah River shareholders, and on the date of the special shareholders' meeting. Stock price changes may result from a variety of factors, including general market and economic conditions, changes in First Community's business, operations and prospects, and regulatory considerations, among other things. Many of these factors are beyond the control of the First Community. Accordingly, at the time of the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, because of the above timing differences Savannah River shareholders will not be able to calculate the number of shares of First Community common stock they may receive upon completion of the merger or the exact value of First Community common stock they may receive upon completion of the merger.

***The form of merger consideration Savannah River shareholders ultimately receive could be different from the form elected based on the form of merger consideration elected by other Savannah River shareholders.***

All Savannah River shareholders will be permitted to make an election as to the form of consideration to receive. Because the total amount of First Community common stock and cash to be issued in the merger is fixed, the exchange agent will be allowed, subject to limitations set forth in the merger agreement, to adjust the form of consideration that a Savannah River shareholder will receive in order to ensure that 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock are converted into cash and 40% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock are converted into shares of First Community common stock. Consequently, if either the stock consideration or the cash consideration is oversubscribed, Savannah River shareholders could receive a different form of consideration from the form they elect.

***Combining the two companies may be more difficult, costly, or time consuming than First Community or Savannah River expects.***

The success of the merger will depend, in part, on First Community's ability to realize the anticipated benefits and cost savings from combining the businesses of First Community and Savannah River. However, to realize these anticipated benefits and cost savings, we must successfully combine the businesses of First Community and Savannah River. If we are not able to achieve these objectives, the anticipated benefits and cost savings of the merger may not be realized fully or at all or may take longer to realize than expected.

First Community and Savannah River have operated, and, until completion of the merger, will continue to operate, independently. It is possible that the integration process could result in the loss of key employees or disruption of each company's ongoing business or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures, and policies that would adversely affect First Community's ability to maintain relationships with clients, depositors, and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger. Integration efforts between the two companies will also divert management attention and resources. These integration matters could have an adverse effect on each of First Community and Savannah River during that transition period.

***First Community and Savannah River will incur significant transaction and merger-related integration costs in connection with the merger.***

First Community and Savannah River expect to incur significant costs associated with completing the merger and integrating the operations of the two companies. First Community and Savannah River

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are continuing to assess the impact of these costs. Although First Community and Savannah River believe that the elimination of duplicate costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of the businesses, will offset incremental transaction and merger-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all.

***First Community has not previously operated in Aiken, South Carolina and Augusta, Georgia.***

Savannah River's service areas are Aiken, South Carolina and Augusta, Georgia. The banking business in these areas is extremely competitive, and the level of competition may increase further. First Community has not previously participated in these markets, and there may be unexpected challenges and difficulties that could adversely affect First Community following the merger.

***The fairness opinions obtained by Savannah River and First Community from their respective financial advisors will not reflect changes in circumstances between the date of the signing of the merger agreement and the completion of the merger.***

Savannah River has obtained a fairness opinion dated August 13, 2013 from Allen C. Ewing & Co., and First Community has obtained a fairness opinion dated August 13, 2013 from FIG Partners LLC, and such opinions have not been updated as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus and will not be updated at the time of the completion of the merger. Changes in the operations and prospects of Savannah River or First Community, general market and economic conditions and other factors that may be beyond the control of Savannah River and First Community, and on which the fairness opinions were based, may alter the value of Savannah River or First Community or the prices of shares of Savannah River common stock or First Community common stock by the time the merger is completed. The fairness opinions do not address the fairness of the merger consideration, from a financial point of view, at the time the merger is completed or as of any other date than the date of the opinions. The fairness opinions that Savannah River and First Community received from their respective financial advisors are attached as *Appendix C* and *Appendix D* to this joint proxy statement/prospectus. For a description of the opinions, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Opinion of Savannah River's Financial Advisor" and "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Opinion of First Community's Financial Advisor." For a description of the other factors considered by Savannah River's board of directors in determining to approve the merger, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Savannah River's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Savannah River Board of Directors." For a description of the other factors considered by First Community's board of directors in determining to approve the merger, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger First Community's Reasons for the Merger and the Share Issuance; Recommendation of the First Community Board of Directors."

***First Community and Savannah River may not receive regulatory approvals or such approvals may take longer than expected or impose conditions First Community and Savannah River do not presently anticipate.***

The merger of the two banks must be approved by the FDIC and the SCBFI. These regulatory agencies will consider, among other things, the competitive impact of the bank merger, each of First Community and Savannah River's financial and managerial resources, and the convenience and needs of the communities to be served. As part of that consideration, First Community and Savannah River expect that the FDIC will review the capital position, safety and soundness, and legal and regulatory compliance matters and Community Reinvestment Act matters. There can be no assurance as to whether the necessary regulatory approvals will be received, the timing of such approvals, or whether any conditions will be imposed that might limit the combined company's ability to do business after the bank merger as presently anticipated. In addition, although no formal application or approval from the GDBF is required for the merger or the bank merger, we will provide notice of the merger transactions to the GDBF. First Community will file notice of the merger with the Federal Reserve, rather than

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seeking the approval of the Federal Reserve to consummate the merger, because the merger qualifies as a "waiver transaction" under the applicable rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve. However, if the Federal Reserve were to subsequently determine that the merger did not qualify as a waiver transaction, then First Community would be required to submit a formal merger application for approval of the merger by the Federal Reserve.

***The merger agreement limits Savannah River's ability to pursue alternatives to the merger.***

The merger agreement contains provisions that limit Savannah River's ability to discuss competing third party proposals to acquire all or a significant part of Savannah River. In addition, Savannah River has agreed to pay First Community a termination fee of \$1,500,000 if the transaction is terminated because Savannah River decides to pursue another acquisition transaction, among other things. These provisions might discourage a potential competing acquirer that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant part of Savannah River from considering or proposing that acquisition, even if it were prepared to pay consideration with a higher per share price than that proposed in the merger with First Community, or might result in a potential competing acquirer proposing to pay a lower per share price to acquire Savannah River than it might otherwise have proposed to pay.

***Savannah River directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Savannah River shareholders.***

Executive officers of Savannah River negotiated certain terms of the merger agreement with their counterparts at First Community, and Savannah River's board of directors adopted the merger agreement and by a unanimous vote of the directors present and voting recommended that Savannah River shareholders vote to approve the merger agreement and the merger on the terms set forth in the merger agreement. In considering these facts and the other information contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, Savannah River shareholders should be aware that Savannah River's directors and executive officers have financial interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Savannah River shareholders. For example, three members currently serving on Savannah River's board of directors J. Randolph Potter, Paul S. Simon, and E. Leland Reynolds, will be appointed to the board of directors of First Community and First Community Bank following the merger, and each of the other Savannah River directors will be entitled to participate on an Aiken-Augusta regional advisory board of First Community Bank following the merger and will receive certain advisory fees for their service. In addition, certain executive officers of Savannah River have entered into agreements with Savannah River and First Community that provide, among other things, retention, employment, consulting, severance and/or other benefits following the merger. These and some other additional interests of Savannah River directors and executive officers may create potential conflicts of interest and cause some of these persons to view the proposed transaction differently than Savannah River shareholders may view it. See "Proposal No.1 The Merger Interests of Employees and Directors of Savannah River in the Merger" for information about these financial interests.

**Risks Related to First Community the Combined Company**

***Changes in the financial markets could impair the value of First Community's investment portfolio.***

The investment securities portfolio is a significant component of First Community's total earning assets. Total investment securities averaged \$204.9 million in 2012, as compared to \$205.7 million in 2011. This represents 37.0% and 37.4% of the average earning assets for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. At June 30, 2013, the portfolio was 38.5% of earning assets. Turmoil in the financial markets could impair the market value of First Community's investment portfolio, which could adversely affect its net income and possibly its capital.

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Since the last half of 2007, the bond markets and many institutional holders of bonds have been under a great deal of stress partially as a result of the ongoing recessionary economic conditions. At June 30, 2013, First Community had mortgage backed securities ("MBSs"), including collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), with a fair value of \$122.6 million. Of these, approximately \$119.9 million were issued by government sponsored enterprises ("GSEs") and \$2.7 million by private label issuers. In 2008 and 2009, the private label MBSs and CMOs First Community owns incurred rating agency downgrades, many to below investment grade. At June 30, 2013, four of First Community's private label MBSs and CMOs with a carrying value of \$1.5 million were downgraded below investment grade.

Delinquencies on the underlying mortgages on all mortgage securities increased dramatically throughout 2008 through 2012 and continued to remain at high levels at June 30, 2013. First Community monitors the private label investments on a monthly basis. Increasing delinquencies and defaults in the underlying mortgages have resulted in recognizing OTTI during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. In evaluating these securities for OTTI, First Community uses assumptions relative to continued defaults rates, loss severities on the underlying collateral and prepayment speeds. Differences in actual experience and the assumptions used could result in a loss of earnings as a result of further OTTI charges.

First Community's other investments include municipal and corporate debt securities. As of June 30, 2013, First Community had municipal securities with an approximate fair value of \$39.9 million and corporate debt and other securities with an approximate fair value of \$2.3 million. At June 30, 2013, all of the municipal and corporate debt securities were rated investment grade. There is a risk that deterioration in the underlying issuer's financial condition or the underlying collateral could result in OTTI charges in future periods.

On September 7, 2008, the Treasury, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("FHFA") announced that FHFA was placing the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (the "FHLMC") under conservatorship. Due to these actions, First Community took an OTTI charge of \$8.1 million in the third quarter of 2008 relating to the Freddie Mac preferred stock that it held. This charge, along with First Community's second quarter of 2008 charge of \$6.1 million related to its investment in preferred stock issued by Freddie Mac, eliminated any further direct material exposure in First Community's investment portfolio to Freddie Mac equity securities.

As of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, First Community's securities (all of which are classified as "Available for Sale") that had unrealized losses were not considered to be "other than temporarily impaired," and First Community believes it is more likely than not it will be able to hold these until they mature or recover First Community's current book value. First Community currently maintains substantial liquidity which supports its intent and ability to hold these investments until they mature, or until there is a market price recovery. However, if First Community were to cease to have the ability and intent to hold these investments until maturity or the market prices do not recover, and it was to sell these securities at a loss, this could adversely affect First Community's net income and possibly its capital.

***First Community's decisions regarding credit risk and reserves for loan losses may materially and adversely affect its business.***

Making loans and other extensions of credit is an essential element of First Community's business. Although First Community seeks to mitigate risks inherent in lending by adhering to specific underwriting practices, its loans and other extensions of credit may not be repaid. The risk of nonpayment is affected by a number of factors, including:

the duration of the credit;

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credit risks of a particular customer;

changes in economic and industry conditions; and

in the case of a collateralized loan, risks resulting from uncertainties about the future value of the collateral.

First Community attempts to maintain an appropriate allowance for loan losses to provide for potential losses in its loan portfolio. First Community periodically determines the amount of the allowance based on consideration of several factors, including:

an ongoing review of the quality, mix, and size of First Community's overall loan portfolio;

First Community's historical loan loss experience;

evaluation of economic conditions;

regular reviews of loan delinquencies and loan portfolio quality; and

the amount and quality of collateral, including guarantees, securing the loans.

There is no precise method of predicting credit losses; therefore, First Community faces the risk that charge-offs in future periods will exceed its allowance for loan losses and that additional increases in the allowance for loan losses will be required. Additions to the allowance for loan losses would result in a decrease of First Community's net income, and possibly its capital.

Federal and state regulators periodically review First Community's allowance for loan losses and may require First Community to increase its provision for loan losses or recognize further loan charge-offs, based on judgments different than those of its management. Any increase in the amount of First Community's provision or loans charged-off as required by these regulatory agencies could have a negative effect on its operating results.

***First Community may have higher loan losses than it has allowed for in its allowance for loan losses.***

First Community's actual loan losses could exceed its allowance for loan losses. First Community's average loan size continues to increase and reliance on its historic allowance for loan losses may not be adequate. As of June 30, 2013, approximately 77.9% of First Community's loan portfolio (excluding loans held for sale) is composed of construction (4.5%), commercial mortgage (68.5%) and commercial loans (6.1%). Repayment of such loans is generally considered more subject to market risk than residential mortgage loans. Industry experience shows that a portion of loans will become delinquent and a portion of loans will require partial or entire charge-off. Regardless of the underwriting criteria utilized, losses may be experienced as a result of various factors beyond First Community's control, including among other things, changes in market conditions affecting the value of loan collateral and problems affecting the credit of First Community's borrowers.

***A significant portion of First Community's loan portfolio is secured by real estate, and events that negatively impact the real estate market could hurt its business.***

A significant portion of First Community's loan portfolio is secured by real estate. As of June 30, 2013, approximately 91.7% of First Community's loans (excluding loans held for sale) had real estate as a primary or secondary component of collateral. The real estate collateral in each case provides an alternate source of repayment in the event of default by the borrower and may deteriorate in value during the time the credit is extended. A continued weakening of the real estate market in First Community's primary market area could result in an increase in the number of borrowers who default on their loans and a reduction in the value of the collateral securing their loans, which in turn could have an adverse effect on First Community's profitability and asset quality. If First Community is required to liquidate the collateral securing a loan to satisfy the debt during a period of reduced real



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estate values, its earnings and capital could be adversely affected. Acts of nature, including hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, fires and floods, which could be exacerbated by potential climate change and may cause uninsured damage and other loss of value to real estate that secures these loans, may also negatively impact First Community's financial condition.

***First Community has a concentration of credit exposure in commercial real estate and challenges faced by the commercial real estate market could adversely affect First Community's business, financial condition, and results of operations.***

As of June 30, 2013, First Community had approximately \$244.7 million in loans outstanding to borrowers whereby the collateral securing the loan was commercial real estate, representing approximately 71.7% of the total loans outstanding as of that date. Approximately 30.6%, or \$75.0 million, of this real estate is owner occupied properties. Commercial real estate loans are generally viewed as having more risk of default than residential real estate loans. They are also typically larger than residential real estate loans and consumer loans and depend on cash flows from the owner's business or the property to service the debt. Cash flows may be affected significantly by general economic conditions, and a downturn in the local economy or in occupancy rates in the local economy where the property is located could increase the likelihood of default. Because First Community's loan portfolio contains a number of commercial real estate loans with relatively large balances, the deterioration of one or a few of these loans could cause a significant increase in First Community's level of non-performing loans. An increase in non-performing loans could result in a loss of earnings from these loans, an increase in the related provision for loan losses and an increase in charge-offs, all of which could have a material adverse effect on First Community's financial condition and results of operations.

First Community's commercial real estate loans have grown 3.2%, or \$7.7 million since December 31, 2012. The banking regulators are giving commercial real estate lending greater scrutiny and may require banks with higher levels of commercial real estate loans to implement more stringent underwriting, internal controls, risk management policies and portfolio stress testing, as well as possibly higher levels of allowances for losses and capital levels as a result of commercial real estate lending growth and exposures.

***Repayment of First Community's commercial business loans is often dependent on the cash flows of the borrower, which may be unpredictable, and the collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value.***

At June 30, 2013, commercial business loans comprised 6.1% of First Community's total loan portfolio. First Community's commercial business loans are originated primarily based on the identified cash flow and general liquidity of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral provided by the borrower and/or repayment capacity of any guarantor. The borrower's cash flow may be unpredictable, and collateral securing these loans may fluctuate in value. Although commercial business loans are often collateralized by equipment, inventory, accounts receivable, or other business assets, the liquidation of collateral in the event of default is often an insufficient source of repayment because accounts receivable may be uncollectible and inventories may be obsolete or of limited use. In addition, business assets may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise, and may fluctuate in value based on the success of the business. Accordingly, the repayment of commercial business loans depends primarily on the cash flow and credit worthiness of the borrower and secondarily on the underlying collateral value provided by the borrower and liquidity of the guarantor.

***Negative developments in the financial industry and the domestic and international credit markets may adversely affect First Community's operations and results.***

Negative developments in the global credit and securitization markets have resulted in uncertainty in the financial markets in general with the expectation of continuing uncertainty during 2013. As a



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result, commercial as well as consumer loan portfolio performances deteriorated at institutions and the competition for deposits and quality loans has increased significantly. In addition, the values of real estate collateral supporting many commercial loans and home mortgages have declined and may continue to decline. Global securities markets and bank holding company stock prices in particular, have been negatively affected, as has in general the ability of banks and bank holding companies to raise capital or borrow in the debt markets. As a result, bank regulatory agencies have been active in responding to concerns and trends identified in examinations, including by issuing a historically high number of formal enforcement orders over the past three years. In addition, significant new federal laws and regulations relating to financial institutions have been adopted, including, without limitation, the EESA, the Recovery Act, and the Dodd-Frank Act. Furthermore, the potential exists for additional federal or state laws and regulations, and bank regulatory agencies are expected to be active in responding to concerns and trends identified in examinations by issuing formal enforcement orders. Negative developments in the financial industry and the domestic and international credit markets, and the impact of new legislation and bank examination practices in response to those developments, may negatively impact First Community's operations by restricting its business operations, including its ability to originate or sell loans, and adversely impact its financial performance. First Community can provide no assurance regarding the manner in which any new laws and regulations will affect it.

*There can be no assurance that recently enacted legislation will help stabilize the U.S. financial system.*

In response to the challenges facing the financial services sector, a number of regulatory and legislative actions have been enacted or announced. There can be no assurance that these government actions will achieve their purpose. The failure of the financial markets to stabilize, or a continuation or worsening of the current financial market conditions, could have a material adverse effect on First Community's business, its financial condition, the financial condition of First Community's customers and its common stock trading price, as well as its ability to access credit. It could also result in declines in First Community's investment portfolio which could be "other-than-temporary impairments."

*Economic challenges, especially those affecting Lexington, Richland, Newberry, and Kershaw Counties and the surrounding areas, may reduce First Community's customer base, its level of deposits, and demand for financial products such as loans.*

First Community's success significantly depends upon the growth in population, income levels, deposits, and housing starts in its markets of Lexington, Richland, Newberry, and Kershaw Counties and the surrounding area. The current economic downturn has negatively affected the markets in which First Community operates and, in turn, the size and quality of its loan portfolio. If the communities in which First Community operates do not grow or if prevailing economic conditions locally or nationally remain unfavorable, its business may not succeed. A continuation of the economic downturn or prolonged recession would likely result in reductions in the size of First Community's loan portfolio and the continued deterioration of the quality of its loan portfolio and could reduce its level of deposits, which in turn would hurt its business. Interest received on loans represented approximately 79.8% of First Community's interest income for the year ended December 31, 2012 and approximately 82.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2013. If the economic downturn continues or a prolonged economic recession occurs in the economy as a whole, there may be less demand for new loans and borrowers will be less likely to repay their loans as scheduled. Moreover, in many cases the value of real estate or other collateral that secures First Community's loans has been adversely affected by the economic conditions and could continue to be negatively affected. Unlike many larger institutions, First Community is not able to spread the risks of unfavorable local economic conditions across a large number of diversified economies. A continued economic downturn could, therefore, result in losses that materially and adversely affect First Community's business.

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***First Community's focus on lending to small to mid-sized community based businesses may increase First Community's credit risk.***

Most of First Community's commercial business and commercial real estate loans are made to small business or middle market customers. These businesses generally have fewer financial resources in terms of capital or borrowing capacity than larger entities and have a heightened vulnerability to economic conditions. If general economic conditions in the markets in which First Community operates negatively impact this important customer sector, results of operations and financial condition and the value of its common stock may be adversely affected. Moreover, a portion of these loans have been made by First Community in recent years and the borrowers may not have experienced a complete business or economic cycle. Furthermore, the deterioration of First Community's borrowers' businesses may hinder their ability to repay their loans with First Community, which could have a material adverse effect on First Community's financial condition and results of operations.

***First Community faces strong competition for customers, which could prevent it from obtaining customers and may cause it to pay higher interest rates to attract customers.***

The banking business is highly competitive, and First Community experiences competition in its market from many other financial institutions. First Community competes with commercial banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, mortgage banking firms, consumer finance companies, securities brokerage firms, insurance companies, money market funds, and other mutual funds, as well as other super-regional, national, and international financial institutions that operate offices in First Community's primary market areas and elsewhere. First Community competes with these institutions both in attracting deposits and in making loans. In addition, First Community has to attract its customer base from other existing financial institutions and from new residents. Many of First Community's competitors are well-established, larger financial institutions. These institutions offer some services, such as extensive and established branch networks, that First Community does not provide. There is a risk that First Community will not be able to compete successfully with other financial institutions in First Community's market, and that it may have to pay higher interest rates to attract deposits, resulting in reduced profitability. In addition, competitors that are not depository institutions are generally not subject to the extensive regulations that apply to First Community.

***First Community's deposit insurance premiums could be substantially higher in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on its future earnings.***

The FDIC insures deposits at FDIC-insured depository institutions, such as First Community Bank, up to applicable limits. The amount of a particular institution's deposit insurance assessment is based on that institution's risk classification under an FDIC risk-based assessment system. An institution's risk classification is assigned based on its capital levels and the level of supervisory concern the institution poses to its regulators. Recent market developments and bank failures significantly depleted the FDIC's Deposit Insurance Fund and reduced the ratio of reserves to insured deposits. As a result of recent economic conditions and the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, banks are now assessed deposit insurance premiums based on the bank's average consolidated total assets, and the FDIC has modified certain risk-based adjustments, which increase or decrease a bank's overall assessment rate. This has resulted in increases to the deposit insurance assessment rates and thus raised deposit premiums for many insured depository institutions. If these increases are insufficient for the Deposit Insurance Fund to meet its funding requirements, further special assessments or increases in deposit insurance premiums may be required. First Community is generally unable to control the amount of premiums that First Community is required to pay for FDIC insurance. If there are additional bank or financial institution failures, First Community may be required to pay even higher FDIC premiums than the recently increased levels. Any future additional assessments, increases or required prepayments in

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FDIC insurance premiums could reduce First Community's profitability, may limit its ability to pursue certain business opportunities or otherwise negatively impact its operations.

***Changes in prevailing interest rates may reduce First Community's profitability.***

First Community's results of operations depend in large part upon the level of its net interest income, which is the difference between interest income from interest earning assets, such as loans and MBSSs, and interest expense on interest bearing liabilities, such as deposits and other borrowings. Depending on the terms and maturities of First Community's assets and liabilities, First Community believes it is more likely than not a significant change in interest rates could have a material adverse effect on its profitability. Many factors cause changes in interest rates, including governmental monetary policies and domestic and international economic and political conditions. While First Community intends to manage the effects of changes in interest rates by adjusting the terms, maturities, and pricing of its assets and liabilities, its efforts may not be effective and its financial condition and results of operations could suffer.

***First Community is dependent on key individuals, and the loss of one or more of these key individuals could curtail its growth and adversely affect its prospects.***

Michael C. Crapps, First Community's president and chief executive officer, has extensive and long-standing ties within First Community's primary market area and substantial experience with its operations, and he has contributed significantly to First Community's business. If First Community loses the services of Mr. Crapps, he would be difficult to replace and First Community's business and development could be materially and adversely affected.

First Community's success also depends, in part, on its continued ability to attract and retain experienced loan originators, as well as other management personnel. Competition for personnel is intense, and First Community may not be successful in attracting or retaining qualified personnel. First Community's failure to compete for these personnel, or the loss of the services of several of such key personnel, could adversely affect its business strategy and seriously harm its business, results of operations, and financial condition.

***First Community is subject to extensive regulation that could restrict its activities and impose financial requirements or limitations on the conduct of its business and limit First Community's ability to receive dividends from First Community Bank.***

First Community is subject to Federal Reserve regulation, and First Community Bank is subject to extensive regulation, supervision, and examination by the FDIC, the regulating authority that insures customer deposits, and the SCBFI. Also, as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (the "FHLB"), First Community Bank must comply with applicable regulations of the Federal Housing Finance Board and the FHLB. Regulation by these agencies is intended primarily for the protection of First Community's depositors and the deposit insurance fund and not for the benefit of First Community's shareholders. First Community Bank's activities are also regulated under consumer protection laws applicable to First Community's lending, deposit, and other activities. A sufficient claim against First Community Bank under these laws could have a material adverse effect on First Community's results of operations.

***First Community is exposed to further changes in the regulation of financial services companies.***

Proposals for further regulation of the financial services industry are continually being introduced in the Congress of the United States of America and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina. The agencies regulating the financial services industry also periodically adopt changes to their regulations. On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Act was signed into law. Pursuant to authority granted

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under the Dodd-Frank Act, effective on October 1, 2011, the Federal Reserve established new rules regarding interchange fees charged for electronic debit transactions by payment card issuers having assets over \$10 billion. While First Community is not subject to the interchange fee restrictions, the new restrictions could negatively impact bank card services income for smaller banks if the reductions that are required of larger banks cause industry-wide reduction of swipe fees. On June 7, 2012, the Federal Reserve, the OCC, and the FDIC issued a joint notice of proposed rulemaking that would implement sections of the Dodd-Frank Act that encompass certain aspects of Basel III with respect to capital and liquidity. On November 9, 2012, following a public comment period, the US federal banking agencies announced that the originally proposed January 1, 2013 effective date for the proposed rules was being delayed so that the agencies could consider operations and transitional issue identified in the large volume of public comments received. The final rules, which were adopted by the federal banking agencies in July 2013 and will take effect January 1, 2014, will lead to significantly higher capital requirements and more restrictive leverage and liquidity ratios than those currently in place. See "Risk Factors The short-term and long-term impact of the changing regulatory capital requirements and recently adopted capital rules is uncertain" below. It is possible that additional legislative proposals may be adopted or regulatory changes may be made that would have an adverse effect on First Community's business. First Community can provide no assurance regarding the manner in which any new laws and regulations will affect First Community. See "Risk Factors First Community is subject to extensive regulation that could restrict its activities and impose financial requirements or limitations on the conduct of its business and limit its ability to receive dividends from First Community Bank" above.

***The short-term and long-term impact of the changing regulatory capital requirements and recently adopted capital rules is uncertain.***

On September 12, 2010, the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervision, the oversight body of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, announced an agreement to a strengthened set of capital requirements for internationally active banking organizations in the U.S. and around the world, known as Basel III. Basel III called for increases in the requirements for minimum common equity, minimum Tier 1 capital and minimum total capital for certain systemically important financial institutions, to be phased in over time until fully phased in by January 1, 2019. The final rules were adopted by the federal banking agencies in July 2013.

Various provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act increased the capital requirements of bank holding companies, such as First Community, and non-bank financial companies that are supervised by the Federal Reserve. The leverage and risk-based capital ratios of these entities may not be lower than the leverage and risk-based capital ratios for insured depository institutions. In particular, bank holding companies, many of which have long relied on trust preferred securities as a component of their regulatory capital, may not issue new trust preferred securities that count toward their Tier 1 capital. While the Basel III changes and other regulatory capital requirements will result in generally higher regulatory capital standards, it is difficult at this time to predict how any new standards will ultimately affect First Community and First Community Bank.

In addition, in the current economic and regulatory environment, regulators of banks and bank holding companies have become more likely to impose capital requirements on bank holding companies and banks that are more stringent than those required by applicable existing regulations.

The application of more stringent capital requirements for First Community and First Community Bank could, among other things, result in lower returns on invested capital, require the issuance of additional capital, and result in regulatory actions if First Community were to be unable to comply with such requirements.

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***First Community's historical operating results may not be indicative of its future operating results.***

First Community may not be able to sustain its historical rate of growth, and, consequently, First Community's historical results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of its future operations. Various factors, such as economic conditions, regulatory and legislative considerations, and competition, may also impede First Community's ability to expand its market presence. If First Community experiences a significant decrease in its historical rate of growth, First Community's results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected because a high percentage of its operating costs are fixed expenses.

***First Community may be adversely affected by the soundness of other financial institutions.***

Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty, or other relationships. First Community has exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and routinely executes transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including commercial banks, brokers and dealers, investment banks, and other institutional clients. Many of these transactions expose First Community to credit risk in the event of a default by a counterparty or client. In addition, First Community's credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral held by the bank cannot be realized upon or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the credit or derivative exposure due to First Community Bank. Any such losses could have a material adverse affect on First Community's financial condition and results of operations.

***First Community will face risks with respect to expansion through acquisitions or mergers.***

From time to time, First Community may seek to acquire other financial institutions or parts of those institutions. First Community may also expand into new markets or lines of business or offer new products or services. These activities would involve a number of risks, including:

the potential inaccuracy of the estimates and judgments used to evaluate credit, operations, management, and market risks with respect to a target institution;

the time and costs of evaluating new markets, hiring or retaining experienced local management, and opening new offices and the time lags between these activities and the generation of sufficient assets and deposits to support the costs of the expansion;

the incurrence and possible impairment of goodwill associated with an acquisition and possible adverse effects on First Community's results of operations; and

the risk of loss of key employees and customers.

***First Community's underwriting decisions may materially and adversely affect its business.***

While First Community generally underwrites the loans in its portfolio in accordance with its own internal underwriting guidelines and regulatory supervisory guidelines, in certain circumstances First Community has made loans which exceed either its internal underwriting guidelines, supervisory guidelines, or both. As of June 30, 2013, approximately \$6.8 million of First Community's loans, or 10.0% of First Community Bank's regulatory capital, had loan-to-value ratios that exceeded regulatory supervisory guidelines, of which six loans totaling approximately \$737 thousand had loan-to-value ratios of 100% or more. In addition, supervisory limits on commercial loan-to-value exceptions are set at 30% of First Community Bank's capital. At June 30, 2013, \$4.7 million of First Community's commercial loans, or 7.0% of First Community Bank's regulatory capital, exceeded the supervisory loan to value ratio. The number of loans in First Community's portfolio with loan-to-value ratios in excess of supervisory guidelines, First Community's internal guidelines, or both could increase the risk of delinquencies and defaults in its portfolio.

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***First Community depends on the accuracy and completeness of information about clients and counterparties and First Community's financial condition could be adversely affected if it relies on misleading information.***

In deciding whether to extend credit or to enter into other transactions with clients and counterparties, First Community may rely on information furnished to it by or on behalf of clients and counterparties, including financial statements and other financial information, which First Community does not independently verify. First Community may also rely on representations of clients and counterparties as to the accuracy and completeness of that information and, with respect to financial statements, on reports of independent auditors. For example, in deciding whether to extend credit to clients, First Community may assume that a customer's audited financial statements conform with GAAP and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the customer. First Community's financial condition and results of operations could be negatively impacted to the extent it relies on financial statements that do not comply with GAAP or are materially misleading.

***First Community's ability to pay cash dividends is limited, and First Community may be unable to pay future dividends even if it desires to do so.***

The Federal Reserve has issued a policy statement regarding the payment of dividends by bank holding companies. In general, the Federal Reserve's policies provide that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve's policies also require that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. In addition, under the prompt corrective action regulations, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect First Community's ability to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

First Community's ability to pay cash dividends may be limited by regulatory restrictions, by First Community Bank's ability to pay cash dividends to First Community and by First Community's need to maintain sufficient capital to support First Community's operations. As a South Carolina chartered bank, First Community Bank is subject to limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay. Unless otherwise instructed by the SCBFI, First Community Bank is generally permitted under South Carolina state banking regulations to pay cash dividends of up to 100% of net income in any calendar year without obtaining the prior approval of the SCBFI. If First Community Bank is not permitted to pay cash dividends to First Community, it is unlikely that First Community would be able to pay cash dividends on First Community's common stock. Moreover, holders of First Community's common stock are entitled to receive dividends only when and if declared by First Community's board of directors. Although First Community has historically paid cash dividends on its common stock, First Community is not required to do so and First Community's board of directors could reduce or eliminate First Community's common stock dividend in the future.

***First Community's stock price may be volatile, which could result in losses to its investors and litigation against First Community.***

First Community's stock price has been volatile in the past and several factors could cause the price to fluctuate substantially in the future. These factors include but are not limited to: actual or anticipated variations in earnings, changes in analysts' recommendations or projections, First Community's announcement of developments related to its businesses, operations and stock performance of other companies deemed to be peers, new technology used or services offered by

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traditional and non-traditional competitors, news reports of trends, irrational exuberance on the part of investors, new federal banking regulations, and other issues related to the financial services industry. First Community's stock price may fluctuate significantly in the future, and these fluctuations may be unrelated to its performance. General market declines or market volatility in the future, especially in the financial institutions sector, could adversely affect the price of First Community's common stock, and the current market price may not be indicative of future market prices. Stock price volatility may make it more difficult for First Community's shareholders to resell their common stock when desired and at prices they find attractive. Moreover, in the past, securities class action lawsuits have been instituted against some companies following periods of volatility in the market price of its securities. First Community could in the future be the target of similar litigation. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources from First Community's normal business.

***Future sales of First Community's stock by its shareholders or the perception that those sales could occur may cause First Community's stock price to decline.***

Although First Community's common stock is listed for trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market, the trading volume in First Community's common stock is lower than that of other larger financial services companies. A public trading market having the desired characteristics of depth, liquidity and orderliness depends on the presence in the marketplace of willing buyers and sellers of First Community's common stock at any given time. This presence depends on the individual decisions of investors and general economic and market conditions over which First Community has no control. Given the relatively low trading volume of First Community's common stock, significant sales of its common stock in the public market, or the perception that those sales may occur, could cause the trading price of First Community's common stock to decline or to be lower than it otherwise might be in the absence of those sales or perceptions.

***Economic and other circumstances may require First Community to raise capital at times or in amounts that are unfavorable to it. If First Community has to issue shares of common stock, the issuance will dilute the percentage ownership interest of existing shareholders and may dilute the book value per share of First Community's common stock and adversely affect the terms on which First Community may obtain additional capital.***

First Community may need to incur additional debt or equity financing in the future to make strategic acquisitions or investments or to strengthen its capital position. First Community's ability to raise additional capital, if needed, will depend on, among other things, conditions in the capital markets at that time, which are outside of its control, and First Community's financial performance. First Community cannot provide assurance that such financing will be available to First Community on acceptable terms or at all, or if First Community does raise additional capital that it will not be dilutive to existing shareholders.

If First Community determines, for any reason, that it needs to raise capital, subject to applicable NASDAQ rules, First Community's board generally has the authority, without action by or vote of the shareholders, to issue all or part of any authorized but unissued shares of stock for any corporate purpose, including issuance of equity based incentives under or outside of First Community's equity compensation plans. Additionally, First Community is not restricted from issuing additional common stock or preferred stock, including any securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, common stock or preferred stock or any substantially similar securities. The market price of First Community's common stock could decline as a result of sales by First Community of a large number of shares of common stock or preferred stock or similar securities in the market or from the perception that such sales could occur. If First Community issues preferred stock that has a preference over the common stock with respect to the payment of dividends or upon

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liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, or if First Community issues preferred stock with voting rights that dilute the voting power of the common stock, the rights of holders of the common stock or the market price of First Community's common stock could be adversely affected. Any issuance of additional shares of stock will dilute the percentage ownership interest of First Community's shareholders and may dilute the book value per share of its common stock. Shares First Community issues in connection with any such offering will increase the total number of shares and may dilute the economic and voting ownership interest of First Community's existing shareholders.

***A failure in or breach of First Community's operational or security systems or infrastructure, or those of First Community's third party vendors and other service providers or other third parties, including as a result of cyber attacks, could disrupt First Community's businesses, result in the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information, damage its reputation, increase its costs, and cause losses.***

First Community relies heavily on communications and information systems to conduct its business. Information security risks for financial institutions such as First Community's have generally increased in recent years in part because of the proliferation of new technologies, the use of the internet and telecommunications technologies to conduct financial transactions, and the increased sophistication and activities of organized crime, hackers, and terrorists, activists, and other external parties. As customer, public, and regulatory expectations regarding operational and information security have increased, First Community's operating systems and infrastructure must continue to be safeguarded and monitored for potential failures, disruptions, and breakdowns. First Community's business, financial, accounting, and data processing systems, or other operating systems and facilities, may stop operating properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors, including events that are wholly or partially beyond First Community's control. For example, there could be electrical or telecommunication outages; natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes; disease pandemics; events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and as described below, cyber attacks.

As noted above, First Community's business relies on its digital technologies, computer and email systems, software and networks to conduct its operations. Although First Community has information security procedures and controls in place, First Community's technologies, systems and networks and its customers' devices may become the target of cyber attacks or information security breaches that could result in the unauthorized release, gathering, monitoring, misuse, loss, or destruction of First Community's or its customers' or other third parties' confidential information. Third parties with whom First Community does business or that facilitate First Community's business activities, including financial intermediaries, or vendors that provide service or security solutions for First Community's operations, and other unaffiliated third parties, including the South Carolina Department of Revenue, which had customer records exposed in a 2012 cyber attack, could also be sources of operational and information security risk to First Community, including from breakdowns or failures of their own systems or capacity constraints.

While First Community has disaster recovery and other policies and procedures designed to prevent or limit the effect of the failure, interruption or security breach of its information systems, there can be no assurance that any such failures, interruptions or security breaches will not occur or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed. First Community's risk and exposure to these matters remain heightened because of the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of First Community's controls, processes, and practices designed to protect its systems, computers, software, data, and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access remain a focus for First Community. As threats continue to evolve, First Community may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance its protective measures or to investigate and remediate information security vulnerabilities. Disruptions or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support First Community's businesses



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and clients, or cyber attacks or security breaches of the networks, systems or devices that First Community's clients use to access First Community's products and services could result in client attrition, regulatory fines, penalties or intervention, reputation damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs, any of which could have a material effect on First Community's results of operations or financial condition.

***Negative public opinion surrounding First Community and the financial institutions industry generally could damage First Community's reputation and adversely impact its earnings.***

Reputation risk, or the risk to First Community's business, earnings and capital from negative public opinion surrounding First Community and the financial institutions industry generally, is inherent in First Community's business. Negative public opinion can result from First Community's actual or alleged conduct in any number of activities, including lending practices, corporate governance and acquisitions, and from actions taken by government regulators and community organizations in response to those activities. Negative public opinion can adversely affect First Community's ability to keep and attract clients and employees and can expose it to litigation and regulatory action. Although First Community takes steps to minimize reputation risk in dealing with its clients and communities, this risk will always be present given the nature of First Community's business.

***The change of control rules under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code could limit First Community's ability to use net operating loss carryforwards to reduce future taxable income, if First Community were to undergo a change of control.***

First Community has net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards for federal and state income tax purposes which, generally, can be used to reduce future taxable income. First Community's use of its NOL carryforwards would be limited, however, under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, if First Community were to undergo a change in ownership of more than 50% of its capital stock over a three-year period as measured under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. These complex changes of ownership rules generally focus on ownership changes involving shareholders owning directly or indirectly 5% or more of First Community's stock, including certain public "groups" of shareholders as set forth under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, including those arising from new stock issuances and other equity transactions.

Whether a change in ownership occurs in the future is largely outside of First Community's control, and there can be no assurance that such a change will not occur. If First Community experiences an ownership change, the resulting annual limit on the use of its NOL carryforwards (which generally would equal the product of the applicable federal long-term tax-exempt rate, multiplied by the value of First Community's capital stock immediately before the ownership change, then increased by certain existing gains recognized within five years after the ownership change if First Community has a net built-in gain in its assets at the time of the ownership change) could result in a meaningful increase in First Community's federal and state income tax liability in future years. Whether an ownership change occurs by reason of public trading in First Community's stock is largely outside First Community's control, and the determination of whether an ownership change has occurred is complex. No assurance can be given that First Community will not in the future undergo an ownership change that would have an adverse effect on the value of its stock.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This joint proxy statement/prospectus, including information included or incorporated by reference in this document, contains statements which constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements may relate to, among other matters, the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance, and business of each of First Community and Savannah River, as well as certain information relating to the merger. Forward-looking statements are based on many assumptions and estimates and are not guarantees of future performance. The actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, as they will depend on many factors about which First Community and Savannah River are unsure, including many factors that are beyond their control. The words "may," "would," "could," "should," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "predict," "project," "potential," "continue," "contemplate," "seek," "assume," "believe," "intend," "plan," "forecast," "goal," and "estimate," as well as similar expressions, are meant to identify such forward-looking statements. Potential risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those described under "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 32 and the following:

expected revenue synergies and cost savings from the combination may not be fully realized;

revenues following the combination may be lower than expected;

ability to obtain governmental approvals of the combination on the proposed terms and schedule;

failure of First Community's and Savannah River's shareholders to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance, as applicable;

credit losses as a result of, among other potential factors, declining real estate values, increasing interest rates, increasing unemployment, or changes in payment behavior or other factors;

the amount of First Community's loan portfolio collateralized by real estate and weaknesses in the real estate market;

restrictions or conditions imposed by First Community's regulators on its operations;

the adequacy of the level of First Community's allowance for loan losses and the amount of loan loss provisions required in future periods;

examinations by First Community's regulatory authorities, including the possibility that the regulatory authorities may, among other things, require First Community to increase its allowance for loan losses or write down assets;

reduced earnings due to higher other-than-temporary impairment charges resulting from additional decline in the value of First Community's securities portfolio, specifically as a result of increasing default rates, and loss severities on the underlying real estate collateral;

increases in competitive pressure in the banking and financial services industries;

changes in the interest rate environment which could reduce anticipated or actual margins;

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changes in political conditions or the legislative or regulatory environment, including governmental initiatives affecting the financial services industry;

general economic conditions resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality;

changes occurring in business conditions and inflation;

changes in funding or increased regulatory requirements with regard to funding;

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increased cybersecurity risk, including potential business disruptions or financial losses;

changes in technology;

changes in deposit flows;

changes in monetary and tax policies;

changes in accounting policies and practices;

the rate of delinquencies and amounts of loans charged off;

the rate of loan growth in recent years and the lack of seasoning of a portion of First Community's loan portfolio;

First Community's ability to maintain appropriate levels of capital;

First Community's ability to attract and retain key personnel;

First Community's ability to retain its existing clients, including its deposit relationships;

adverse changes in asset quality and resulting credit risk-related losses and expenses;

loss of consumer confidence and economic disruptions resulting from terrorist activities; and

other risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in First Community's filings with the SEC.

Because of these and other risks and uncertainties, First Community's or Savannah River's actual future results may be materially different from the results indicated by any forward-looking statements. In addition, First Community's and Savannah River's past results of operations do not necessarily indicate their future results. Therefore, both companies caution you not to place undue reliance on their forward-looking information and statements. Both companies undertake no obligation to update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

All forward-looking statements in this joint proxy statement/prospectus are based on information available to First Community and Savannah River as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Although both companies believe that the expectations reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, neither company can guarantee you that these expectations will be achieved. Both companies undertake no obligation to publicly update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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**SPECIAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS**

**General**

**Savannah River.** With respect to Savannah River shareholders, this document constitutes a proxy statement of Savannah River in connection with its solicitation of proxies from its shareholders for the vote on the merger agreement and on the authorization to adjourn the special shareholders' meeting, as well as a prospectus of First Community in connection with its issuance of shares of First Community common stock as part of the merger consideration. The proxy statement/prospectus is being mailed by Savannah River and First Community to Savannah River shareholders of record on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, together with the notice of the special shareholders' meeting and a proxy solicited by Savannah River's board of directors for use at the special shareholders' meeting and at any adjournments or postponements of the special shareholders' meeting.

**First Community.** With respect to First Community shareholders, this document constitutes a proxy statement of First Community in connection with its solicitation of proxies from its shareholders for the vote on the share issuance as contemplated by the merger agreement and on the authorization to adjourn the special shareholders' meeting. This proxy statement is being mailed by First Community to First Community shareholders of record on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, together with the notice of the special shareholders' meeting and a proxy solicited by First Community's board of directors for use at the special shareholders' meeting and at any adjournments or postponements of the special shareholders' meeting.

**Meeting Dates, Times, and Places and Record Dates**

**Savannah River.** The Savannah River special shareholders' meeting will be held at \_\_\_\_\_, Augusta, Georgia, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., local time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. Only holders of Savannah River common stock of record at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the special shareholders' meeting. As of the record date, there were \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, with each such share entitled to one vote.

**First Community.** The First Community special shareholders' meeting will be held at \_\_\_\_\_, Lexington, South Carolina, at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., local time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. Only holders of First Community common stock of record at the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the special shareholders' meeting. As of the record date, there were \_\_\_\_\_ shares of First Community common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, with each such share entitled to one vote.

**Matters to be Considered**

**Savannah River.** At the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, Savannah River shareholders will be asked to approve the merger agreement. Under the merger agreement, Savannah River will merge with SRMS, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community, with Savannah River surviving the merger and then merging with and into First Community. Shares of Savannah River common stock will be converted into the right to receive cash, shares of common stock of First Community, or a combination of both cash and shares of common stock of First Community, at the shareholder's election. If a shareholder elects cash, the shareholder will receive \$11.00 for each share of Savannah River common stock. If a shareholder elects stock, the shareholder will receive a number of shares of First Community common stock based on the exchange ratio for each share of Savannah River common stock. If a shareholder elects a combination, the shareholder will receive a combination of cash and First Community common stock for each share of Savannah River common stock. Elections by shareholders are limited by a requirement that 60% of the total number of outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for cash and that 40% of the

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total number of outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock will be exchanged for First Community common stock. Therefore, the form of consideration you receive will depend in part on the elections of other Savannah River shareholders. First Community will not issue fractional shares in the merger. Instead, you will receive a cash payment, without interest, in an amount equal to the fraction of a share of First Community common stock otherwise issuable upon conversion multiplied by the Average FCCO Stock Price.

Savannah River shareholders will also be asked to consider a proposal to authorize the board of directors to adjourn the special shareholders' meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes present at the special shareholders' meeting, in person or by proxy, to approve the merger agreement. Finally, Savannah River shareholders may also be asked to consider any other business that properly comes before the special shareholders' meeting.

Each copy of this joint proxy statement/prospectus mailed to Savannah River shareholders is accompanied by a proxy form for use at the special shareholders' meeting.

**First Community.** At the First Community special shareholders' meeting, First Community shareholders will be asked to approve the share issuance. First Community shareholders will also be asked to consider a proposal to authorize the board of directors to adjourn the special shareholders' meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes present at the special shareholders' meeting, in person or by proxy, to approve the share issuance. Each copy of this joint proxy statement/prospectus mailed to First Community shareholders is accompanied by a proxy form for use at the special shareholders' meeting, or First Community shareholders may vote by telephone or through the Internet. If your shares are held with a broker in "street name," you should follow the broker's instructions to indicate how you wish to vote, rather than completing the proxy form.

**Vote Required**

**Savannah River.** Approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of all shares of Savannah River common stock entitled to vote at the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting. Approval of the proposal to authorize adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of shares of common stock present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter.

On the record date, there were approximately            outstanding shares of Savannah River common stock, each of which is entitled to one vote at the special shareholders' meeting. On that date, the directors and executive officers of Savannah River and their affiliates beneficially owned a total of approximately        % of the outstanding shares of Savannah River common stock. Each of Savannah River's directors and executive officers has agreed, subject to several conditions, to vote his or her shares of Savannah River common stock in favor of the merger agreement. The presence, in person or by proxy, of shares of Savannah River common stock representing a majority of Savannah River's outstanding shares entitled to vote at the special meeting is necessary in order for there to be a quorum at the special shareholders' meeting. A quorum must be present in order for the vote on the merger agreement to occur.

**First Community.** Approval of the share issuance requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total votes cast on the share issuance at the special shareholders' meeting. Approval of the proposal to authorize adjournment will require that the number of votes cast in favor of the proposal exceed the number of votes cast against the proposal.

On the record date, there were approximately            outstanding shares of First Community common stock, each of which is entitled to one vote at the special meeting. On that date, the directors and officers of First Community and their affiliates beneficially owned a total of approximately        % of the outstanding shares of First Community common stock. To First Community's knowledge, each of

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First Community's directors and executive officers intends to vote his or her shares of First Community common stock in favor of the share issuance. The presence, in person or by proxy, of shares of First Community common stock representing a majority of First Community's outstanding shares entitled to vote at the special shareholders' meeting is necessary in order for there to be a quorum at the special shareholders' meeting. A quorum must be present in order for the vote on the share issuance to occur.

**Voting of Proxies**

**Savannah River.** Shares of common stock represented by properly executed proxies received at or prior to the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting will be voted at the special shareholders' meeting in the manner specified by the holders of such shares. Properly executed proxies that do not contain voting instructions will be voted **"FOR"** approval of the merger agreement and the proposal to authorize adjournment.

Any record shareholder present in person or by proxy at the special shareholders' meeting who abstains from voting will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

**Because approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of all shares of Savannah River common stock entitled to vote at the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as negative votes. Accordingly, Savannah River's board of directors urges its shareholders to complete, date, and sign the accompanying proxy form and return it promptly in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.**

**First Community.** Shares of common stock represented by properly executed proxies received at or prior to the First Community special shareholders' meeting will be voted at the special shareholders' meeting in the manner specified by the holders of such shares. Properly executed proxies that do not contain voting instructions will be voted **"FOR"** approval of the share issuance and the proposal to authorize adjournment.

Any record shareholder present in person or by proxy (including broker non-votes, which generally occur when a broker who holds shares in street name for a customer does not have the authority to vote on certain non-routine matters because its customer has not provided any voting instructions with respect to the matter) at the special shareholders' meeting who abstains from voting will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as a vote "for" or "against" the share issuance and will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast on the share issuance or the proposal to authorize adjournment. Nevertheless, First Community's board of directors urges its shareholders to vote by telephone, through the Internet, or by completing, dating, and signing the accompanying proxy form, or such other document as your broker instructs you to use if your shares are held in street name, and return it promptly in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

**Revocability of Proxies**

**Savannah River.** If you are a record shareholder, the grant of a proxy on the enclosed proxy card does not preclude you from voting in person or otherwise revoking your proxy. If you are a record shareholder, you may revoke a proxy at any time prior to its exercise by delivering to the Corporate Secretary of Savannah River either a duly executed revocation or a proxy bearing a later date. In addition, if you are a record shareholder, you may revoke a proxy prior to its exercise by voting in person at the special shareholders' meeting. All written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of Savannah River proxies should be addressed to Savannah River Financial Corporation, 3638 Walton Way Extension, Augusta, GA 30909, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Attendance at the special shareholders' meeting will not in and of itself constitute revocation of a proxy.

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**First Community.** If you are a record shareholder, the grant of a proxy on the enclosed proxy card does not preclude you from voting in person or otherwise revoking your proxy. If you are a record shareholder, you may revoke a proxy at any time prior to its exercise by delivering to the Corporate Secretary of First Community either a duly executed revocation or a proxy bearing a later date. In addition, if you are a record shareholder, you may revoke a proxy prior to its exercise by voting in person at the special shareholders' meeting. All written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of First Community proxies should be addressed to First Community Corporation, 5455 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29072, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Attendance at the special shareholders' meeting will not in and of itself constitute revocation of a proxy. If your shares are held in "street name" with a broker, you must follow your broker's instructions to revoke your voting instructions. Further, if your shares are held in "street name", you may not vote in person at the meeting unless your broker provides you voting authorization.

**Solicitation of Proxies**

**Savannah River.** Savannah River will pay all of the costs of soliciting proxies in connection with its special shareholders' meeting, except that First Community will pay the costs of filing the registration statement with the SEC, of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus is a part, and one-half of the costs of printing this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Solicitation of proxies may be made in person or by mail, telephone, or facsimile, or other form of communication by directors, officers, and employees of Savannah River who will not be specially compensated for such solicitation. Nominees, fiduciaries, and other custodians will be requested to forward solicitation materials to beneficial owners and to secure their voting instructions, if necessary, and will be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in sending proxy materials to beneficial owners.

**First Community.** First Community will pay all of the costs of soliciting proxies in connection with its special shareholders' meeting, the costs of filing the registration statement with the SEC, and one half of the costs of printing this joint proxy statement/prospectus. Solicitation of proxies may be made in person or by mail, telephone, or facsimile, or other form of communication by directors, officers, and employees of First Community who will not be specially compensated for such solicitation. Nominees, fiduciaries, and other custodians will be requested to forward solicitation materials to beneficial owners and to secure their voting instructions, if necessary, and will be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in sending proxy materials to beneficial owners.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation not contained in this joint proxy statement/prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorized by Savannah River, First Community, or any other person. The delivery of this joint proxy statement/prospectus does not, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the business or affairs of Savannah River or First Community since the date of the joint proxy statement/prospectus.



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**Recommendation of the Boards of Directors**

***Savannah River.*** Savannah River's board of directors has determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by it are in the best interests of Savannah River and its shareholders. The board of directors of Savannah River recommends that the Savannah River shareholders vote "FOR" these proposals at the special shareholders' meeting.

In the course of reaching its decision to adopt the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated in the merger agreement, Savannah River's board of directors, among other things, consulted with its legal advisors, Bryan Cave LLP, regarding the legal terms of the merger agreement, and with its financial advisor, Allen C. Ewing & Co., LLC, as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration to be received by the holders of Savannah River common stock in the merger. For a discussion of the factors considered by Savannah River's board of directors in reaching its conclusion, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Background of the Merger" and "Savannah River's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Savannah River Board of Directors."

Savannah River shareholders should note that Savannah River's directors have certain interests in, and may derive benefits as a result of, the merger that are in addition to their interests as shareholders of Savannah River. See "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Interests of Employees and Directors of Savannah River in the Merger."

***First Community.*** First Community's board of directors has determined that the share issuance is in the best interests of First Community and its shareholders. The members of the First Community board of directors unanimously recommend that First Community shareholders vote "FOR" these proposals.

In the course of reaching its decision to approve the share issuance as contemplated in the merger agreement, First Community's board of directors, among other things, consulted with its legal advisors, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, regarding the share issuance and the legal terms of the merger agreement, and with its financial advisor, FIG Partners LLC, as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the share issuance to the shareholders of First Community. For a discussion of the factors considered by First Community's board of directors in reaching its conclusion, see "Proposal No.1 The Merger Background of the Merger" and "First Community's Reasons for the Merger and the Share Issuance; Recommendation of the First Community Board of Directors."

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**PROPOSAL NO. 1 THE MERGER**

*The descriptions of the terms and conditions of the merger, the merger agreement, the share issuance and any related documents in this joint proxy statement/prospectus are qualified in their entirety by reference to the copy of the merger agreement attached as Appendix A to this joint proxy statement/prospectus, to the registration statement, of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus is a part, and to the exhibits to the registration statement.*

**General**

The First Community board of directors is using this joint proxy statement/prospectus to solicit proxies from the holders of First Community common stock for use at the First Community special shareholders' meeting. The Savannah River board of directors is using this joint proxy statement/prospectus to solicit proxies from the holders of Savannah River common stock for use at the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting.

**First Community Proposal**

At the First Community special shareholders' meeting, holders of First Community common stock are being asked to vote on the issuance of shares of First Community common stock as contemplated by the merger agreement.

The merger will not be completed unless First Community's shareholders approve the issuance of shares of First Community common stock as contemplated by the merger agreement.

**Savannah River Proposal**

At the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, holders of Savannah River common stock will be asked to vote upon the adoption of the merger agreement.

The merger will not be completed unless Savannah River's shareholders adopt the merger agreement and, by doing so, approve the proposed merger.

**Background of the Merger**

As part of its ongoing consideration and evaluation of Savannah River's long-term prospects and strategies, Savannah River's board of directors and senior management have from time to time reviewed and assessed Savannah River's business strategies and objectives, including strategic opportunities and challenges, all with the goal of enhancing shareholder value.

Similarly, the board of directors of First Community believes that its primary responsibility is to enhance shareholder value. Since First Community's inception, its board of directors has sought to achieve this goal through profitable operations as well as growth through organic growth, de novo branching and selected acquisitions. First Community's board of directors and senior management have from time to time reviewed and assessed First Community's business strategies and objectives, including potential strategic transactions.

After ongoing analysis, in the spring of 2013, Paul S. Simon, the Chairman of the Board of Savannah River, and J. Randolph Potter, Savannah River's Chief Executive Officer, came to the conclusion that Savannah River faced significant challenges with respect to achieving attractive profitability and return on equity levels for its shareholders as a stand-alone organization. Factors contributing to these challenges included:

the financial crisis and the resulting recession and ongoing economic sluggishness affecting the nation;



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pressure placed on net interest margins by a low interest rate environment;

the high level of competition among lenders, and limited loan demand; and

increasing regulatory complexity and expense.

As a result, Mr. Simon and Mr. Potter concluded that Savannah River should explore and consider the possibility of becoming part of a larger organization through an acquisition of a community bank, a merger with a community bank or aligning with a larger, well-capitalized and well-managed institution. It was agreed that, due to the highly preliminary nature of the investigation, discreet, informal inquiries by Mr. Potter would be the most effective means of obtaining information about the potential opportunities for a business combination involving Savannah River, while minimizing the risk of inadvertent and premature disclosure to customers, employees and other constituencies that Savannah River was evaluating its strategic alternatives.

In March, April and May of 2013, Mr. Potter discussed the possibility of a business combination transaction with a number of banks that he believed might have an interest in pursuing such a transaction and were of sufficient quality to be worthy of consideration as a partner. All such inquiries and discussions were preliminary in nature, and no specific proposals were made or received by Savannah River, other than the proposals made by First Community that are described below.

In March of 2013, First Community's Chief Executive Officer, Michael C. Crapps and Mr. Potter met to discuss their respective organizations. Mr. Crapps and Mr. Potter met again on April 17, 2013 to further discuss their respective institutions, including their respective financial positions, approach to community banking and strategic vision. Mr. Crapps and Mr. Potter discussed the possibility that, among other things, their respective focus on credit quality, cultural compatibility, and contiguous market locations, together with the potential operating efficiencies associated with a larger, combined company, could result in a strategic combination that could be beneficial to both companies and their respective shareholders. At this meeting, Mr. Crapps offered to analyze and provide to Mr. Potter an outline of a potential transaction structure and consideration associated with a possible strategic combination of First Community and Savannah River.

Following the April 17, 2013 meeting, First Community engaged FIG Partners LLC to serve as First Community's financial advisor with respect to a potential business combination with Savannah River.

Mr. Crapps and Mr. Potter met on May 13, 2013. They reviewed information regarding selected comparable company transactions and discussed First Community's proposal that the companies consider a strategic combination in which Savannah River's shareholders would receive merger consideration with a value of \$10.00 per share of Savannah River stock, consisting of 50% cash and 50% First Community common stock.

On May 21, 2013, at a regularly scheduled board meeting, First Community's management presented to the First Community board of directors information regarding Savannah River and an analysis of a potential strategic combination with Savannah River. The First Community board of directors directed management to continue discussions with Savannah River.

On May 23, 2013, Mr. Crapps met with Mr. Potter, Paul S. Simon, and Jeff P. Spears, the President of Savannah River. They discussed their respective companies, the community bank merger market in their region, and First Community's proposal that the companies consider a strategic combination in which Savannah River shareholders would receive merger consideration with a value of \$10.00 per share of Savannah River stock, consisting of 50% cash and 50% First Community common stock. First Community proposed that three Savannah River directors join the First Community board of directors in connection with a combination of the two companies. During this meeting, Mr. Potter

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advised Mr. Crapps that Mr. Simon would have primary responsibility for negotiating potential merger consideration for Savannah River.

During the last week of May 2013, Mr. Crapps had several telephonic discussions with Mr. Potter and Mr. Simon regarding the amount and form of potential merger consideration.

Since its organization, Savannah River has maintained an informal, on-going relationship with the investment banking firm of Allen C. Ewing & Co. Consequently, on May 28, 2013, Messrs. Simon, Potter and Spears held a teleconference with representatives of that firm to discuss First Community's then current indication of \$10.00 per share, payable in a mix of cash and stock, and whether it offered sufficient value for Savannah River from a financial point of view. The consensus from that discussion was that the proposal was not sufficient, but that it presented an opportunity for further discussion.

On June 10, 2013, Messrs. Simon, Potter, and Spears, Timothy N. Dangerfield, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Savannah River, and Robert M. Taylor III, an independent member of the board, who together comprised a corporate opportunities committee previously established by the board, met to discuss the First Community proposal. Following that meeting, on June 11, 2013, Messrs. Simon and Potter contacted Mr. Crapps to discuss the potential for the proposed combined company, which would have the ability and financial strength to more fully and effectively serve the banking needs of the institutions' respective communities, to create greater economies of scale and operating leverage, and to enhance shareholder value for both institutions. They also discussed the fact that First Community common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market, would provide Savannah River shareholders with a more liquid security than the unlisted Savannah River common stock, and that First Community has historically paid a quarterly cash dividend, whereas Savannah River has not paid any dividends on its common stock.

During this call, Messrs. Simon and Potter presented a counterproposal that Savannah River shareholders receive merger consideration with a target value of \$11.00 per share of Savannah River common stock and proposed that four Savannah River directors join the First Community board of directors in connection with a combination of the two institutions. They also discussed the important role of certain Savannah River executives in the management of the Aiken and Augusta markets in connection with a combination of the two companies.

On June 13, 2013, Mr. Crapps, Mr. Potter and Mr. Simon again discussed the possibility of a strategic combination. In this meeting, Mr. Crapps proposed that (i) Savannah River shareholders would receive merger consideration with a target value of \$10.50 per share of Savannah River stock (consisting of 60% cash and 40% First Community common stock), (ii) three Savannah River directors would join the First Community board of directors, and (iii) Savannah River's executive officers, other than its chief financial officer, would agree to continue working for the combined company in order to provide continuity and leadership in the Aiken and Augusta markets for First Community. Mr. Simon requested that First Community reconsider the \$10.50 per share target value of the merger consideration and requested a proposal with an \$11.00 per share target value for the merger consideration, which could include a different relative allocation of cash and First Community common stock. Mr. Crapps ultimately modified the proposal during that call to \$11.00 per share, payable 60% in cash and 40% in stock. Messrs. Simon and Potter responded that they would recommend consideration of that proposal to the full board.

On June 14, 2013, Savannah River engaged Allen C. Ewing & Co. to serve as Savannah River's financial advisor with respect to a potential business combination with First Community.

On June 17, 2013, Mr. Crapps delivered to the board of directors of Savannah River a non-binding expression of interest in pursuing a business combination on the terms outlined therein. It was proposed, among other things, that 60% of the consideration to Savannah River shareholders would be in the form of cash and 40% would be in the form of First Community common stock. The proposed

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price to Savannah River shareholders was \$11.00 per share, which was based on a then-recent 10-day average trading price of First Community common stock and equated to an exchange ratio of 1.1677 for the stock portion of the transaction. The proposal set forth in the letter anticipated using some form of price protection (cap/collar) mechanism for the stock portion of the consideration and also proposed a 60-day exclusivity period and binding confidentiality obligations.

On June 17, 2013, the Savannah River board of directors met and discussed First Community's non-binding expression of interest. After considering, among other things, Savannah River's strategies, objectives and challenges and the interests of Savannah River and its shareholders, as well as First Community's profitability, dividends, NASDAQ stock listing, balance sheet, credit quality, and its geographic, cultural and strategic compatibility with Savannah River, the Savannah River board authorized Mr. Potter, subject to clarification of the manner in which the exchange ratio would be determined, to move forward with due diligence and negotiation of definitive documents to present to the board for consideration.

On June 18, 2013 at a regular meeting of the First Community board of directors, management presented further analysis of a potential strategic combination with Savannah River and of the non-binding expression of interest that had been provided to Savannah River. The First Community board authorized management to move forward with due diligence with respect to Savannah River and to engage counsel to prepare a merger agreement for the First Community board of directors to consider.

On June 19, 2013, Mr. Crapps met with Mr. Spears to discuss the potential business combination, specifically in connection with the Aiken and Augusta markets.

In a letter dated June 20, 2013, Mr. Potter advised Mr. Crapps that the Savannah River board of directors had approved moving forward with due diligence but that Savannah River needed clarification of the manner in which the exchange ratio would be determined.

On July 1, 2013, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP ("Nelson Mullins"), counsel to First Community, had a telephonic meeting with Bryan Cave LLP, special counsel to Savannah River, to discuss the potential tax treatment of a business combination.

On July 2, 2013, Mr. Crapps and Joseph G. Sawyer, Chief Financial Officer of First Community, along with Nelson Mullins and FIG Partners LLC, had a telephonic meeting with Mr. Potter, along with Bryan Cave LLP and Allen C. Ewing & Co., the legal and financial advisors, respectively, to Savannah River. During the meeting, the parties discussed the method and timing for determining the exchange ratio, including potential caps and collars with respect to the exchange ratio, as well as potential timing for due diligence and the negotiation of a merger agreement.

On July 3, 2013, FIG Partners LLC sent to Allen C. Ewing & Co. a proposal with respect to the potential method and timing for determining the exchange ratio, including a potential collar with respect to the exchange ratio. After multiple discussions between FIG Partners LLC and Allen C. Ewing & Co., FIG Partners LLC sent a revised proposal for the potential method and timing for determining the exchange ratio, including a potential collar with respect to the exchange ratio, to Allen C. Ewing & Co. on July 5, 2013.

On July 5, 2013, Mr. Crapps and Mr. Potter discussed by telephone the potential retention, employment, consulting and non-competition arrangements with respect to Savannah River officers and employees.

On July 8, 2013, Savannah River advised First Community that, based on the revised proposed method, timing and collar with respect to the exchange ratio, Savannah River was willing to move forward with due diligence and negotiation of a merger agreement.

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On July 8, 2013, Nelson Mullins had a telephonic meeting with Bryan Cave LLP. During the meeting the parties discussed the employment agreements with Savannah River's officers, the potential roles of each of the Savannah River officers after a business combination transaction, and potential retention, employment, consulting and noncompetition arrangements with respect to the Savannah River officers. From July 8, 2013 until August 13, 2013, First Community and Nelson Mullins engaged in discussions and exchanged draft documents with Savannah River, Bryan Cave LLP and the Savannah River officers with respect to potential retention, employment, consulting and noncompetition arrangements with respect to the Savannah River officers.

On July 9, 2013, Nelson Mullins distributed a draft merger agreement to Savannah River and Bryan Cave LLP.

On the weekend of July 13 and 14, 2013, Savannah River made documents available in an on-site data room which First Community and Nelson Mullins reviewed. First Community, Nelson Mullins and FIG Partners LLC engaged in documentary due diligence and performed telephonic, interview and other due diligence, with respect to Savannah River's operations, financial condition, tax matters, employee agreements and benefits, regulatory standing and other matters, from July 13, 2013 until August 13, 2013.

Bryan Cave LLP provided a revised draft of the merger agreement to Nelson Mullins and First Community on July 25, 2013. Thereafter, Bryan Cave LLP and Nelson Mullins discussed legal issues with respect to the potential transaction on multiple occasions, and several drafts of the merger agreement were exchanged between the parties. During this time, the parties, with the assistance of counsel and their respective financial advisors, negotiated the terms of a definitive agreement and plan of merger for presentation to and approval of the parties' respective boards of directors. The negotiations revealed various areas of disagreement and resulted in compromises by both sides to reach an agreement acceptable to both parties to present to their respective boards of directors to consider.

On July 16, 2013, at a regularly scheduled board meeting, the First Community board of directors reviewed and discussed the potential merger with Savannah River. Mr. Crapps presented the board with due diligence findings and summarized the proposal then under discussion.

The Savannah River board of directors met on August 13, 2013 with counsel and its financial advisor to review the obligations of directors when considering a merger of the company, the proposed terms of the merger agreement, and an analysis of the fairness of the proposed transaction from a financial point of view to the shareholders of Savannah River. Allen C. Ewing & Co. rendered its oral opinion to the Savannah River board of directors (subsequently confirmed in writing) that, as of August 13, 2013, and based upon and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in such opinion, the proposed merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to the Savannah River shareholders.

At a special meeting on August 13, 2013, the Savannah River board of directors, by unanimous vote of all directors present, with Messrs. Potter and Spears abstaining on advice of counsel, which comprised two-thirds of the incumbent directors, (i) approved the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by such agreement, (ii) determined to recommend the merger agreement to the shareholders of Savannah River for their approval and (iii) authorized the executive officers of Savannah River to execute the merger agreement and to take such additional actions as may be necessary to effect the foregoing.

The First Community board of directors met on August 13, 2013 with counsel and its investment advisor to review the obligations of directors when considering the proposed merger, the proposed terms of the merger agreement, and an analysis of the fairness of the proposed transaction to First Community from a financial point of view. FIG Partners LLC rendered its oral opinion to the First Community board of directors (subsequently confirmed in writing) that, as of August 13, 2013, and

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based upon and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in such opinion, the proposed merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to First Community.

At their August 13, 2013 meeting, the First Community board of directors, by unanimous vote of all directors, approved the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by such agreement. The board of directors also voted to recommend to the shareholders of First Community that they approve the issuance of First Community stock pursuant to the merger agreement and authorized Mr. Crapps to execute the agreement on behalf of First Community.

On the evening of August 13, 2013, First Community and Savannah River executed the merger agreement. Prior to market open on August 14, 2013, the proposed merger was publicly announced.

**Savannah River's Reasons for the Merger; Recommendation of the Savannah River Board of Directors**

After careful consideration, Savannah River's board of directors, at a meeting held on August 13, 2013, adopted the merger agreement, determined that the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby to be fair and in the best interests of Savannah River and its shareholders, and resolved to recommend that the shareholders approve the merger agreement. In reaching its decision to adopt the merger agreement, the merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby, and to recommend that the shareholders approve the merger agreement, the Savannah River board of directors consulted with Savannah River management, as well as its financial and legal advisors, and considered a number of factors, including the following:

the business strategy and strategic plan of Savannah River, its prospects for the future, projected financial results, and expectations relating to the proposed merger with First Community;

a review of the risks and prospects of Savannah River remaining independent, including the challenges of the current financial and regulatory climate versus aligning Savannah River with a well-capitalized, well-managed and larger organization;

a review of the historical financial statements and condition of Savannah River and certain other internal information, primarily financial in nature, relating to the businesses, earnings and balance sheet of Savannah River;

the fact that the merger would combine two established banking franchises to create a bank with over \$700 million in assets;

the consistency of the merger with Savannah River's long-term strategic vision to seek profitable future expansion, providing the foundation for future expansion of its geographic footprint, leading to continued growth in overall shareholder value;

the complementary nature of the businesses of Savannah River and First Community and the anticipated improved stability of the combined company's business and earnings in varying economic and market climates;

the opportunity to build greater brand recognition and awareness;

the familiarity of Savannah River's senior management team with First Community's management team and the belief of Savannah River's senior management that the managements and employees of Savannah River and First Community possess complementary skills and expertise and the potential advantages of a larger institution when pursuing, or seeking to retain, production and management talent;



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the financial strength of First Community based on First Community's historical revenues and revenue expectations over the near and long term;

the strength and recent performance of First Community's common stock;

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the form and amount of the merger consideration, including the potential tax effects of the stock component of the consideration;

the ability of Savannah River's shareholders to benefit from First Community's potential growth and stock appreciation since it is more likely that the combined entity will have superior future earnings and prospects compared to Savannah River's earnings and prospects on an independent basis as the result of greater operating efficiencies and better penetration of commercial and consumer banking markets;

the ability of First Community to complete a merger transaction from a financial and regulatory perspective;

the geographic fit and increased customer convenience of the branch networks of the combined entity;

the potential continued representation of Savannah River's management on the management team and board of directors of the combined entity;

the anticipated effect of the acquisition on Savannah River's retained employees and the terms of severance for employees who would not be retained;

the effect on Savannah River's customers and the communities served by Savannah River;

the increased legal lending limit available to borrowers by reason of the merger;

the belief that, while no assurances could be given, the business and financial advantages contemplated in connection with the merger were likely to be achieved within a reasonable time frame;

the long-term and short-term interests of Savannah River and its shareholders, the interests of the employees, customers, creditors and suppliers of Savannah River, and community and societal considerations including those of the communities in which Savannah River maintains offices; and

the opinion of Allen C. Ewing & Co., delivered to the Savannah River board of directors on August 13, 2013, that as of that date, the merger consideration was fair from a financial point of view to Savannah River's shareholders.

Based on the factors described above, the board of directors of Savannah River determined that the merger with First Community and the merger of Savannah River Banking Company with First Community Bank would be advisable and in the best interests of Savannah River and its shareholders and other constituencies the board was authorized by the articles of incorporation to consider, and adopted the merger agreement and resolved to recommend its approval to the shareholders of Savannah River.

The foregoing discussion of the information and factors considered by Savannah River's board of directors is not intended to be exhaustive but includes the material factors considered by Savannah River's board of directors. In view of the wide variety of the factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the complexity of these matters, Savannah River's board of directors did not find it useful, and did not attempt, to quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative weights to these factors. In considering the factors described above, the individual members of Savannah River's board of directors may have given different weight to different factors. Savannah River's board of directors conducted an overall analysis of the factors described above including thorough discussions with, and questioning of, Savannah River management and Savannah River's legal and financial advisors, and considered the factors overall to be favorable to, and to support, its determination.



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**Opinion of Savannah River's Financial Advisor**

Allen C. Ewing & Co. is a nationally recognized investment banking firm with a significant focus on financial institutions headquartered in the southeastern United States. In the ordinary course of its investment banking activities, Allen C. Ewing & Co. is regularly engaged in the valuation of financial institutions and their securities in connection with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures and with other corporate finance transactions. By letter dated June 14, 2013, Savannah River retained Allen C. Ewing & Co. to act as its financial advisor in connection with a possible sale or merger transaction involving Savannah River.

At the August 13, 2013 meeting of the board of directors of Savannah River, Allen C. Ewing & Co. presented its financial analysis of the merger and delivered its written opinion that, as of that date, the merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of Savannah River.

**The full text of Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s August 13, 2013 opinion is attached as *Appendix C* to this proxy statement. The opinion outlines the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Allen C. Ewing & Co. in rendering its opinion. The description of the opinion set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the opinion. We urge Savannah River shareholders to read the entire opinion carefully in connection with their consideration of the merger.**

**Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion is directed to the Savannah River board of directors and relates only to the fairness of the merger consideration to be received by Savannah River shareholders, from a financial point of view. Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion does not address any other aspect of the merger and is not a recommendation to any Savannah River shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote at the meeting of Savannah River shareholders.**

***Information and Material Considered with Respect to the Merger.*** In arriving at its August 13, 2013 opinion, Allen C. Ewing & Co., among other things:

reviewed the merger agreement;

held discussions with members of senior management of Savannah River regarding the current business, financial condition, results of operations and business outlook of Savannah River;

reviewed current and historical consolidated financial statements and other historical financial and operating information of Savannah River that Allen C. Ewing & Co. deemed relevant;

reviewed and discussed with Savannah River's senior management the internally prepared financial projections of Savannah River for the year ending December 31, 2013;

reviewed and analyzed financial and market information relating to publicly traded commercial banking companies considered by Allen C. Ewing & Co. to be reasonably similar to Savannah River;

reviewed and analyzed the pricing ratios and other financial terms of recent business combinations in the commercial banking industry considered by Allen C. Ewing & Co. to be reasonably similar to those contemplated by the merger;

held discussions with members of senior management of First Community regarding First Community's current business, its business outlook and the expected benefits to be derived from the merger;

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reviewed current and historical consolidated financial statements of First Community and reviewed and analyzed other financial information relating to First Community that

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Allen C. Ewing & Co. deemed relevant, including detailed information relating to First Community's credit quality;

reviewed First Community's strategic plan for the three-year period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015;

reviewed First Community's cash dividend policy and history of dividend payments;

reviewed recently published equity research reports relating to First Community;

reviewed publicly available information with respect to current and historical market prices and trading activity of the common stock of First Community;

reviewed pro forma financial information showing the effect of the merger;

made an assessment of the current financial market environment in general and the commercial banking sector environment in particular; and

conducted other due diligence, financial and market studies, analyses and inquiries, and considered other information that Allen C. Ewing & Co. deemed relevant.

In performing its reviews and analyses and in rendering its opinion, Allen C. Ewing & Co. assumed and relied upon, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of all financial and other information that was publicly available or otherwise furnished to, reviewed by or discussed with Allen C. Ewing & Co., and further relied on the assurances of members of senior management of both Savannah River and First Community that they were not aware of any facts or circumstances that would make such information inaccurate or misleading.

With respect to the financial projections of Savannah River provided to or discussed with it, Allen C. Ewing & Co. has assumed, without independent verification or investigation, that such projections were reasonably prepared on a basis reflecting the best currently available information, estimates and judgments of Savannah River's senior management as to the future financial performance of Savannah River.

In arriving at its opinion, Allen C. Ewing & Co. did not conduct a physical inspection of the properties and facilities of Savannah River and did not make nor obtain any evaluations or appraisals of the assets or liabilities (including, without limitation, any potential environmental liabilities), contingent or otherwise, of Savannah River, nor did it examine any individual credit files.

The Allen C. Ewing & Co. opinion is necessarily based upon market, economic and other conditions as they existed and could be evaluated, and the information made available to Allen C. Ewing & Co., as of the date of its opinion. The financial markets in general and the market for the common stock of First Community, in particular, are subject to volatility, and Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion did not address potential developments in the financial markets or the market for the common stock of First Community after the date of its opinion. Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion did not address the relative merits of the merger as compared to any alternative business strategies that might exist for Savannah River, nor did it address the effect of any other business combination in which Savannah River might engage. For purposes of its opinion, Allen C. Ewing & Co. assumed that the merger would be consummated substantially in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement.

Subsequent developments may affect Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion although Allen C. Ewing & Co. does not have any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion after the date of this proxy statement.

In preparing its opinion, Allen C. Ewing & Co. performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses, a summary of which are described below. The summary is not a complete description of the analyses underlying Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex



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analytic process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, is not readily susceptible to summary description. Accordingly, Allen C. Ewing & Co. believes that its analyses must be considered as an integrated whole and that selecting portions of its analyses and factors, without considering all analyses and factors, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the processes underlying such analyses and Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion.

In performing its analyses, Allen C. Ewing & Co. made numerous assumptions with respect to Savannah River, First Community, industry performance and general business, economic, market and financial conditions, many of which are beyond the control of Savannah River and First Community. The estimates contained in these analyses and the valuation ranges resulting from any particular analysis are not necessarily indicative of actual values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by such analyses. In addition, analyses relating to the value of businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold. Accordingly, these analyses and estimates are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s opinion was only one of many factors considered by the Savannah River board of directors in its evaluation of the merger and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of the Savannah River's board of directors with respect to the merger or the merger consideration to be received by Savannah River's shareholders. The merger consideration was determined on the basis of negotiations between Savannah River and First Community. Savannah River's decision to enter into the merger was made solely by the Savannah River's board of directors.

The following is a summary of the material financial and comparative analyses presented to Savannah River's board of directors by Allen C. Ewing & Co. on August 13, 2013, in connection with its opinion.

**Summary of Proposal.** Allen C. Ewing & Co. reviewed the financial terms of the merger which provides that each share of Savannah River common stock shall be converted into the right to receive at the election of the holder either (i) cash in the amount of \$11.00, (ii) a number of shares of First Community common stock equal to the exchange ratio, as defined in the merger agreement, or (iii) a combination of cash and First Community common stock in such proportions as requested by a Savannah River shareholder to the extent available after proration of the merger consideration to 60% cash and 40% First Community common stock.

For purposes of its presentation to Savannah River's board of directors on August 13, 2013, Allen C. Ewing & Co. calculated the merger consideration to be \$33,575,290. Based upon financial information for Savannah River as of and for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013, Allen C. Ewing & Co. calculated the following transaction ratios:

**Transaction Ratios**

Transaction price/Earnings	52.44x
Transaction price/Book value	1.15x
Transaction price/Tangible book value	1.15x
Transaction price/Assets	20.96%
Transaction price/Deposits	26.96%

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**Analysis of Selected Publicly-Traded Comparable Companies.** Allen C. Ewing & Co. identified certain publicly-traded financial institutions which it determined to be generally similar to Savannah River (the "Savannah River Peer Group"). The Savannah River Peer Group consisted of the following 30 publicly-traded banks and bank holding companies headquartered in the southeastern United States with total assets between \$100 million and \$500 million and with a ratio of nonperforming assets-to-assets of less than 2.5% as of March 31, 2013:

**Savannah River Peer Group**

Aquesta Bank	Oconee Federal Financial Corp. (MHC)
Bank of McKenney	Pinnacle Bankshares Corporation
Bank of South Carolina Corporation	Poage Bankshares, Inc.
Bank of the James Financial Group, Inc.	Premara Financial, Inc.
Benchmark Bankshares, Inc.	Security Bancorp, Inc.
CBC Holding Company	Sound Banking Company
Commerce Union Bancshares, Inc.	Southwest Georgia Financial Corp.
Community Nat'l Bank of the Lakeway Area	Surrey Bancorp
Community Southern Bank	Truxton Corporation
Farmers Bank of Appomattox	United Financial Banking Companies
Freedom Bank of Virginia	United Tennessee Bankshares, Inc.
Little Bank, Inc.	Virginia Bank Bankshares, Incorporated
MainStreet Bank	Virginia Company Bank
MainStreet BankShares, Inc.	Virginia National Bank
Oak View National Bank	Wake Forest Bancshares, Inc. (MHC)

Source: SNL Financial

Allen C. Ewing & Co. reviewed selected financial data of each institution within the Savannah River Peer Group, calculated the mean and median amounts of such data and compared the mean and median amounts to the corresponding data of Savannah River as set forth in the table below.

**Savannah River Peer Group Analysis**

	<b>Savannah River as of 6/30/2013</b>	<b>Peer Group Mean</b>	<b>Peer Group Median</b>
Total Assets ( <i>in thousands</i> )	\$160,168	\$ 252,421	\$ 234,605
Net Loans ( <i>in thousands</i> )	\$108,613	\$ 168,300	\$ 168,734
Total Deposits ( <i>in thousands</i> )	\$124,535	\$ 214,400	\$ 194,485
LTM Net Income ( <i>in thousands</i> )	640	1,846	1,552
Equity/Assets	18.28%	11.46%	10.56%
LTM Net Income ( <i>in thousands</i> )	640	1,846	1,552
Net interest margin	3.69%*	3.72%	3.69%
LTM Return on average assets	0.48%*	0.70%	0.71%
LTM Return on average equity	3.42%*	5.84%	7.49%
Nonperforming assets/Total assets	0.62%*	1.30%	1.29%
Loan loss reserve/Gross loans	1.88%	1.45%	1.42%
Price/LTM earnings	Not publicly traded	14.95x	14.44x
Price/Book value	Not publicly traded	83.76%	86.58%

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Bank level

Source: SNL Financial



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Allen C. Ewing & Co. applied the average and median price multiples (using pricing data as of August 9, 2013) from the table above to Savannah River's earnings and book value as of and for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013. This analysis produced implied values of Savannah River's common stock ranging from \$9,245,484 to \$25,353,175. Allen C. Ewing & Co. noted that the merger consideration of \$33,575,290 (used for purposes of its presentation to Savannah River's board of directors) exceeded this range.

Subsequent to its meeting on August 13, 2013 with the board of directors of Savannah River, Allen C. Ewing & Co. continued to track the financial reporting of the individual banks and bank holding companies comprising the Savannah River Peer Group in order to update, as of the quarter ended June 30, 2013, the financial data used in its analysis. At such time as substantially all of this data became available, Allen C. Ewing & Co. calculated the mean and median price multiples (using pricing data as of August 9, 2013) to be as follows: Price/LTM earnings 14.78 (mean) and 12.72 (median) and Price/book value 82.41 (mean) and 86.54 (median). Allen C. Ewing & Co. then applied such multiples to Savannah River's earnings and book value as of and for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013. This analysis produced implied values of Savannah River's common stock ranging from \$8,144,222 to \$25,341,461, all of which values were exceeded by the merger consideration.

Allen C. Ewing & Co. recognized that not any of the companies in the Savannah River Peer Group were identical to Savannah River. Consequently, the analysis necessarily involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of the peer group companies and other factors that would affect their market values.

***Analysis of Selected Merger and Acquisition Transactions.*** Allen C. Ewing & Co. reviewed and analyzed the financial terms, to the extent publicly available, of 28 merger and acquisition transactions involving the following banks and bank holding companies headquartered in the southeastern United

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States with total assets of \$100 million to \$500 million and announced between August 1, 2010 and July 31, 2013:

**Comparable Transactions**

<b>Buyer</b>	<b>Target</b>
Stonegate Bank	Southwest Capital Bancshares
Piedmont Community Bank Hldgs. Inc.	Community Bank of Rowan
First Prestonsburg Bancshares Inc.	Short Holding Co.
CBM Florida Holding Co.	First Community Bank of America
City Holding Co.	Virginia Savings Bancorp Inc.
1st United Bancorp Inc.	Anderen Financial Inc.
Trustmark Corp.	Bay B&TC
Kentucky First Federal (MHC)	CKF Bancorp Inc.
BNC Bancorp	KeySource Financial Inc.
First Volunteer Corp.	Gateway Bancshares Inc.
CapStar Bank	American Security B&TC
First Community Bancshares Inc.	Peoples Bank of Virginia
IBERIABANK Corp.	Florida Gulf Bancorp Inc.
BNC Bancorp	First Trust Bank
Drummond Banking Co.	Williston Holding Co.
Educational Services of America Inc.	SouthEast Bancshares Inc.
Cordia Bancorp Inc.	Bank of Virginia
CapStone Bank	Patriot State Bank
Bank of the Ozarks Inc.	Genala Banc Inc.
Old Florida Bancshares Inc.	New Traditions National Bank
First Bancshares Inc.	First National Bank of Baldwin County
S.Y. Bancorp Inc.	Bancorp Inc.
HopFed Bancorp Inc.	Sumner Bank & Trust
Southern BancShares (NC)	Heritage Bancshares Inc.
1st United Bancorp Inc.	Enterprise Bancorp Inc.
BNC Bancorp	Randolph Bank & Trust Company
HomeTrust Bancshares Inc.	BankGreenville Financial Corp.
C&F Financial Corp.	Central Virginia Bankshares

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*Source: SNL Financial*

For the selected transactions, Allen C. Ewing & Co. analyzed, among other things, the transaction price as a multiple of earnings and as a percentage of book value, tangible book value, assets and deposits. All multiples and percentages for the selected transactions were based on publicly available

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information at the time of announcement of the relevant transaction. The following table sets forth the mean and median transaction price multiples and percentages indicated by this analysis:

**Comparable Transactions Analysis**

	<b>Mean Multiple/%</b>	<b>Median Multiple/%</b>
<i>All Targets</i>		
Transaction Price/LTM Earnings	24.17x	18.78x
Transaction Price/Book Value	86.90%	87.69%
Transaction Price/Tangible Book Value	87.48%	90.88%
Transaction Price/Assets	9.28%	8.36%
Transaction Price/Deposits	10.80%	9.62%
<i>Targets with NPAs/Assets less than 2.5%</i>		
Transaction Price/LTM Earnings	20.06%	18.78%
Transaction Price/Book Value	99.83%	100.66%
Transaction Price/Tangible Book Value	99.83%	100.66%
Transaction Price/Assets	12.02%	12.08%
Transaction Price/Deposits	14.08%	14.72%

Source: SNL Financial

Allen C. Ewing & Co. applied the mean and median multiples and percentages resulting from the analysis above to Savannah River's earnings, book value, tangible book value, assets and deposits as of and for the twelve months ended June 30, 2013. This analysis produced implied values of Savannah River's common stock ranging from \$11,980,225 to \$26,612,341. Allen C. Ewing & Co. noted that the merger consideration of \$33,575,290 (used for purposes of its presentation to Savannah River's board of directors) exceeded this range.

Allen C. Ewing & Co. further refined its comparable transactions analysis by identifying those banks and bank holding companies within the above universe of targets that ranked highest in asset quality. Allen C. Ewing & Co. identified seven such banks and bank holding companies with a ratio of nonperforming assets-to-assets of less than 2.5%. Allen C. Ewing & Co. calculated the mean and median transaction price multiples and percentages shown in the table above and applied them to the corresponding financial data of Savannah River. This analysis produced implied values of Savannah River's common stock ranging from \$12,024,252 to \$29,476,213. Allen C. Ewing & Co. noted that the merger consideration of \$33,575,290 (used for purposes of its presentation to Savannah River's board of directors) exceeded this range as well.

Allen C. Ewing & Co. recognized that no transaction considered in the analysis of selected merger and acquisition transactions is identical to the proposed merger. All multiples and percentages for the selected transactions were based on public information available at the time of announcement of such transaction, without taking into account differing market and other conditions during the periods in which the selected transactions occurred.

**Fees of Financial Advisor.** Savannah River has paid Allen C. Ewing & Co. a fee of \$25,000 for Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s advisory services in connection with its preparation and delivery of the opinion. Savannah River has agreed to pay to Allen C. Ewing & Co. a fee equal to 0.5% of the merger consideration. Savannah River has also agreed to reimburse certain of Allen C. Ewing & Co.'s reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with its engagement and to indemnify Allen C. Ewing & Co. and its officers, directors, employees, affiliates, agents, counsel and other advisors against certain expenses and liabilities, including liabilities under securities laws.

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**Disclosure.** Ewing Financial Institution Fund I, LP (the "Fund") was organized on October 31, 2005 with the objective of generating long-term capital appreciation by the acquisition of equity securities in de novo banks, emerging banks and established banks. The General Partner of the Fund is Ewing Emerging Financial Institution Fund GP, LLC ("General Partner") organized on October 31, 2005 solely for the purpose of acting as general partner of the Fund and managing the business and affairs of the Fund. The sole member of the General Partner is Allen C. Ewing & Co ("Ewing"). Neither the General Partner nor Ewing has ownership in the Fund.

On December 6, 2006, the Fund purchased 50,000 shares of common stock of Savannah River as part of Savannah River's initial offering of common stock pursuant to a Private Placement Memorandum dated October 6, 2006, and held such shares continuously until \_\_\_\_\_, at which time they were distributed to the Fund's individual unit holders.

**First Community's Reasons for the Merger and the Share Issuance; Recommendation of the First Community Board of Directors**

In the course of reaching its recommendation to the First Community shareholders to vote in favor of the share issuance pursuant to the merger, the First Community board of directors considered many factors, including the positive and negative factors described elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, and concluded that the adoption of the merger agreement, and the consummation of the merger and the share issuance described therein, is advisable and in the best interests of First Community and First Community's shareholders.

In reaching their conclusion and making their recommendation, the members of the First Community board of directors relied on, among other things, their personal knowledge of First Community, Savannah River, and the banking industry, on information provided by executive officers of First Community, and on advice and information provided by First Community's legal and financial advisors.

The First Community board of directors considered numerous factors, including, among other things, the following, which are not intended to be exhaustive and are not presented in any relative order of importance:

the business, earnings, operations, financial condition, management, prospects, capital levels, and asset quality of both First Community and Savannah River;

the board's understanding of the current and prospective environment in which First Community and Savannah River operate, including national, regional and local economic conditions, the competitive and regulatory environment for financial institutions generally, and the likely effect of these factors on First Community in the context of the proposed merger;

the board's review and discussions with First Community's management concerning the due diligence examination of Savannah River, including First Community's due diligence review of the composition and quality of Savannah River's loan portfolio and First Community's use of a third party loan review firm;

the markets served by Savannah River are contiguous and in many respects similar to the existing markets of First Community, without any overlap in their existing branch facilities;

the directors' beliefs with respect to the compatibility of the business cultures of First Community and Savannah River, including the strategic focus of each company on local businesses and professionals;

the belief of the board of directors that combining the two companies presented opportunities to realize economies of scale, including cost savings, operational, marketing and other synergies,

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and the board's consideration of the risks that anticipated cost savings and synergies would not be achieved;

the views of the First Community board of directors as to the anticipated pro forma impact of the merger on the profitability, earnings per share, tangible book value per share, capital ratios, and loan to deposit ratio of First Community;

the costs associated with the merger and integrating the operations of First Community and Savannah River;

the board's belief that the greater scale that will be achieved by the merger will better position the combined company for further growth and profitability;

the belief of the board of directors that the pro forma increased market capitalization of First Community could result in higher visibility and exposure in the capital markets, which could have positive valuation implications;

the structure of the merger and the terms of the merger agreement, including the manner in which the exchange ratio would be determined;

the views of the board of directors as to the likelihood that the regulatory approvals necessary to complete the transaction would be obtained; and

the financial analysis prepared by FIG Partners LLC, First Community's financial advisor, and the opinion delivered to the First Community board of directors by FIG Partners, LLC to the effect that, as of August 13, 2013, the exchange ratio was fair, from a financial point of view, to First Community.

The foregoing information and factors considered by First Community's board of directors is not exhaustive, but includes material factors that First Community's board of directors considered and discussed in approving and recommending the merger. In view of the wide variety of factors considered and discussed by First Community's board of directors in connection with its evaluation of the merger and the complexity of these factors, the board of directors did not consider it practical to, nor did it attempt to, quantify, rank, or otherwise assign any specific or relative weights to the specific factors that it considered in reaching its decision; rather it considered all of the factors as a whole. The board of directors discussed the foregoing factors internally and with First Community's management and legal and financial advisors and reached the general consensus that the merger was in the best interests of First Community and its shareholders. First Community's board of directors also relied on the experience and expertise of First Community's financial advisor for quantitative analysis of the financial terms of the merger. See "The Merger Opinion of First Community's Financial Advisor" on page 70. In considering the foregoing factors, individual directors may have assigned different weights to different factors. It should be noted that this explanation of the reasoning of First Community's board of directors and other information presented in this section are forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" on page 48.

**Opinion of First Community's Financial Advisor**

FIG Partners LLC ("FIG") has delivered to the board of directors of First Community its opinion that, based upon and subject to the various considerations set forth in its written opinion dated August 13, 2013, the total merger consideration to be paid to the shareholders of Savannah River is fair to First Community from a financial point of view as of such date. In requesting FIG's advice and opinion, no limitations were imposed by First Community upon FIG with respect to the investigations made or procedures followed by it in rendering its opinion. **The full text of the opinion of FIG, dated August 13, 2013, which describes the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached hereto as Appendix D. First Community shareholders should read this opinion in its entirety.**

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FIG is a nationally recognized investment banking firm and, as part of its investment banking business, is continually engaged in the valuation of financial institutions in connection with mergers and acquisitions, private placements and valuations for other purposes. As a specialist in securities of financial institutions, FIG has experience in, and knowledge of, banks, thrifts and bank and thrift holding companies. First Community selected FIG to act as its financial advisor in connection with the merger on the basis of the firm's reputation and expertise in transactions such as the merger.

FIG will receive a fee from First Community for performing its financial advisory services in connection with the merger and rendering a written opinion to the board of Directors of First Community as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the merger to First Community; a portion of which is contingent upon the consummation of the merger. Further, First Community has agreed to indemnify FIG against any claims or liabilities arising out of FIG's engagement by First Community. FIG has not had a material relationship with First Community or Savannah River for which FIG has received compensation during the prior two years. FIG may in the future provide investment banking and financial advisory services to First Community and receive compensation for such services.

**FIG's opinion is directed only to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the total merger consideration, and, as such, does not constitute a recommendation to any First Community shareholder as to how the shareholder should vote at the First Community shareholder meeting. The summary of the opinion of FIG set forth in this joint proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion.**

The following is a summary of the analyses performed by FIG in connection with its fairness opinion. Certain analyses were confirmed in a presentation to the board of directors of First Community by FIG. The summary set forth below does not purport to be a complete description of either the analyses performed by FIG in rendering its opinion or the presentation delivered by FIG to the board of directors of First Community, but it does summarize all of the material analyses performed presented by FIG.

The preparation of a fairness opinion involves various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analyses and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. In arriving at its opinion, FIG did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis and factor considered by it, but rather made qualitative judgments as to the significance and relevance of each analysis and factor. FIG may have given various analyses more or less weight than other analyses. Accordingly, FIG believes that its analyses and the following summary must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses, without considering all factors could create an incomplete view of the process underlying the analyses set forth in its report to the board of directors of First Community and its fairness opinion.

In performing its analyses, FIG made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of First Community. The analyses performed by FIG are not necessarily indicative of actual value or actual future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by such analyses. Such analyses were prepared solely as part of FIG's analysis of the fairness of the transaction consideration, from a financial point of view, to First Community. The analyses do not purport to be an appraisal or to reflect the prices at which a company might actually be sold or the prices at which any securities may trade at the present time or at any time in the future. FIG's opinion does not address the relative merits of the merger as compared to any other business combination in which First Community might engage. In addition, as described above, FIG's opinion to the board of directors of First Community was one of many factors taken into consideration by the board of directors of First Community in making its determination to approve the merger agreement.



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During the course of its engagement, and as a basis for arriving at its opinion, FIG reviewed and analyzed material bearing upon the financial and operating conditions of First Community and Savannah River and material prepared in connection with the merger, including, among other things, the following:

reviewed the merger agreement;

reviewed certain historical publicly available business and financial information concerning First Community along with its banking subsidiary First Community Bank and Savannah River along with its banking subsidiary Savannah River Banking Company, including, among other things, quarterly and annual reports filed by the parties with the FDIC and the Federal Reserve;

reviewed certain financial projections prepared by the management of First Community along with its banking subsidiary First Community Bank and Savannah River along with its banking subsidiary Savannah River Banking Company;

held discussions with members of the senior management of First Community for the purpose of reviewing future prospects of First Community and Savannah River, including financial forecasts related to the respective businesses, earnings, assets, liabilities and the amount of and timing of cost savings expected to be achieved as a result of the merger;

reviewed the terms of recent merger and acquisition transactions, to the extent publicly available, involving banks, thrifts and bank and thrift holding companies that we considered relevant; and

performed such other analyses and considered such other factors as we have deemed appropriate.

In rendering its opinion, FIG assumed, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the publicly and non-publicly available financial and other information furnished to FIG by First Community and Savannah River and relied upon the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the parties contained in the merger agreement. FIG also assumed that the financial forecasts furnished to or discussed with FIG by First Community were reasonably prepared and reflected the best currently available estimates and judgments of senior management of First Community as to the future financial performance of Savannah River. FIG has not made any independent evaluation or appraisal of any properties, assets or liabilities of First Community or Savannah River.

**Contribution Analysis.** FIG prepared a contribution analysis showing percentages of total assets, total loans, total deposits, and net income at June 30, 2013 for First Community and Savannah River to be contributed to the combined company on a pro forma basis. Savannah River shareholders will receive a merger consideration of 60% cash and 40% stock (a total deal value of \$11.00 per share).

	<b>Savannah River Contribution To First Community</b>
Total assets	20.2%
Total loans	24.2%
Total deposits	20.4%
LTM pre-tax, pre-provision income	19.5%
LTM net income	14.2%

**Comparable Transaction Analysis.** As part of its analysis, FIG reviewed two groups of comparable merger transactions. The first peer group included transactions which have occurred since January 1, 2012, that involved target banks located throughout the United States that had total assets of \$100 million to \$300 million with NPA/Assets < 2.5% (the "Comparable Transactions National"),

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which financial measures FIG deemed to be comparable to Savannah River's financial condition and appropriate for selecting national peers. All consideration types were included. The group was also limited to bank holding companies and commercial banks and transactions where pricing was disclosed. This group consisted of the following transactions:

<b>Data</b>	<b>Buyer</b>	<b>St.</b>	<b>Seller</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>St.</b>
07/26/13	HomeStreet Inc.	WA	YNB Financial Services Corp.	Yakima	WA
07/18/13	Independent Bk Group Inc.	TX	Collin Bank	Plano	TX
06/08/13	Wilshire Bancorp Inc.	CA	BankAsiana	Palisades Park	NJ
06/05/13	Haven Bancorp MHC	NJ	Hilltop Community Bancorp Inc.	Summit	NJ
05/23/13	Pvt invr Jacob M. Safra		T Rowe Price SB	Baltimore	MD
05/15/13	Commerce Bancshares Inc.	MO	Summit Bancshares Inc.	Tulsa	OK
05/14/13	Independent Bank Corp.	MA	Mayflower Bancorp Inc.	Middleboro	MA
05/02/13	Sterling Financial Corp.	WA	Commerce National Bk	Newport Beach	CA
04/30/13	Croghan Bancshares Inc.	OH	Indebancorp	Oak Harbor	OH
03/27/13	Bryn Mawr Bank Corp.	PA	MidCoast Community Bncp Inc	Wilmington	DE
03/17/13	CBTCO Bancorp	NE	Bradley Bancorp	Columbus	NE
03/11/13	Heritage Financial Corp.	WA	Valley Community Bcshs Inc	Puyallup	WA
02/25/13	Glacier Bancorp Inc.	MT	Wheatland Bankshares Inc.	Wheatland	WY
02/14/13	Southern BancShares (NC)	NC	Heritage Bancshares Inc.	Lucama	NC
01/28/13	Pacific Premier Bancorp	CA	San Diego Trust Bank	San Diego	CA
12/28/12	TF Financial Corp.	PA	Roebbling Financial Corp.	Roebbling	NJ
12/19/12	S. Y. Bancorp Inc.	KY	Bancorp Inc.	La Grange	KY
11/26/12	Coronado First Bank	CA	San Diego Private Bank	La Jolla	CA
11/16/12	QCR Holdings Inc.	IL	Community National Bancorp.	Waterloo	IA
10/12/12	Jeff Davis Bancshares Inc.	LA	Guaranty Capital Corp.	Mamou	LA
10/09/12	LCNB Corp.	OH	First Capital Bancshares Inc.	Chillicothe	OH
10/04/12	Bank of the Ozarks Inc.	AR	Genala Banc Inc.	Geneva	AL
08/02/12	Overton Financial Corporation	TX	First National Bank of Canton	Canton	TX
08/01/12	New Hampshire Thrift Bncshrs	NH	Nashua Bank	Nashua	NH
07/31/12	Heartland Financial USA Inc.	IA	First Shares Inc.	Platteville	WI
07/27/12	American Bancorp. Inc.	OK	Osage Bancshares Inc.	Pawhuska	OK
07/23/12	Mission Bancorp	CA	Mojave Desert Bank NA	Mojave	CA
07/02/12	Independent Bk Group Inc.	TX	Community Group Inc.	Highland Village	TX
06/14/12	HaleCo Bancshares Inc.	TX	LubCo Bancshares Inc.	Slaton	TX
05/23/12	First Priority Financial Corp.	PA	Affinity Bancorp Inc.	Wyomissing	PA
04/30/12	PacWest Bancorp	CA	American Perspective Bank	San Luis Obispo	CA
04/04/12	FVNB Corp.	TX	First State Bank	New Braunfels	TX
03/29/12	S&T Bancorp Inc.	PA	Gateway Bank of Pennsylvania	McMurray	PA
03/23/12	SKBHC Holdings LLC	WA	Security Business Bancorp	San Diego	CA
03/21/12	Commerce Bancshares Corp.	MA	Mercantile Capital Corp	Boston	MA
03/15/12	PSB Holdings Inc.	WI	Marathon State Bank	Marathon	WI
03/01/12	First Community Bancshares Inc	VA	Peoples Bank of Virginia	Richmond	VA
02/01/12	Center Bancorp Inc.	NJ	Saddle River Valley Bank	Saddle River	NJ

The second peer group included transactions, which have occurred since January 1, 2010, that involved target banks located in Southeastern U.S. Region (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN) that had total assets from \$100 million to \$500 million and NPA/Assets < 5.0% (the

"Comparable Transactions Southeast"), which financial measures FIG deemed comparable to Savannah River's financial condition and appropriate for selecting regional peers. All consideration types were included.

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The group was also limited to bank holding companies and commercial banks and transactions where pricing was disclosed. This group consisted of the following eight transactions:

<b>Data Announced</b>	<b>Buyer</b>	<b>St.</b>	<b>Seller</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>St.</b>
07/01/13	First Federal Bancshares of AR	AR	First National Security Co.	Hot Springs	AR
02/14/13	Southern BancShares (NC)	NC	Heritage Bancshares Inc.	Lucama	NC
11/05/12	Old Florida Bancshares Inc.	FL	New Traditions National Bank	Orlando	FL
10/12/12	Jeff Davis Bancshares Inc.	LA	Guaranty Capital Corp.	Mamou	LA
10/04/12	Bank of the Ozarks Inc.	AR	Genala Banc Inc.	Geneva	AL
08/03/12	MidSouth Bancorp Inc.	LA	PSB Financial Corporation	Many	LA
08/29/11	MidSouth Bancorp Inc.	LA	First Louisiana National Bank	Breaux Bridge	LA
03/10/11	IBERIABANK Corp.	LA	Cameron Bancshares Inc.	Lake Charles	LA

FIG calculated the medians and averages of the following relevant transaction ratios in the Comparable Transactions National and the Comparable Transactions Southeast: the percentage of the offer value to the acquired company's total assets, the multiple of the offer value to the acquired company's tangible book value; the multiple of the offer value to the acquired company's fully leveraged book value; the multiple of the offer value to the acquired company's total assets; and the tangible book value premium to core deposits. FIG compared these multiples with the corresponding multiples for the merger, valuing the total consideration that would be received pursuant to the merger agreement at approximately \$33.6 million, or \$11.00 per Savannah River share. In calculating the multiples for the merger, FIG used Savannah River's tangible book value, fully leveraged tangible book value, total assets, and total core deposits as of June 30, 2013. The results of this analysis are as follows:

	<b>Tangible Book Value (%)</b>	<b>Offer Value to Fully Leveraged Book Value (%)</b>	<b>Total Assets (%)</b>	<b>Core Deposit Premium (%)</b>
Savannah River	114.7	131.5	21.0	3.8
Transaction National Median	129.9	134.5	14.8	3.5
Transactions National Average	125.8	127.9	14.0	3.4
Transactions Southeast Median	123.8	128.6	13.8	2.8
Transaction Southeast Average	122.1	127.9	13.4	3.0

**Discounted Cash Flow Analysis.** FIG estimated the present value of all shares of Savannah River common stock by estimating the value of Savannah River estimated future earnings stream beginning in 2013. Reflecting internal projections and FIG estimates based upon discussion with Savannah River, FIG assumed net income for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 of \$849 thousand, \$1.8 million, \$2.4 million, \$2.7 million, and \$2.8 million, respectively. The present value of these earnings was calculated based on a range of discount rates of 12.0%, 13.0%, and 14.0%, respectively. In order to derive the terminal value of Savannah River earnings stream beyond 2017, FIG performed two separate analyses: 1) an acquisition in 2017 at 20.0 times estimated earnings in the terminal year; and 2) an acquisition in 2017 at 1.50 times estimated tangible book value in the terminal year. The present value of these terminal amounts was then calculated based on the range of discount rates mentioned above. These rates and values were chosen to reflect different assumptions regarding the required rates of return of holders or prospective buyers of Savannah River's common stock. The two analyses and the underlying assumptions yielded a range of value for all the shares of Savannah River's stock of approximately 1) \$9.47 per share to \$13.40 per share; and 2) \$9.24 per share to \$12.23 per share compared to the merger consideration of \$11.00 per share.

**Franchise Valuation.** FIG estimated the value of Savannah River franchise through a build up methodology based on a deposit premium, credit mark and capital mark based analysis. The

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methodology begins with First Community's tier 1 tangible common capital of \$29.2 million. From the tier 1 common capital number, a credit mark is subtracted which is based on a loan credit mark of 1.9% and an OREO credit mark of 25%, offset by reserves, which resulted in no net total credit mark because reserves fully offset the loan and OREO credit mark. A capital mark is also subtracted from the tier 1 common capital figure if tier 1 common capital is less than 8.0%. This was not the case for Savannah River and therefore, no subtraction was made for the capital mark. After a credit mark and capital mark has been applied to tier 1 common capital, a deposit premium is applied based on deposit premiums for noninterest bearing deposits of 7.5%, NOW accounts of 5.0% and MMDA and savings accounts of 3.0%. The total deposit premium calculated was \$4.3 million. Therefore, the total indicated franchise valuation was \$33.6 million, which indicated a value of \$11.20 per share.

**Based upon the foregoing analyses and other investigations and assumptions set forth in its opinion, without giving specific weightings to any one factor or comparison, FIG determined that the merger consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to First Community shareholders.**

**Merger Consideration**

Under the merger agreement, Savannah River shareholders will receive one of the following forms of payment of merger consideration in exchange for each of their shares of Savannah River common stock (subject to the limitations and adjustments discussed below):

\$11.00 in cash the cash consideration;

A number of shares of First Community common stock to be determined based upon the exchange ratio the stock consideration; or

A combination of cash consideration and stock consideration in such proportions as requested by the shareholder the mixed consideration.

The exchange ratio will be determined based on the Average FCCO Stock Price. The exchange ratio will be 1.0618 if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or above \$10.36; if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or below \$8.48, then the exchange ratio will be 1.2972. If the Average FCCO Stock Price is between \$8.48 but below \$10.36, then the exchange ratio will be equal to \$11.00 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price. In addition, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is greater than \$11.78, First Community may terminate the merger agreement unless Savannah River agrees to decrease the exchange ratio so that it is equal to 1.0618 multiplied by the quotient of \$11.78 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price. Similarly, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is less than \$7.54, Savannah River may terminate the merger agreement unless First Community agrees, in its sole discretion, to either (i) increase the exchange ratio so that it is equal to 1.2972 multiplied by the quotient of \$7.54 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price, or (ii) pay additional cash consideration to Savannah River shareholders that receive First Community common stock equal to the difference between \$7.54 and the Average FCCO Stock Price per share.

The merger agreement provides that First Community will issue shares of First Community common stock for 40% of the non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding on the effective date of the merger and pay cash for the remaining 60% of the non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding. Savannah River shareholders are entitled to elect to receive the cash consideration, the stock consideration, or the mixed consideration, in whole share increments, with respect to the holders' shares of Savannah River common stock. In other words, by promptly completing and timely delivering the election form, you can elect to receive cash for your shares of Savannah River common stock, shares of First Community common stock for your shares of Savannah River common stock, or cash and shares of First Community common stock in such proportions as you choose for your shares of Savannah River common stock. As discussed below, however, you may not receive the type of merger consideration you elect.

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If shareholders of Savannah River in the aggregate elect the form of consideration so that either cash would be paid as merger consideration for more than 60% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock or shares of First Community common stock would be issued as merger consideration for more than 40% of the outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock, the merger agreement provides a method to reallocate cash or stock so that the merger consideration will not exceed either threshold. For a description of the reallocation method, see "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Allocation of the Merger Consideration." Accordingly, you may receive less cash and more shares, or more shares and less cash than you elect. Either of these events is likely to result in different tax consequences from those that would have resulted had you received the exact form of merger consideration you elected.

No fractional shares of First Community common stock will be issued in connection with the merger. Instead, cash will be paid for any fraction of a share of First Community common stock to which any Savannah River shareholder would otherwise be entitled upon completion of the merger. The cash paid will be an amount equal to the fraction of a share of First Community common stock otherwise issuable upon conversion multiplied by the Average FCCO Stock Price.

Neither Savannah River nor First Community (or their respective boards of directors) nor their financial advisors make any recommendation as to whether you should choose the cash consideration, stock consideration, or mixed consideration for your shares of Savannah River common stock. You should consult with your own financial and tax advisors about this decision.

Shares of First Community common stock are listed for trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO." On August 13, 2013, which was the last trading day before the announcement of the merger, the price of a share of First Community common stock closed at \$10.36 per share, and on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, the latest practicable date before mailing out this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the price of a share of First Community common stock closed at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share. You should be aware that the market value of shares of First Community common stock will fluctuate, and neither First Community nor Savannah River can give you any assurance as to what the price of shares of First Community common stock will be when the merger becomes effective. We urge you to obtain information on the market value of shares of First Community common stock that is more recent than that provided in the joint proxy statement/prospectus. See "Summary Market Price and Dividend Information" on page 12.

**Illustration of Allocation of the Merger Consideration**

The following table illustrates calculations of consideration at different prices for First Community common stock that would be received by a holder of 100 shares of Savannah River common stock depending on whether the shareholder elected the cash consideration, the stock consideration, or a mixed consideration. These calculations do not take into consideration the effects of taxation. See "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Important Federal Income Tax Consequences" on page 83.

The assumed closing values of the shares of First Community common stock set forth in the table have been included for representative purposes only and are based on the high and low closing values for the shares of First Community common stock from April 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013 and the closing values for the shares of First Community common stock on August 13, 2013, the last trading day prior to the announcement of the merger. The closing value at the time the merger becomes effective may be less than \$8.44 or more than \$11.16. We cannot predict what the closing value for shares of First Community common stock will be or what the value of the shares of First Community common stock to be issued in the merger will be at or following the merger becoming effective.

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(Assuming various cash/share elections and First Community common stock closing values)

	<b>Mixed Election (40/60 Stock-Cash)</b>	<b>All Stock Election</b>	<b>All Cash Election</b>
<b>Assuming a \$10.36 closing value</b> (last trading day prior to date of merger agreement)			
Value of Cash Consideration Received	\$ 660	\$	\$ 1,100
Value of Stock Consideration Received	440	1,100	
Value of Total Consideration Received	1,100	1,100	1,100
<b>Assuming a \$11.16 closing value</b> (high closing value during third quarter of 2013)			
Value of Cash Consideration Received	660		1,100
Value of Stock Consideration Received	474	1,185	
Value of Total Consideration Received	1,134	1,185	1,100
<b>Assuming a \$8.44 closing value</b> (low closing value during third quarter of 2013)			
Value of Cash Consideration Received	660		1,100
Value of Stock Consideration Received	438	1,095	
Value of Total Consideration Received	1,098	1,095	1,100
<b>Assuming a \$10.43 closing value</b> (September 30, 2013)			
Value of Cash Consideration Received	660		1,100
Value of Stock Consideration Received	440	1,100	
Value of Total Consideration Received	1,100	1,100	1,100

**Election of the Form of Payment of the Merger Consideration**

Shortly after the effective time of the merger, First Community will deliver or mail to Savannah River shareholders an election form and instructions for making an election as to the form of merger consideration preferred to be received in the merger, subject to the allocation procedures described below. Upon receipt of the election form, each Savannah River shareholder should complete, date, and sign the election form and return it promptly in the prepaid, pre-addressed envelope provided with the election form. If any Savannah River shareholders do not make an election by 4:00 pm local time on the date set forth in the instructions on the election form, such shareholders will be deemed not to have made an election and the exchange agent will choose the type of merger consideration constituting the per share purchase price to distribute to such non-electing shareholders according to the allocation procedures.

Elections will be properly made if the election form is accompanied by one or more certificates representing the shares of Savannah River common stock covered by the election form, or the guaranteed delivery of such certificates. Elections may be revoked or changed upon written notice to the exchange agent before the election deadline. If a Savannah River shareholder revokes the election form and does not properly make a new election by the election deadline, the Savannah River shareholder will be deemed to have not made an election with respect to the shares covered by the revoked election form, and the exchange agent will determine the type of consideration to be received.

The exchange agent will have reasonable discretion to determine whether any election, revocation, or change has been properly or timely made and to disregard immaterial defects in the election form, and any good faith decision of the exchange agent regarding such matters will be conclusive and

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binding. *Neither First Community nor the exchange agent is obligated to notify any person of any defect in an election form.*

**Allocation of the Merger Consideration**

The merger agreement limits the aggregate number of shares of Savannah River common stock which First Community will exchange for cash to 60% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock. The merger agreement also limits the aggregate number of shares of Savannah River common stock which First Community will exchange for shares of First Community common stock to 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock.

If the stock consideration elected by Savannah River shareholders in the aggregate exceeds 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock, then shareholders choosing cash consideration and shareholders who did not make an election will receive cash consideration, and each shareholder who chose the stock consideration will receive (i) a number of shares of First Community common stock equal to the exchange ratio times the product obtained by multiplying the number of shares of Savannah River common stock as to which the shareholder chose the stock election by a fraction, the numerator of which is 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of shares of Savannah River common stock elected by all Savannah River shareholders to be converted into shares of First Community common stock, and (ii) cash for the remaining amount of shares of Savannah River common stock held by the shareholder.

If the cash consideration elected by Savannah River shareholders in the aggregate exceeds 60% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock, then shareholders choosing stock consideration and shareholders who did not make an election will receive the stock consideration, and each shareholder who chose the cash consideration will receive (i) \$11.00 times the product obtained by multiplying the number of shares of Savannah River common stock as to which the shareholder chose the cash election by a fraction, the numerator of which is 60% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of shares of Savannah River common stock elected by all Savannah River shareholders to be converted into cash, and (ii) shares of First Community common stock for the remaining amount of shares of Savannah River common stock held by the shareholder.

If the stock consideration elected by the Savannah River shareholders in the aggregate does not exceed 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock and the cash consideration elected by the Savannah River shareholders in the aggregate does not exceed 60% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock, then shareholders electing the cash consideration will receive all cash in exchange for their shares of Savannah River common stock, shareholders electing the stock consideration will receive all stock in exchange for their shares of Savannah River common stock, shareholders electing the mixed consideration will receive a combination of cash consideration and stock consideration in exchange for their shares of Savannah River common stock, and the shareholders making no election will receive either the cash consideration, stock consideration, or mixed consideration such that the aggregate number of shares of Savannah River common stock to be exchanged for cash is 60% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock and the aggregate number of shares of Savannah River common stock to be exchanged for stock is 40% of the total outstanding non-dissenting shares of Savannah River common stock.

**Conversion of Stock; Treatment of Warrants and Stock Options**

*Conversion of Savannah River Common Stock.* At the effective time of the merger, each share of Savannah River common stock outstanding generally will be converted into and exchanged for the right



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to receive either (i) \$11.00 in cash; (ii) a number of shares of First Community common stock equal to the exchange ratio; or (iii) a combination of both cash and stock. The exchange ratio will be determined based on the Average FCCO Stock Price the volume weighted average price (rounded up to the nearest cent) of First Community's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market for the 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur. The exchange ratio will be 1.0618 if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or above \$10.36; if the Average FCCO Stock Price is at or below \$8.48, then the exchange ratio will be 1.2972. If the Average FCCO Stock Price is above \$8.48 but below \$10.36, then the exchange ratio will be equal to \$11.00 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price. In addition, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is greater than \$11.78, First Community may terminate the merger agreement unless Savannah River agrees to decrease the exchange ratio so that it is equal to 1.0618 multiplied by the quotient of \$11.78 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price. Similarly, if the Average FCCO Stock Price is less than \$7.54, Savannah River may terminate the merger agreement unless First Community agrees, in its sole discretion, to either (i) increase the exchange ratio so that it is equal to 1.2972 multiplied by the quotient of \$7.54 divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price, or (ii) pay additional cash consideration to Savannah River shareholders that receive First Community common stock equal to the difference between \$7.54 and the Average FCCO Stock Price per share.

Cash will also be exchanged for any fractional shares. Any Savannah River shareholder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fraction of a share of First Community common stock in the merger will receive, in lieu thereof, cash (without interest) in an amount equal to the fraction of a share of First Community common stock otherwise issuable upon conversion multiplied by the Average FCCO Stock Price.

Some shares of Savannah River common stock may not be converted in the merger. Each outstanding share of Savannah River common stock owned by First Community, Savannah River, or their respective subsidiaries (in each case other than shares of Savannah River common stock held on behalf of third parties or as a result of debts previously contracted) will be canceled at the effective time of the merger and will cease to be outstanding. In addition, shares of Savannah River common stock held by Savannah River shareholders properly exercising their dissenters' rights will not be converted in the merger.

**Warrants.** At the merger effective time, all rights with respect to Savannah River common stock pursuant to warrants granted by Savannah River, which are outstanding and not cancelled at the effective time of the merger, whether or not exercisable, will be converted into and become rights with respect to First Community common stock, and First Community will assume each Savannah River warrant in accordance with the terms of the applicable Savannah River warrant agreement by which it is evidenced.

From and after the effective time of the merger, (i) each Savannah River warrant assumed by First Community may be exercised solely for shares of First Community common stock, (ii) the number of shares of First Community common stock subject to each warrant shall be equal to the product of the number of shares of Savannah River common stock subject to such warrant immediately prior to the effective time of the merger multiplied by the exchange ratio, provided, that any fractional shares of First Community common stock subject to the converted warrants shall be exchanged for cash (without interest) in an amount equal to such fractional part of a share of First Community common stock multiplied by the Average FCCO Stock Price, less the exercise price of such converted warrant, and (iii) the per share exercise price under each Savannah River warrant shall be adjusted by dividing the per share exercise price under each such warrant by the exchange ratio and rounding down to the nearest cent. Shares of First Community common stock to be issued upon the exercise of converted Savannah River warrants will be timely registered under the Securities Act of 1933 on a registration statement on Form S-8.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the effective time of the merger, each holder of Savannah River warrants may agree to cancel, immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, any warrants held by such person in exchange for a cash payment at the closing of the merger equal to the product obtained by multiplying (1) the number of shares of Savannah River common stock underlying such person's Savannah River warrants, by (2) \$1.00 (the cash consideration less the exercise price per share under such warrants), by entering into a warrant cash-out agreement with Savannah River prior to the effective time. Savannah River has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each holder of Savannah River warrants to execute and deliver a warrant cash-out agreement prior to the effective time of the merger, and as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, each holder of Savannah River warrants has delivered a warrant cash-out agreement with respect to the Savannah River warrants held by him or her.

**Stock Options.** At the effective time, all rights with respect to Savannah River common stock pursuant to stock options granted by Savannah River, which are outstanding and not cancelled at the effective time of the merger, whether or not exercisable, will be converted into and become rights with respect to First Community common stock, and First Community will assume each Savannah River option in accordance with the terms of the applicable Savannah River option plan and the stock option agreement by which it is evidenced.

From and after the effective time of the merger, (i) each Savannah River option assumed by First Community may be exercised solely for shares of First Community common stock, (ii) the number of shares of First Community common stock subject to each option shall be equal to the product of the number of shares of Savannah River common stock subject to such option immediately prior to the effective time of the merger multiplied by the exchange ratio, provided, that any fractional shares of First Community common stock subject to the converted options shall be exchanged for cash (without interest) in an amount equal to such fractional part of a share of First Community common stock multiplied by the Average FCCO Stock Price, less the exercise price of such converted option, and (iii) the per share exercise price under each Savannah River option shall be adjusted by dividing the per share exercise price under each such option by the exchange ratio and rounding down to the nearest cent. Shares of First Community common stock to be issued upon the exercise of converted Savannah River options will be timely registered under the Securities Act of 1933 on a registration statement on Form S-8.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the effective time of the merger, each holder of Savannah River options may agree to cancel, immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, any options held by such person in exchange for a cash payment at the closing of the merger equal to the product obtained by multiplying (1) the number of shares of Savannah River common stock underlying such person's Savannah River options, by (2) \$11.00 less the exercise price per share under such options, by entering into a stock option cash-out agreement with Savannah River prior to the effective time. Savannah River has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to cause each holder of Savannah River options to execute and deliver a stock option cash-out agreement prior to the effective time of the merger, and as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, each holder of Savannah River options that is a director and executive officer of Savannah River or Savannah River Banking Company has delivered a stock option cash-out agreement with respect to the Savannah River options held by him or her.

**Effective Time of the Merger**

If the merger agreement is approved by the requisite vote of the shareholders of Savannah River, the share issuance is approved by the requisite vote of the shareholders of First Community, and all other required governmental and other consents and approvals are received, and if the other conditions to the obligations of the parties to consummate the merger are satisfied or waived (as permitted), the merger will be consummated and effected on the date and at the time the articles of merger reflecting

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the merger are filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by First Community's and Savannah River's chief executive officers, both parties will use their reasonable efforts to cause the effective time of the merger to occur within five business days of the last of the following dates to occur:

the effective date (including expiration of any applicable waiting period) of the last required consent of any regulatory authority having authority over and approving or exempting the merger;

the date on which Savannah River shareholders approve the merger agreement;

the date on which First Community shareholders approve the share issuance; or

12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2014.

Assuming satisfaction of all of the conditions to consummation of the merger, the merger is expected to be made effective by the end of the first quarter of 2014.

Either party may terminate the merger agreement prior to the effective time, under several circumstances. See "Proposal No. 1 The Merger Conditions to Consummation" and " Amendment, Waiver, and Termination."

**Exchange of Certificates**

Shortly after the effective time of the merger, First Community will mail the election form and instructions to each record holder of Savannah River common stock for use in effecting the surrender and cancellation of those certificates in exchange for cash and/or First Community common stock, which will be issued in uncertificated "book entry" form. Risk of loss and title to the certificates will remain with the holder until proper delivery of such certificates to First Community or its exchange agent by former Savannah River shareholders. **Savannah River shareholders should not surrender their certificates for exchange until they receive the election form and instructions from First Community.** Shortly after the effective time of the merger, and per the instructions of First Community's exchange agent, each holder of shares of Savannah River common stock, issued and outstanding at the effective time must surrender the certificate or certificates representing their shares to First Community. As soon as reasonably practicable after the effective time of the merger, Savannah River shareholders will receive the consideration to which they are entitled under the merger agreement, together with any undelivered dividends or distributions in respect of such shares (without interest). First Community will not be obligated to deliver the consideration to which any former holder of Savannah River common stock is entitled until the holder surrenders the certificate or certificates representing his or her shares for exchange and until the effective time of the merger. The certificate or certificates so surrendered must be duly endorsed as First Community may require. First Community will not be liable to a holder of Savannah River common stock for any property delivered in good faith to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property law.

If you do not timely submit the election form along with your certificates of Savannah River common stock, First Community's exchange agent will mail to you a letter of transmittal with instructions for submitting your Savannah River common stock certificate in exchange for First Community common stock or the cash consideration of \$11.00 per share. At that time, you will need to carefully review the instructions, complete the materials enclosed with the instructions and return the materials along with your Savannah River stock certificate(s). Whether you will receive First Community common stock and/or cash will depend on the election of other Savannah River shareholders. (See "The Merger Terms of the Merger Allocation of First Community Common Stock and Cash," below.) As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the properly completed the election form and your Savannah River stock certificate(s), First Community's exchange agent will mail

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a statement of a book entry of First Community common stock or a check (or a book entry statement and a check) for the merger consideration. No interest will be paid on any cash payment.

First Community or its exchange agent will maintain a book entry list of First Community common stock to which each former Savannah River shareholder is entitled. Certificates evidencing First Community common stock into which the shareholder's Savannah River common stock has been converted will not be issued. First Community's exchange agent will deliver a statement of such book entry and other information as required by law within a reasonable time following the surrender of a Savannah River certificate.

After the effective time of the merger, record holders of certificates that represented outstanding Savannah River common stock immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will have no rights with respect to the certificates other than the right to surrender the certificates and receive in exchange the aggregate number of whole shares of First Community common stock (issued in book entry form) and the cash consideration to which the holder is entitled pursuant to the merger agreement.

Book entry shares representing shares of First Community common stock will be dated the effective date of the merger and will entitle the holders to dividends, distributions and all other rights and privileges of a First Community shareholder from the effective date. Until the certificates representing Savannah River common stock are surrendered for exchange, holders of such certificates will not receive the cash and/or stock consideration or dividends or distributions on First Community common stock into which such shares have been converted. When the certificates are surrendered to the exchange agent, any unpaid dividends or other distributions will be paid without interest. First Community has the right to withhold dividends or any other distributions on its shares until the Savannah River stock certificates are surrendered for exchange.

In addition, holders of certificates that represented outstanding Savannah River common stock immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will be entitled to vote after the effective time of the merger at any meeting of First Community shareholders the number of whole shares of First Community common stock into which such shares have been converted, even if such holder has not surrendered such certificates for exchange as set forth above.

First Community shareholders will not be required to exchange certificates representing their shares of First Community common stock or otherwise take any action after the merger is completed.

**Resale of First Community Common Stock**

The shares of First Community common stock to be issued to shareholders of Savannah River under the merger agreement will be freely tradable by such shareholders without restriction, except that if any Savannah River shareholders are deemed to be affiliates of First Community, they must abide by certain transfer restrictions under the Securities Act.

**Dissenters' Rights**

Under Georgia law, holders of Savannah River common stock will be entitled to dissent from the merger and to obtain payment in cash of the fair value of his or her shares of Savannah River common stock. Set forth below is a summary of the procedures that must be followed by the holders of Savannah River common stock in order to exercise their dissenters' rights of appraisal. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the applicable Georgia statutes, a copy of which are attached to this joint proxy statement/prospectus as *Appendix B*.

A record holder of Savannah River common stock who wishes to assert dissenters' rights (i) must deliver to Savannah River before the vote on the merger agreement is taken written notice of his or her intent to demand payment for his or her shares if the merger is effectuated and (ii) must not vote his shares in favor of the merger agreement.

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If the merger is approved at the Savannah River special shareholders' meeting, Savannah River will deliver, no later than 10 days after the special shareholders' meeting, a written dissenters' notice to all Savannah River shareholders who satisfied the two requirements set forth above. The written dissenters' notice will state where the payment demand must be sent and where and when stock certificates must be deposited and will set a date by which Savannah River must receive the payment demand, which date will not be less than 30 or more than 60 days after the written dissenters' notice is delivered. A dissenting shareholder who does not demand payment or deposit his or her share certificate as required by the dissenters' notice will not be entitled to payment for his or her shares, and such shareholder's shares of Savannah River common stock will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration in connection with the merger.

Within 10 days of the later of the date of the merger or receipt of a payment demand, Savannah River will by written notice offer to pay to each dissenting shareholder who properly demanded payment the amount Savannah River estimates to be the fair value of his or her shares, plus accrued interest. If the shareholder accepts the offer by written notice with 30 days or fails to respond within 30 days, payment for his or her shares will be made within 60 days after making the offer or the date of the merger, whichever is later. If the shareholder believes that the amount offering is less than the fair value of his shares or that the interest is incorrectly calculated, the shareholder may notify Savannah River in writing of his own estimate of the fair value of his shares and the amount of interest due and demand payment of his estimate. If a demand for payment remains unsettled, Savannah River will commence a court proceeding to determine the fair value of the shares and the accrued interest.

Exercise of dissenters' rights by holders of Savannah River common stock will result in the recognition of gain or loss, as the case may be, for federal income tax purposes.

**Important Federal Income Tax Consequences**

In the opinion of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP and in the opinion of Bryan Cave LLP, the following section summarizes the anticipated material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the merger generally applicable to U.S. holders (as defined below) of Savannah River common stock. These opinions and the following discussion are based on, and subject to, the Code, the treasury regulations promulgated under the Code, existing interpretations, court decisions, and administrative rulings, all of which are in effect as of the date of this statement, and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Any such change could affect the continuing validity of the discussion.

This summary only addresses the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to the Savannah River stockholders that hold Savannah River common stock as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code. This summary does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be applicable to Savannah River stockholders in light of their particular circumstances or to Savannah River stockholders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law, such as:

stockholders who are not U.S. persons;

entities treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes or Savannah River stockholders who hold their shares through entities treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

qualified insurance plans;

insurance companies, banks, thrifts and other financial institutions;

tax-exempt organizations;

qualified retirement plans and individual retirement accounts;

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brokers or dealers in securities or currencies;

traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting;

regulated investment companies;

real estate investment trusts;

persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;

stockholders who acquired their shares of Savannah River common stock pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise acquired shares as compensation;

persons who purchased or sell their shares of Savannah River common stock as part of a wash sale; and

stockholders who hold their shares of Savannah River common stock as part of a hedge, straddle or other risk reduction, constructive sale or conversion transaction.

U.S. Holders

For purposes of this summary, the term "U.S. holder" means a beneficial holder of Savannah River common stock that is:

a citizen or resident of the U.S.;

a corporation (including any entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized under the laws of the U.S. or any of its political subdivisions;

a trust that (i) is subject to both the primary supervision of a court within the U.S. and the control of one or more U.S. persons; or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person; or

an estate that is subject to U.S. federal income tax on its income regardless of its source.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement, domestic or foreign, that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds Savannah River common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partners and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships and partners in such a partnership should consult their tax advisers about the tax consequences of the merger to them.

Tax Consequences of the Merger

Based upon the terms as currently provided in the merger agreement, the merger will be treated as if you sold your Savannah River common stock to First Community in a fully taxable transaction, unless the merger (whereby Savannah River becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community) and the second-step merger (whereby Savannah River is merged into First Community) are viewed as one single merger for U.S. federal income tax purposes (the "Integrated Merger") because all of the requirements, including the "40% continuity of stockholder interest requirement" (explained below), for qualification as a reorganization as that term is defined in Section 368(a) of the Code

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are satisfied as of the closing date of the merger. If the requirements of a reorganization are satisfied as of the closing date of the merger, then the tax consequences of the Integrated Merger will be as set forth below beginning with the heading "*Qualification of the Integrated Merger as a Reorganization*" and the ensuing discussions thereafter.

If the requirements for qualification as a "tax-free" reorganization are not met, the merger will be characterized as a taxable sale of your Savannah River common stock and the amount of gain or loss you will recognize as a result of the merger will be equal to the difference between the total

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consideration received in the merger (which will equal the sum of any cash received and the fair market value of the First Community stock you receive in the merger) and your tax basis in the shares of Savannah River common stock surrendered in the merger. The gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss, and will qualify as long-term capital gain or loss if you have held your Savannah River common stock for more than one year. In the case of Savannah River common stock held by an individual (and certain other taxpayers such as a trust), long-term capital gain is taxed currently at a maximum rate of 20% for regular U.S. federal income tax purposes, plus an additional 3.8% Medicare Tax on net investment income if the shareholder's net investment income and modified adjusted gross income exceed certain threshold amounts. Short-term capital gains are taxed the same as ordinary income. The ability of a taxpayer to utilize capital loss (irrespective of the holding period) is currently limited. In the case of an individual (and certain other taxpayers such as a trust), capital loss can be used only to offset capital gains recognized by the taxpayer and then to offset up to \$3,000 of ordinary income. Capital loss recognized by a corporation can only be used to offset capital gains.

You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the manner in which gain or loss should be calculated among different blocks of Savannah River common stock surrendered in the merger. The aggregate tax basis in the shares of First Community common stock received pursuant to the merger will be equal to the fair market value of such First Community common stock as of the closing date of the merger. The holding period of such shares of First Community common stock will begin on the day immediately following the closing date of the merger.

Qualification of the Integrated Merger as a Reorganization

Upon completion of the merger, at which point Savannah River will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community, the merger agreement provides for the second-step merger, whereby Savannah River merges with and into First Community, with First Community as the survivor of the second-step merger and Savannah River's corporate existence is terminated. The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that a subsequent merger of a target corporation (i.e., the second-step merger) into an acquiring corporation (such as the merger of Savannah River into First Community) pursuant to an integrated plan can be viewed as if the target corporation was merged directly into the acquiring corporation initially (i.e., as if only the second-step merger occurred and the merger of Savannah River and SRMS, Inc. never took place), so long as (1) there are no facts present that preclude the application of the step transaction doctrine to the two mergers, and (2) the requirements of Section 368(a) of the Code for treatment as a reorganization are satisfied when the transaction is viewed from the perspective that target corporation was merged directly into the acquiring corporation in a deemed single step, instead of two steps. Rev. Rul. 2001-46, 2001-2 C.B. 321.

In order to constitute a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code, one of the requirements for qualification is the value of the First Community common stock that is delivered in the merger in exchange for shares of Savannah River common stock that are outstanding prior to the effective time of the merger must, under guidelines set forth in treasury regulations, equal 40% or more of the sum of the (i) value of the First Community common stock and (ii) the cash that is treated as received in the merger (including any cash paid to dissenting Savannah River stockholders) in exchange for those shares of Savannah River common stock.

Whether the 40% continuity of stockholder interest requirement will be met will depend on certain conditions, including, the number of shares of First Community common stock that is to be delivered in the merger and the value of the First Community common stock on the closing date of the merger. Based on the terms currently provided in the merger agreement, the number of shares of First Community common stock that is to be delivered in the merger cannot be determined no earlier than the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day immediately prior to the effective date of the merger (which is the end of the measurement period set forth in the merger agreement). Accordingly, it is uncertain at this time as to whether the 40% continuity of stockholder interest requirement will be met and the reorganization



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will satisfy the requirements for characterization as a reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes. First Community's and Savannah River's obligations to complete the merger are not conditioned upon the merger qualifying as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Thus, in the event that either the 40% continuity of stockholder interest requirement and/or one of the other requirements for qualification as a reorganization is not met as of the effective time of the merger, the merger will proceed as currently contemplated in the merger agreement and will constitute a fully taxable sale of common stock by the Savannah River shareholders to First Community, the income tax consequences of which are set out under the section entitled "*Tax Consequences of the Merger*" above.

If the 40% continuity of shareholder interest requirement and the other requirements for qualification as a reorganization are met as of the effective time of the merger, it is intended that, on or shortly after the effective time of the merger, each of First Community and Savannah River will obtain an opinion from Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP and Bryan Cave LLP, respectively, each dated as of the closing date, to the effect that, on the basis of the facts, representations, and assumptions set forth in the opinions, that the Integrated Merger will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, that each of First Community and Savannah River will be a party to that reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code, and that the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to First Community, Savannah River, and the Savannah River shareholders will be as generally described below. First Community and Savannah River further intend to make an announcement to the Savannah River shareholders of the receipt of the opinions and the tax consequences thereof, if such opinions are received.

The opinions of counsel described above will be based on the then-existing law, will assume the absence of changes in existing facts, will rely on customary assumptions and may rely on representations contained in certificates executed by officers of First Community and Savannah River. Such opinions neither bind the IRS nor preclude the IRS from adopting a contrary position, and it is possible that the IRS may successfully assert a contrary position in litigation or other proceedings. Neither First Community nor Savannah River intends to obtain a ruling from the IRS with respect to the tax consequences of the merger.

Tax Implications to Savannah River Stockholders that are U.S. Holders if the Integrated Merger Qualifies as a Reorganization

The following discussion summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to U.S. holders of Savannah River common stock, assuming the Integrated Merger qualifies as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. You generally will recognize gain, but not loss, as a result of the exchange of your Savannah River common stock for a combination of First Community common stock and cash pursuant to the merger in an amount equal to the lesser of: (1) the amount of cash you receive in exchange for your Savannah River common stock in the merger (excluding any cash received in lieu of fractional shares of First Community common stock and (2) the excess, if any, of (a) the sum of the amount of cash treated as received in exchange for Savannah River common stock in the merger (excluding any cash received in lieu of fractional shares of First Community common stock) plus the fair market value of First Community common stock (including the fair market value of any fractional share) received in the merger, over (b) your tax basis in the Savannah River common stock exchanged. If you acquired different blocks of Savannah River common stock at different times or at different prices, you should consult your individual tax advisor regarding the manner in which gain or loss should be determined. Any recognized gain will generally be long-term capital gain if, as of the effective date of the merger, your holding period with respect to the surrendered Savannah River common stock exceeds one year. The aggregate tax basis of the First Community common stock you receive as a result of the merger will be the same as your aggregate tax

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basis in Savannah River common stock you surrender in the merger, decreased by the amount of cash you receive in exchange for such Savannah River common stock (excluding any cash received in lieu of a fractional share of First Community common stock) and increased by the amount of gain, if any, you recognize in the exchange (excluding any gain recognized with respect to fractional share of First Community common stock deemed sold in the merger). The holding period of the First Community common stock you receive as a result of the exchange will include the holding period of Savannah River common stock you surrendered in the merger.

Cash Instead of Fractional Shares

If you receive cash in the merger instead of a fractional share interest in First Community common stock, you will be treated as having received such fractional share in the merger, and then as having received cash in exchange for such fractional share. Gain or loss would be recognized in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and your adjusted tax basis allocable to such fractional share. Except as described in the section entitled "Dividend Treatment" below, this gain or loss will generally be a capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if, as of the effective date of the merger, you have held your shares of Savannah River common stock for more than one year.

Dividend Treatment

There are certain circumstances in which all or part of the gain recognized by you will be treated as a dividend rather than as capital gains. In general, such determination depends on whether, and to what extent, the merger reduces your percentage share ownership interest in First Community that you actually and constructively own in comparison to the percentage interest you actually and constructively would have owned in First Community had you received only First Community common stock (and no cash) in the merger. Because the possibility of dividend treatment depends primarily upon your particular circumstances, including the application of certain constructive ownership rules, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the potential income tax treatment by you of any gain recognized in connection with the merger.

Dissenting Stockholders and Appraisal Rights

If you perfect your dissenters' or appraisal rights with respect to your shares of Savannah River common stock, you will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between your tax basis in those shares and the amount of cash received in exchange for those shares. The tax consequences of cash received may vary depending upon your individual circumstances. Each holder of Savannah River common stock who contemplates exercising statutory dissenters' or appraisal rights should consult its tax advisor as to the possibility that all or a portion of the payment received pursuant to the exercise of such rights will be treated as dividend income.

Tax Implications to Savannah River and First Community if the Merger is a Reorganization

No gain or loss will be recognized by Savannah River or First Community in connection with the second-step merger if the Integrated Merger qualifies as a reorganization as that term is defined in Section 368(a) of the Code. First Community's tax basis and holding period in the Savannah River assets acquired by First Community in connection with the Integrated Merger will be equal to Savannah River's tax basis in and will include Savannah River's holding period with respect to such assets immediately prior to the time of the merger, and First Community will succeed to and take into account Savannah River's other historic tax attributes that otherwise exist immediately prior to the effective time of the merger.

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Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, information reporting requirements may apply to the cash payments made to you in connection with the merger, unless an exemption applies. Backup withholding may be imposed on the above payments at a rate of 28% if a U.S. holder or non-U.S. holder (1) fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or appropriate certificates or (2) otherwise fails to comply with all applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts withheld from payments to you under the backup withholding rules are not an additional tax and will be allowed as a refund or credit against your applicable U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS. Both U.S. and non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of backup withholding based on their particular circumstances and the availability and procedure for obtaining an exemption from backup withholding.

THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION IS INTENDED ONLY AS A SUMMARY OF THE MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER AND DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OR DISCUSSION OF ALL POTENTIAL TAX EFFECTS RELEVANT THERETO. THUS, SAVANNAH RIVER SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE SPECIFIC TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE MERGER, INCLUDING TAX RETURN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF NON-U.S., FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND OTHER APPLICABLE TAX LAWS, AND THE EFFECT OF ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE TAX LAWS.

**Management and Operations after the Merger**

***Directors and Executive Officers of First Community.*** At the effective time of the merger, SRMS, Inc. will merge with and into Savannah River, with Savannah River surviving the merger and then merging with and into First Community. After the merger, the current directors of First Community will continue to serve as directors of the combined company, and the combined company will increase its board membership by three and appoint three individuals who were directors of Savannah River to the board (J. Randolph Potter, E. Leland Reynolds, and Paul S. Simon, each of whom shall be compensated as a director in the same manner as all other directors of First Community). First Community's board of directors will then have a total of 16 members.

Michael C. Crapps will continue to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of First Community. Joseph G. Sawyer will continue to serve as Chief Financial Officer. David K. Proctor will continue to serve as Senior Credit Officer and Senior Risk Officer.

Jeff P. Spears, President of Savannah River, will join First Community Bank as its Regional President. Joe E. Lewis, Aiken Market President of Savannah River Banking Company, will join First Community Bank as its Aiken Market President, and Philip R. Wahl, II, Augusta Market President of Savannah River Banking Company, will join First Community Bank as its Augusta Market President. In addition, J. Randolph Potter and Gerry L. Owen, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Savannah River, will serve as consultants to First Community Bank for 12 months and three months, respectively, following the merger. Each of Messrs. Spears', Lewis' and Wahl's employment agreements and Messrs. Potter's and Owen's consulting agreements are described in more detail below.

**Interests of Employees and Directors of Savannah River in the Merger**

***General.*** Some of the employees and directors of Savannah River may be deemed to have interests in the merger in addition to their interests as shareholders of Savannah River generally. These interests include, among others, proposed employee benefits for those who become employees of First Community or a First Community subsidiary after the merger, entry into retention agreements for two

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of Savannah River's current executive officers, entry into a non-compete agreement with one of Savannah River's current executive officers, entry into consulting or employment agreements with First Community for five of Savannah River's executive officers, the appointment of certain Savannah River directors to the board of First Community, the appointment of certain Savannah River directors to the Aiken-Augusta Advisory Board of First Community Bank, lump sum payments in exchange for the cancellation of outstanding Savannah River warrants and stock options, and insurance coverage and indemnification for Savannah River's directors and officers, as described below.

**Employee Benefits.** The merger agreement generally provides that First Community will furnish to those employees of Savannah River who become employees of First Community or a First Community subsidiary after the effective time of the merger benefits on the same basis as it provides coverage to other First Community employees, and First Community will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause any pre-existing condition, eligibility waiting period, or other limitation or exclusion otherwise applicable under such plans to new employees not to apply to a continuing employee or his or her covered dependents who were covered under a similar Savannah River plan at the effective time of the merger. For purposes of eligibility and vesting under First Community's employee benefit plans, service with Savannah River prior to the effective time of the merger will be treated as service with First Community or its subsidiaries. First Community will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause any successor First Community employee benefit plan providing health coverage to give credit towards satisfaction of any annual deductible limitation and out-of-pocket maximum applied under such successor plan for any deductible, co-payment and other cost-sharing amounts previously paid by Savannah River employee respecting his or her participation in the corresponding Savannah River benefit plan during the plan year prior to the transition effective date.

**J. Randolph Potter.** Mr. Potter currently serves as the chief executive officer and as a director of Savannah River and Savannah River Banking Company. In order to assure the continued dedication, efforts and services of Mr. Potter prior to the effective date of the merger, Savannah River Banking Company entered into a retention agreement with him simultaneously with the execution of the merger agreement. Under the retention agreement, which is specifically contemplated by the merger agreement, Mr. Potter will receive a single, lump sum payment in the amount of \$160,000 (less applicable withholding taxes) to induce him to maintain full-time employment with the Savannah River Banking Company. If prior to the effective time of the merger, Mr. Potter's employment with Savannah River Banking Company terminates, then no retention payment will be paid to him unless Savannah River Banking Company terminates Mr. Potter without cause or he terminates his employment for good reason. If the merger does not occur for any reason, Mr. Potter will have no right to receive the retention payment.

In addition, simultaneously with the execution of the merger agreement, Mr. Potter executed a consulting agreement with First Community Bank that will become effective immediately prior to the effective time of the merger. The consulting agreement will have a one-year term, subject to early termination for death or disability, and require Mr. Potter to provide continued oversight of banking operations in the Aiken and Augusta markets, as well to help insure a successful merger and to aid in coordinating the transition of customers, employees and shareholders, and to support First Community Bank's existing operations and expansion opportunities in the Greenville, South Carolina market. Under the consulting agreement, Mr. Potter will receive monthly compensation in the amount of \$13,333, plus up to \$750 per month to partially offset his health insurance costs. The consulting agreement also restricts Mr. Potter's ability to compete with First Community Bank or solicit its customers or employees for the one-year period following termination of the consulting agreement.

Mr. Potter's existing employment agreement with Savannah River Banking Company will expire by its terms on December 31, 2013, which is prior to the earliest possible date on which the merger can be consummated and, accordingly, no change in control or severance payments of any kind will be payable under that agreement as a result of the merger.

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**Jeff P. Spears, Joe. E. Lewis and Philip R. Wahl II.** Mr. Spears currently serves as the president and as a director of Savannah River and Savannah River Banking Company. Mr. Lewis currently serves as Aiken market president and Mr. Wahl serves as Augusta market president of Savannah River Banking Company. Simultaneously with the execution of the merger agreement, each of these executives entered into an employment agreement with First Community Bank that will become effective immediately prior to the effective time of the merger. Unless terminated earlier, each agreement provides for a three-year term of employment and at the end of each day during the term, the term of the agreement is automatically extended for an additional day so that the remaining term continues to be three years. Mr. Spears' title will be regional president. Messrs. Lewis and Wahl will retain their current titles.

The initial annual base salaries under the employment agreements for Messrs. Spears, Lewis and Wahl are \$201,700, \$155,160 and \$169,660, respectively, to be reviewed at least annually for possible increases in accordance with First Community Bank's standard salary payment policy of First Community Bank. Each executive will also be eligible to receive cash bonuses based on First Community Bank's achievement of specified goals and criteria as established annually by the human resources committee of First Community's board of directors.

Upon the effective date of the merger, Messrs. Spears, Lewis and Wahl will receive a grant of a number of shares of restricted stock of First Community equal to the quotient of \$195,700, \$72,750 and \$40,000, respectively, divided by the Average FCCO Stock Price (as defined in the merger agreement). These shares of restricted stock will vest in three equal annual amounts on the first, second, and third anniversaries of the effective time of the merger if the executive is still employed by First Community Bank on such dates.

Each of the three executives will be entitled to participate in the vacation, retirement, health, welfare and other benefit plans or programs of First Community applicable generally to similarly situated employees, and be entitled to reimbursement of business-related expenses incurred and specified club dues. In addition, First Community Bank will provide Messrs. Spears and Lewis with death benefits currently totaling \$988,957 and \$932, 924, respectively, subject to change in accordance with the Savannah River bank-owned life insurance plan, payable to their respective spouses and heirs.

Each of the agreements provide that, if First Community Bank terminates the executive's employment without cause, First Community Bank will be obligated to pay the executive compensation in an amount equal to 100% of his then current monthly base salary each month, subject to a six- month delay, for twelve months from the date of termination, plus any bonus earned or accrued through the date of termination. After a change in control, First Community Bank will pay the executive an amount equal to two times the then current annual base salary. In addition, First Community Bank will pay the executive any bonus earned or accrued through the date of change in control. First Community Bank will remove any restrictions on outstanding incentive awards so that all such awards vest immediately. First Community Bank must continue to pay at its expense medical, dental, disability and life insurance benefits for a period of two years.

Each employment agreement contains provisions relating to non-solicitation of customers and personnel and non-competition during the term of employment and one year thereafter, as well as a provision relating to the protection of confidential information.

Each executive's existing employment agreement with Savannah River Banking Company will expire by its terms on December 31, 2013, which is prior to the earliest possible date on which the merger can be consummated and, accordingly, no change in control or severance payments of any kind will be payable under that agreement as a result of the merger.

**Gerry L. Owen.** Mr. Owen currently serves as the chief financial officer of Savannah River and Savannah River Banking Company. In order to assure the continued dedication, efforts and services of Mr. Owen prior to the effective date of the merger, Savannah River Banking Company entered into a

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retention agreement with him simultaneously with the execution of the merger agreement. Under the retention agreement, which is specifically contemplated by the merger agreement, Mr. Owen will receive a retention payment in the amount of \$314,000 (less applicable withholding taxes) to induce him to maintain full-time employment with Savannah River Banking Company. The retention payment will be payable in two installments of \$157,000 (less applicable withholding taxes), the first on December 31, 2013 and the second immediately prior to the effective time of the merger. If prior to the effective time of the merger, Mr. Owen's employment with Savannah River Banking Company terminates, then no retention payment will be paid to him unless the bank terminates Mr. Owen without cause or he terminates his employment for good reason. If the merger does not occur for any reason, Mr. Owen will have no right to receive the retention payment.

In addition, simultaneously with the execution of the merger agreement, Mr. Owen executed a consulting agreement with First Community Bank that will become effective immediately prior to the effective time of the merger. The consulting agreement will have a three-month term, subject to early termination for death or disability, and require Mr. Owen to assist with (i) the preparation of the final Savannah River Banking Company call report to be filed with the FDIC, (ii) the final audit of Savannah River's consolidated financial statements, (iii) the preparation of Savannah River-related disclosures in First Community's filings with the SEC, (iv) integration of Savannah River's and First Community's financial and operational reporting systems, (v) employee administration and integration matters, and (vi) such other transition matters as shall be reasonably requested by First Community and within the scope of Mr. Owen's historical experience and areas of knowledge. Under the consulting agreement, Mr. Owen will receive monthly compensation in the amount of \$10,500.

Immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, Mr. Owen will enter into a non-competition agreement with Savannah River Banking Company restricting Mr. Owen's ability to solicit customers and employees of the bank during the 15-month period following the effective time of the merger and his ability to compete with the bank for the 10-month period following the effective time of the merger, in exchange for a single, lump sum payment of \$65,000.

Mr. Owen's existing employment agreement with Savannah River Banking Company will expire by its terms on December 31, 2013, which is prior to the earliest possible date on which the merger can be consummated and, accordingly, no change in control or severance payments of any kind will be payable under that agreement as a result of the merger.

**Warrants.** As described above under the caption "Proposal No.1 The Merger Conversion of Stock; Treatment of Warrants and Stock Options," each outstanding, whether or not exercisable, warrant to acquire Savannah River common stock granted pursuant to certain warrant agreements entered into by Savannah River and the directors and/or non-director organizers of Savannah River will be converted automatically at the effective time of the merger into rights to purchase First Community common stock; provided, however, each holder of Savannah River warrants may agree to cancel such holder's Savannah River warrants immediately prior to the effective time of the merger in exchange for a cash payment pursuant to the terms of a warrant cash-out agreement with Savannah River. All directors and executive officers of Savannah River have delivered a warrant cash-out agreement with respect to any warrants they hold.

**Stock Options.** As described above under the caption "Proposal No.1 The Merger Conversion of Stock; Treatment of Warrants and Stock Options," each outstanding, whether or not exercisable, option to acquire Savannah River common stock granted pursuant to certain stock option agreements entered into by Savannah River and the directors and/or officers of Savannah River will be converted automatically at the effective time of the merger into rights to purchase First Community common stock; provided, however, each holder of Savannah River options may agree to cancel such holder's Savannah River options immediately prior to the effective time of the merger in exchange for a cash payment pursuant to the terms of a stock option cash-out agreement with Savannah River. All director

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and executive officers of Savannah River have delivered a stock option cash-out agreement with respect to any stock options they hold.

**Insurance and Indemnification.** First Community has agreed to provide directors' and officers' insurance coverage for directors and officers of Savannah River, at First Community's election, by purchasing continuation coverage under Savannah River's current policy for directors and officers for a period of not less than six years after the effective time of the merger. For a period of six years after the merger, First Community has also agreed to indemnify the present and former directors, officers, and employees of Savannah River against all liabilities and damages for all acts or omissions arising out of service for Savannah River or, at Savannah River's request, for another entity, occurring at or prior to the merger to the fullest extent permitted under the South Carolina corporate law, Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the federal securities laws and FDIC Regulations Part 359, the rules and regulations of any other regulatory authority, and by Savannah River's articles of incorporation and bylaws.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, First Community has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable.

**Conditions to Consummation**

The obligations of Savannah River and First Community to consummate the merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver (to the extent permitted) of several conditions, including:

Savannah River and First Community shareholders must have approved the merger agreement and the share issuance, respectively;

The required regulatory approvals described under "The Merger -Regulatory Matters" must have been received, generally without any conditions or requirements which would, in the reasonable judgment of the board of directors of First Community, materially adversely affect the economic or business benefits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement such that, had First Community known about such condition or requirement, it would not have entered into the merger agreement;

Each party must have received all consents (other than those described in the preceding paragraph) required for consummation of the merger and for the prevention of a default under any contract of such party which, if not obtained or made, would reasonably likely have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on such party, generally without any conditions or requirements which would, in the reasonable judgment of the board of directors of First Community, materially adversely affect the economic or business benefits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement such that, had First Community known about such condition or requirement, it would not have entered into the merger agreement;

The registration statement registering the shares of First Community common stock to be received by Savannah River shareholders, of which this joint proxy statement/prospectus is a part, must have been declared effective by the SEC, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement may have been issued, no action, suit, proceeding, or investigation by the SEC to suspend the effectiveness of the registration statement may have been initiated and be continuing, and all necessary approvals under federal and state securities laws relating to the issuance or trading of the shares of First Community common stock issuable pursuant to the merger must have been received;

No court or regulatory authority may have taken any action which prohibits, restricts, or makes illegal the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

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First Community must have filed with the NASDAQ Capital Market a notification form for the listing of the shares of First Community common stock to be delivered to the shareholders of Savannah River as merger consideration, and the NASDAQ Capital Market shall not have objected to the listing of such shares of First Community common stock;

Each party's representations and warranties must remain accurate, and each party must have performed all of the agreements and covenants to be performed by it pursuant to the merger agreement and must have delivered certificates confirming satisfaction of the foregoing requirements and certain other matters;

Neither party shall have experienced a material adverse effect since June 30, 2013;

First Community must have received from Savannah River the executed officer service agreements, warrant cash-out agreements, stock option cash-out agreements, director noncompete agreements, shareholder support agreements, and claims letters from the respective parties;

Savannah River must not have received notice from its shareholders of their intent to exercise their dissenters' rights with respect to more than 10% of the outstanding shares of Savannah River common stock;

Savannah River's shareholders equity must not be less than \$300,000 less than the amount reported in its June 30, 2013 month-end report, without giving effect to expenses incurred in connection with the merger or accumulated other comprehensive income, and Savannah River Banking Company's allowance for loan losses must have been maintained in a manner consistent with GAAP, applicable regulatory guidelines and accounting principles, and past practices of Savannah River Banking Company;

No directors or executive officers of Savannah River shall have exercised any warrants or stock options for the purchase of Savannah River common stock following the execution of the merger agreement;

First Community shall pay the merger consideration as provided by the merger agreement; and

All parties must stand ready to consummate the bank merger immediately following the merger.

No assurances can be provided as to when or if all of the conditions precedent to the merger can or will be satisfied or waived by the appropriate party. As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the parties know of no reason to believe that any of the conditions set forth above will not be satisfied.

The conditions to consummation of the merger may be waived, in whole or in part, to the extent permissible under applicable law, by the party for whose benefit the condition has been imposed, without the approval of such parties' shareholders.

**Representations and Warranties Made by First Community and Savannah River in the Merger Agreement**

First Community and Savannah River have made certain customary representations and warranties to each other in the merger agreement. For information on these representations and warranties, please refer to the merger agreement attached as *Appendix A*. If either party materially violates any of its representations or warranties and fails to cure such violation, the other party may terminate the merger agreement.



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**Regulatory Matters**

First Community is responsible for filing all applications necessary to obtain any required regulatory approvals of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement as soon as reasonably practicable after the date thereof.

Completion of the merger between First Community and Savannah River is subject to the prior receipt of all consents or approvals of, or the provision of notices to, federal and state authorities required to complete the merger. The merger is subject to the provision of notice to the Federal Reserve because the merger qualifies as a "waiver transaction" under applicable Federal Reserve rules and regulations. First Community intends to file notice with the Federal Reserve after the FDIC has had time to review the proposed bank merger. Accordingly, as of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, the Federal Reserve had not yet advised First Community of its non-objection to characterization of the merger as a "waiver transaction."

Under the merger agreement, it is contemplated that Savannah River Banking Company will be merged with and into First Community Bank immediately following the consummation of the merger of Savannah River and First Community. The bank merger is subject to the prior approvals of the FDIC and the SCBFI. First Community Bank filed the applications with the FDIC and with the SCBFI on September 10, 2013. As of the date of this joint proxy statement/prospectus, neither the FDIC nor the SCBFI had granted its approval. FDIC approval or possible approval of the combination: (i) reflects only the view that the transaction does not contravene applicable competitive standards imposed by law and is consistent with regulatory policies relating to safety and soundness; (ii) is not an opinion that the proposed combination is financially favorable to the shareholders or that the FDIC has considered the adequacy of the terms of the transaction; and (iii) is not an endorsement of, or recommendation for, the combination.

Neither the merger nor the bank merger require the approval or non-objection of the GDBF; however, on September 27, 2013, First Community provided notice of the proposed merger and bank merger to the GDBF.

**Amendment, Waiver, and Termination**

To the extent permitted by law, Savannah River and First Community, with the approval of their respective boards of directors, may amend the merger agreement by written agreement at any time without the approval of Savannah River shareholders or First Community shareholders. However, after the approval of the merger by Savannah River shareholders, no amendment may decrease or modify the consideration to be received without the further approval of Savannah River shareholders.

Prior to or at the effective time of the merger, either Savannah River or First Community may waive any default in the performance of any term of the merger agreement by the other party, may waive or extend the time for the fulfillment by the other party of any of its obligations under the merger agreement, and may waive any of the conditions precedent to the obligations of such party under the merger agreement, except any condition that, if not satisfied, would result in the violation of an applicable law.

The merger agreement may be terminated, and the merger abandoned, at any time prior to its effective time, by mutual consent of the boards of directors of Savannah River and First Community. In addition, the merger agreement may be terminated, and the merger abandoned, prior to the effective time of the merger by either Savannah River or First Community if:

the other party breaches any representation, warranty or covenant in the merger agreement which cannot be or is not cured within 30 days of notice of such breach; provided, that such breach is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on such breaching party or to prevent such breaching party from complying in all material respects with its covenants;

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any consent of any regulatory authority required for consummation of the merger is denied by final nonappealable action of the regulatory authority or if any action taken by the regulatory authority is not appealed within the time limit for appeal; any law or order permanently prohibiting the merger shall have become final and nonappealable; or Savannah River shareholders or First Community shareholders fail to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance at their respective Special Meetings; or

the merger has not been consummated by April 30, 2014.

First Community may terminate the merger prior to the approval by the requisite vote of the Savannah River shareholders if:

the board of directors of Savannah River withdraws, qualifies, or modifies, or proposes publicly to withdraw, qualify or modify, in a manner adverse to First Community, its recommendation that the Savannah River shareholders approve the merger agreement, or approves or recommends, or proposes publicly to approve or recommend an acquisition proposal by any other person;

the board of directors of Savannah River fails to reaffirm its recommendation that the Savannah River shareholders approve the merger agreement within 10 business days after First Community requests such reaffirmation at any time following the public announcement of an acquisition proposal by any other person; or

Savannah River fails to comply in all material aspects with Section 7.1 (Shareholder Approvals) or 7.3 (Other Offers, etc.) of the merger agreement regarding obtaining shareholder approval for the merger agreement and solicitation of other offers for an acquisition of Savannah River.

In this event, Savannah River must pay First Community a termination fee of \$1,500,000.

Savannah River can also terminate the merger agreement if it receives an acquisition proposal from a third party that is superior to First Community's proposal and receives legal advice that the board of directors would be in breach of its fiduciary duties if the board of directors did not accept the superior proposal. In this event, Savannah River must pay First Community a termination fee of \$1,500,000.

Savannah River can terminate the merger agreement if, at any time during the three business day period commencing on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur, the volume weighted average price of the First Community common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market during 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur is less than \$7.54 per share; provided, that if Savannah River seeks to terminate the merger for this reason, it must give prompt notice to First Community, and First Community will have the option, in its sole discretion, to increase the exchange ratio or pay to each recipient of stock consideration an additional cash amount in order to increase the value of the First Community stock consideration, and in such event, Savannah River's notice of termination would not terminate the merger agreement.

First Community can also terminate the merger agreement if, at any time during the three business day period commencing on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur, the volume weighted average price of the First Community common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market during 10 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth business day immediately prior to the date on which the effective time of the merger is to occur is more than \$11.78 per share; provided, that if First Community seeks to terminate the merger agreement for this reason, it must give prompt notice to Savannah River, and Savannah River will have the option to decrease the exchange ratio in order to cap the value of the First Community stock consideration, and in such event, First Community's notice of termination would not terminate the merger agreement.

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In addition, if (i) an acquisition proposal with respect to Savannah River is communicated to the shareholders, senior management, or board of directors of Savannah River or any person publicly announces an intention to make an acquisition proposal with respect to Savannah River after the date of the merger agreement, (ii) the merger agreement is then terminated due to a failure to obtain the Savannah River shareholder vote, a material breach of the merger agreement by Savannah River, or failure to close the merger by April 30, 2014, and (iii) within one year after the termination of the merger agreement, Savannah River consummates an acquisition transaction or enters into an acquisition agreement, then it must pay the \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community.

**Conduct of Business Pending the Merger**

Under the merger agreement, both parties have agreed, except as otherwise contemplated by the merger agreement or with the prior written consent of the other party, to:

operate its business only in the usual, regular, and ordinary course;

use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact its business organizations and assets and maintain its rights and franchises;

use commercially reasonable efforts to cause its representations and warranties to be correct at all times; and

take no action which would (1) adversely affect the ability of any party to obtain any consents required for the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement without imposition of a condition or restriction which, in the reasonable judgment of the board of directors of First Community, would so materially adversely impact the economic or business benefits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement such that, had First Community known of such condition or requirement, it would not have entered into the merger agreement, or (2) adversely affect in any material respect the ability of either party to perform its covenants and agreements under the merger agreement.

In addition, Savannah River has agreed, except as otherwise contemplated by the merger agreement or with the prior written consent of First Community, to:

use its best efforts to provide all information requested by First Community related to loans or other transactions made by Savannah River with a value equal to or exceeding \$500,000;

consult with First Community prior to entering into or making any loans or other transactions with a value equal to or exceeding \$1,000,000 other than residential mortgage loans for which Savannah River has a commitment to buy from a reputable investor; and

consult with First Community prior to entering into or making any loans that exceed regulatory loan to value guidelines;

In addition, Savannah River has agreed in the merger agreement not to take certain actions relating to the operation of its business pending consummation of the merger without the prior consent of First Community. Such actions include, among others:

amending the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other governing corporate instruments;

becoming responsible for any obligation for borrowed money in excess of an aggregate of \$500,000, except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, or allowing the imposition of a lien on any asset;

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repurchasing, redeeming, or otherwise acquiring or exchanging (other than exchanges in the ordinary course under employee benefit plans) any shares (or securities convertible into any shares) of capital stock or paying any dividend on common stock;

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except for the merger agreement, issuing, selling, pledging, encumbering, authorizing the issuance of, entering into any contract to issue, sell, pledge, encumber or authorize the issuance of, or otherwise permit to become outstanding, any additional shares of Savannah River common stock, any other capital stock of any Savannah River entity, or any right;

adjusting, combining or reclassifying any capital stock or issuing or authorizing the issuance of any other securities in respect of, or in substitution for, shares of common stock, or otherwise disposing of any shares or assets other than in the ordinary course for reasonable and adequate consideration;

except for purchases of U.S. government securities or U.S. government agency securities, which in either case have maturities of two years or less, purchasing any securities or making any material investments in any person or otherwise acquiring direct or indirect control over any person other than in connection with foreclosures of loans in the ordinary course of business;

except as contemplated by the merger agreement, granting any bonus in excess of an aggregate \$60,000 or increase in compensation or benefits to employees or officers (except in accordance with past practice and as previously disclosed, or as required by law), committing or agreeing to pay any severance or termination pay, or any stay or other bonus to any director, officer, or employee (except for payments according to certain of the officer service agreements), entering into or amending any severance agreements, changing any fees or other compensation or other benefits to directors or waiving any stock repurchase rights, accelerating, amending, or changing the exercisability period of any right or repricing options or warrants;

except as contemplated by the merger agreement, entering into or amending (unless required by law) any employment contract that does not have the unconditional right to terminate without certain liability;

subject to certain exceptions, adopting any new employee benefit plan or materially changing any existing plan or program;

making any significant change in tax or accounting methods, except for any change required by law or generally accepted accounting principles;

commencing any litigation other than in accordance with past practice or settling any litigation for money damages or restrictions on operations;

except in the ordinary course of business, entering into, modifying, amending, or terminating any material contracts or waiving, releasing, or assigning any material rights or claims, other than with respect to those involving aggregate payments of less than, or the provision of goods or services with a market value of less than, \$50,000 per annum, subject to certain exceptions;

except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, making, renegotiating, renewing, increasing or extending any loan or credit to any borrower or making any commitment in respect of the foregoing, except, with respect to any extension of credit with an unpaid balance of less than \$1,000,000, in conformity with existing lending policies and policies, or waiving, releasing, compromising, or assigning any material rights or claims or making any adverse changes in the mix, rates, terms, or maturities of its deposits or other liabilities;

making or increasing any loans or other extensions of credit or the commitment to do so to any director or executive officer of Savannah River or any entity controlled by a director or executive officer except for loans or extensions of credit made on terms generally available to the public;

restructuring or materially changing its investment securities portfolio or its interest rate risk position through purchases, sales or otherwise;

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making any capital expenditures other than pursuant to binding commitments as of August 13, 2013 and other expenditures necessary to maintain existing assets in good repair or to make payment of necessary taxes;

establishing or committing to establish any new branch or office facility or filing any application to relocate or terminate the operation of any banking office;

taking any action that is intended or expected to result in any of its representations and warranties set forth in the merger agreement being or becoming untrue in any material respect at any time prior to the effective time;

implementing or adopting any change in its accounting principles, practices or methods, other than as may be required by GAAP or regulatory guidelines;

agreeing to take, making any commitment to take, or adopting any resolutions in support of any actions prohibited by any of these covenants;

maintaining Savannah River Banking Company's allowance for loan losses in a manner inconsistent with GAAP and applicable regulatory guidelines and accounting principles, practices, and methods consistent with past practices; or

taking any action or failing to take any action that at the time of such action or inaction is reasonably likely to prevent, or would be reasonably likely to materially interfere with, the consummation of the merger.

In addition, Savannah River has agreed that neither it, nor its affiliates or representatives, will solicit an acquisition proposal (generally, a tender offer or proposal for a merger, asset acquisition, or other business combination), other than the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Pursuant to the merger agreement, except to the extent necessary to comply with the fiduciary duties of their board of directors, neither Savannah River, nor any affiliate or representative of such party, will furnish any non-public information that it is not legally obligated to furnish, or negotiate with respect to, or enter into any contract with respect to, any acquisition proposal. However, Savannah River may communicate information about an acquisition proposal to its shareholders if and to the extent that it is required to do so in order to comply with its legal obligations as determined after consultation with counsel. In the merger agreement, Savannah River also agreed to terminate any negotiations conducted prior to the date of the merger agreement with any other parties with respect to any of the foregoing and agreed to use its reasonable efforts to cause its representatives to comply with any of the foregoing.

**Expenses and Fees**

The merger agreement provides that each party will be responsible for its own direct costs and expenses incurred in connection with the negotiation and consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including filing, registration and application fees, printing fees, and fees and expenses of its own financial or other consultants, investment bankers, accountants, and counsel.

The merger agreement provides for the payment of a \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community, if (i) the board of directors of Savannah River withdraws, qualifies, or modifies, or proposes publicly to withdraw, qualify or modify, in a manner adverse to First Community, its recommendation that the Savannah River shareholders approve the merger agreement, or approves or recommends, or proposes publicly to approve or recommend an acquisition proposal by any other person; (ii) the board of directors of Savannah River fails to reaffirm its recommendation that the Savannah River shareholders approve the merger agreement within 10 business days after First Community requests such reaffirmation at any time following the public announcement of an

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acquisition proposal by any other person; or (iii) Savannah River fails to comply in all material aspects with Section 7.1 (Shareholder Approvals) or 7.3 (Other Offers, etc.) of the merger agreement regarding obtaining shareholder approval for the merger agreement and solicitation of other offers for an acquisition of Savannah River. In addition, Savannah River must pay First Community the \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community if it terminates the merger agreement following receipt of an acquisition proposal from a third party that is superior to First Community's proposal and receives legal advice that the board of directors would be in breach of its fiduciary duties if the board of directors did not accept the superior proposal. Also, if (i) an acquisition proposal with respect to Savannah River is communicated to the shareholders, senior management, or board of directors of Savannah River or any person publicly announces an intention to make an acquisition proposal with respect to Savannah River after the date of the merger agreement, (ii) the merger agreement is then terminated due to a failure to obtain the Savannah River shareholder vote, a material breach of the merger agreement by Savannah River, or failure to close the merger by April 30, 2014, and (iii) within one year after the termination of the merger agreement, Savannah River consummates an acquisition transaction or enters into an acquisition agreement, then it must pay the \$1,500,000 termination fee to First Community.

**Accounting Treatment**

The merger will be accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting within generally accepted accounting principles. Under the acquisition method of accounting, the assets (including identifiable intangible assets) and liabilities (including executory contracts and other commitments) of Savannah River as of the effective date of the merger will be recorded at their respective fair values and added to those of First Community. Any excess of purchase price over the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed will be recorded as goodwill. Financial statements of First Community issued after the merger will reflect these fair values and will not be restated retroactively to reflect the historical financial position or results of operations of Savannah River before the effective date of the merger.

The unaudited pro forma financial information contained in this document has been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting. See "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information" beginning on page 20 of this joint proxy statement/prospectus.



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**DESCRIPTION OF FIRST COMMUNITY CAPITAL STOCK**

*In this section, First Community is referred to as the "Company", "First Community", "we" and "our" and First Community Bank is referred to as the "Bank".*

**General**

The articles of incorporation of First Community authorize the issuance of capital stock consisting of 10,000,000 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$1.00 par value per share. As of October 3, 2013, we had issued and outstanding 5,296,288 shares of common stock held by 1,457 shareholders of record and no shares of preferred stock.

In the future, the authorized but unissued and unreserved shares of common stock and preferred stock will be available for issuance for general purposes, including, but not limited to, possible issuance as stock dividends or stock splits, future mergers or acquisitions, or future private placements or public offerings. Except as may be required to approve a merger or other transaction in which the additional authorized shares of common stock or preferred stock would be issued, no shareholder approval will be required for the issuance of those shares. See section entitled "Comparative Rights of First Community and Savannah River Shareholders" for a discussion of the rights of the holders of First Community common stock as compared to the holders of Savannah River common stock.

The description of our capital stock below is qualified in its entirety by reference to our articles of incorporation.

**Common Stock**

**General**

Each share of common stock has the same relative rights as, and is identical in all respects to, each other share of common stock.

**Voting Rights**

Each share of common stock will entitle the holder thereof to one vote on all matters upon which shareholders have the right to vote. There are no cumulative voting rights.

In general, except as otherwise provided in our articles of incorporation, (i) amendments to our articles of incorporation must be approved by two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast, regardless of voting group, and in addition by two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast within each voting group entitled to vote separately thereon; and (ii) the dissolution of the Company must be approved by two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast thereon.

Our articles of incorporation provide that a merger, consolidation, or sale of the Company or any substantial part of the Company's assets must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of our outstanding shares of common stock entitled to be cast.

Our articles of incorporation provide that our board of directors may alter, amend, or repeal any of our bylaws or adopt new bylaws, subject to our shareholders' concurrent right to alter, amend, or repeal any of our bylaws or adopt new bylaws.

**Dividends**

Holders of shares of common stock are entitled to receive dividends when and as declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available therefore. Our ability to pay dividends will be dependent on our earnings and financial condition and subject to certain restrictions imposed by state and federal laws.

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**No Preemptive or Conversion Rights**

Holders of shares of our common stock do not have preemptive rights to purchase additional shares of our common stock and have no conversion, redemption, or sinking fund rights.

**Calls and Assessments**

All of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock are non-assessable and non-callable.

**Liquidation Rights**

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of shares of our common stock shall be entitled to receive, in cash or in kind, our assets available for distribution remaining after payment or provision for payment of our debts and liabilities and distributions or provision for distributions to holders of our preferred stock that may be issued and outstanding having preference over common shares.

**Certain Ownership Restrictions**

A holder with as little as a 5% interest in our Company could, under certain circumstances, be subject to regulation as a "bank holding company" and possibly other restrictions. Specifically, any entity (including a "group" composed of natural persons) owning 25% or more of our outstanding common stock, or 5% or more if such holder otherwise exercises a "controlling influence" over the Company, may be subject to regulation as a "bank holding company" in accordance with the BHCA. In addition, (i) any bank holding company or foreign bank with a U.S. presence may be required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve under the BHCA to acquire or retain 5% or more of our outstanding common stock and (ii) any person other than a bank holding company may be required to obtain regulatory approval under the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978 to acquire or retain 10% or more of our outstanding common stock. Becoming a bank holding company imposes certain statutory and regulatory restrictions and burdens, and might require the holder to divest all or a portion of the holder's investment in our common stock. In addition, because a bank holding company is required to provide managerial and financial strength for its bank subsidiary, such a holder may be required to divest investments that may be deemed incompatible with bank holding company status, such as a material investment in a company unrelated to banking. Further, subject to a FDIC policy statement published in August 2009, under certain circumstances, holders of 5% or more of the Company's securities could be required to be subject to certain restrictions, such as an inability to sell or trade their securities for a period of three years, among others, in order for the Company to participate in an FDIC-assisted transaction of a failed bank.

**NASDAQ**

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO".

**Preferred Stock**

Our board of directors, without shareholder approval, is empowered to authorize the issuance, in one or more series, of shares of preferred stock at such times, for such purposes and for such consideration as it may deem advisable. The board of directors is also authorized to fix before the issuance thereof the designation, voting, conversion, preference and other relative rights, qualifications and limitations of any such series of preferred stock. Accordingly, our board of directors, without shareholder approval, may authorize the issuance of one or more series of preferred stock with voting and conversion rights which could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of common stock and, under certain circumstances, discourage an attempt by others to gain control of the Company.

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The creation and issuance of any additional series of preferred stock, and the relative rights, designations and preferences of such series, if and when established, will depend on, among other things, our future capital needs, then existing market conditions and other factors that, in the judgment of our board of directors, might warrant the issuance of preferred stock.

**Certain Protective Provisions**

**General**

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws, as well as the South Carolina Business Corporation Act, contain certain provisions designed to enhance the ability of our board of directors to deal with attempts to acquire control of us. These provisions may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may discourage takeover attempts which have not been approved by the board of directors (including takeovers which certain shareholders may deem to be in their best interest). To the extent that such takeover attempts are discouraged, temporary fluctuations in the market price of common stock resulting from actual or rumored takeover attempts may be inhibited. These provisions also could discourage or make more difficult a merger, tender offer or proxy contest, even though such transaction may be favorable to the interests of shareholders, and could potentially adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

The following briefly summarizes protective provisions that are contained in our articles of incorporation and bylaws and which are provided by the South Carolina Business Corporation Act. This summary is necessarily general and is not intended to be a complete description of all the features and consequences of those provisions and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our articles of incorporation and bylaws and the statutory provisions contained in the South Carolina Business Corporation Act.

**Authorized but Unissued Stock**

The authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock will be available for future issuance without shareholder approval. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future private or public offerings to raise additional capital, corporate acquisitions, and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued and unreserved shares of common stock and preferred stock may enable the board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which could render more difficult or discourage any attempt to obtain control of us by means such as a proxy contest, tender offer, or merger, and thereby protect the continuity of the Company's management.

**Supermajority Shareholder Vote Required for Merger**

The articles of incorporation require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote to approve any merger, consolidation, or sale of us or any substantial part of the our assets.

**Number and Qualifications of Directors**

The articles and bylaws provide that the number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, but may not consist of fewer than nine nor more than 25 members. The bylaws also provide that no individual who is or becomes a Business Competitor (as defined below) or who is or becomes affiliated with, employed by, or a representative of any individual, corporation, or other entity which the board of directors, after having such matter formally brought to its attention, determines to be in competition with us or any of our subsidiaries (any such individual, corporation, or other entity being a "Business Competitor") shall be eligible to serve as a director if the board of directors determines that it would not be in our best interests for

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such individual to serve as a director. Any financial institution having branches or affiliates within Richland or Lexington Counties, South Carolina is presumed to be a Business Competitor unless the board of directors determines otherwise.

**Staggered Board of Directors**

Our board of directors is divided into three classes so that each director serves for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the annual meeting at which such director was elected. In the event of any increase in the authorized number of directors, the newly created directorships resulting from such increase shall be apportioned among the three classes of directors so as to maintain such classes as nearly equal as possible, and the terms of any newly created directorships filled by the board from such increase in the number of directors shall expire at the next election of directors by the shareholders. Approximately one-third of the board of directors will be elected at each annual meeting of shareholders. The classification of directors, together with the provisions in the articles of incorporation and bylaws described below that limit the ability of shareholders to remove directors and that permit the remaining directors to fill any vacancies on the board of directors, have the effect of making it more difficult for shareholders to change the composition of the board of directors. As a result, at least two annual meetings of shareholders may be required for the shareholders to change a majority of the directors, whether or not a change in the board of directors would be beneficial and whether or not a majority of shareholders believe that such a change would be desirable, and three meetings, rather than one, would be required to replace the entire board.

**Removal of Directors and Filling Vacancies**

Our articles of incorporation provide that a director may be removed from office prior to the expiration of such director's term only if such removal is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors. Our bylaws provide that all vacancies on our board may be filled by the board of directors for the unexpired term.

**Advance Notice Requirements for Shareholder Proposals**

Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with regard to shareholder proposals. These procedures provide that the shareholder must submit information regarding the proposal, together with the proposal, to our corporate secretary at least 90 days in advance of the annual meeting. Shareholders submitting proposals for inclusion in our proxy statement must comply with the proxy rules under the Exchange Act. We may reject a shareholder proposal that is not made in accordance with such procedures.

**Certain Nomination Requirements**

Pursuant to our bylaws, we have established certain nomination requirements for an individual to be elected as a director of the Company at any annual or special meeting of the shareholders, including that the nominating party provide us within a specified time prior to the meeting (i) the name and address of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons to be nominated; (ii) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of stock of the Company entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the shareholder; (iv) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the SEC, had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the board of directors; and (v) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the Company if so elected. The chairman of any

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shareholders' meeting may, for good cause shown, waive the operation of these provisions. These provisions could reduce the likelihood that a third party would nominate and elect individuals to serve on our board of directors.

**Business Combinations with Interested Shareholders**

The South Carolina business combinations statute provides that a 10% or greater shareholder of a resident domestic corporation cannot engage in a "business combination" (as defined in the statute) with such corporation for a period of two years following the date on which the 10% shareholder became such, unless the business combination or the acquisition of shares is approved by a majority of the disinterested members of such corporation's board of directors before the 10% shareholder's share acquisition date. This statute further provides that at no time (even after the two-year period subsequent to such share acquisition date) may the 10% shareholder engage in a business combination with the relevant corporation unless certain approvals of the board of directors or disinterested shareholders are obtained or unless the consideration given in the combination meets certain minimum standards set forth in the statute. The law is very broad in its scope and is designed to inhibit unfriendly acquisitions but it does not apply to corporations whose articles of incorporation contain a provision electing not to be covered by the law. Our articles of incorporation do not contain such a provision. An amendment of our articles of incorporation to that effect would, however, permit a business combination with an interested shareholder even though that status was obtained prior to the amendment.

**Factors to be Considered in Certain Transactions**

Our articles of incorporation grant the board of directors the discretion, when considering whether a proposed merger or similar transaction is in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders, to take into account the effect of the transaction on the employees, customers and suppliers of our Company and upon the communities in which offices of the Company are located, to the extent permitted by South Carolina law.

**Indemnification**

*South Carolina Business Corporation Act.* The South Carolina Business Corporation Act provides that a corporation may indemnify any of its directors and officers against liability incurred in connection with a proceeding if:

the director or officer acted in good faith;

the director or officer reasonably believed such conduct was in, or not opposed to, the corporation's best interest; and

in connection with any criminal action or proceeding, the director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

However, the South Carolina Business Corporation Act provides that directors or officers may not be indemnified 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 any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to him, whether or not involving action in his official capacity, in which he was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him.

The South Carolina Business Corporation Act also empowers a corporation to provide insurance for directors and officers against liability arising out of their positions, even though the insurance coverage may be broader than the corporation's power to indemnify. The Company maintains directors and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of its directors and officers.

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*First Community Corporation.* The bylaws of First Community require the Company to indemnify any person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of service by such person as a director of the Company or its subsidiary bank or any other corporation which he served as such at the request of the Company. Except as noted in the next paragraph, directors are entitled to be indemnified against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding. Directors are also entitled to have the Company advance any such expenses prior to final disposition of the proceeding, upon delivery of a written affirmation by the director of his good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification has been met and a written undertaking to repay the amounts advanced if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct has not been met.

Under the bylaws, indemnification will be disallowed if it is established that the director (i) appropriated, in violation of his duties, any business opportunity of the Company, (ii) engaged in willful misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) permitted any unlawful distribution, or (iv) derived an improper personal benefit. In addition to the bylaws, Section 33-8-520 of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act requires that "a corporation indemnify a director who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he was a party because he is or was a director of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the proceeding." The South Carolina Business Corporation Act also provides that upon application of a director a court may order indemnification if it determines that the director is entitled to such indemnification under the applicable standard of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act.

The board of directors also has the authority to extend to officers, employees, and agents the same indemnification rights held by directors, subject to all of the accompanying conditions and obligations. The board of directors has extended or intends to extend indemnification rights to all of its executive officers.

*Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling First Community pursuant to the provisions discussed above, First Community has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable.*

Certain rules of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit the ability of certain depository institutions, their subsidiaries and their affiliated depository institution holding companies to indemnify affiliated parties, including institution directors. In general, subject to the ability to purchase directors and officers liability insurance and to advance professional expenses under certain circumstances, the rules prohibit such institutions from indemnifying a director for certain costs incurred with regard to an administrative or enforcement action commenced by any federal banking agency that results in a final order or settlement pursuant to which the director is assessed a civil money penalty, removed from office, prohibited from participating in the affairs of an insured depository institution or required to cease and desist from or take an affirmative action described in Section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C, (S) 1818(b)).

**Limitation of Liability**

Our articles of incorporation provide that to the full extent that the South Carolina Business Corporation Act permits the limitation or elimination of the liability of directors or officers, our directors or officers shall not be liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of his or her duty as a director, except that a director may be liable (a) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its shareholders, (b) for acts and omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of criminal law or of any federal or state securities law, including without limitation, laws proscribing insider trading or manipulation of the

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market for any security, and (c) for any transaction from which the director derives any improper personal benefits.

**Registrar and Transfer Agent**

The registrar and transfer agent for our common stock is Registrar and Transfer Company.

**Information about Surviving Company's Directors**

First Community and First Community Bank will maintain the same management and directors whose biographical and financial information is included in this document-See "Information about First Community Corporation "beginning on page 118, except for the addition of three directors (Paul S. Simon, J. Randolph Potter, and E. Leland Reynolds) from Savannah River's board of directors and the employment of Jeff P. Spears, Joe E. Lewis, and Philip R. Wahl, II as Regional President, Aiken Market President, and Augusta Market President, respectively, of First Community Bank.

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**COMPARATIVE RIGHTS OF FIRST COMMUNITY AND SAVANNAH RIVER SHAREHOLDERS**

At the effective time of the merger, holders of Savannah River common stock who elect to receive First Community common stock as merger consideration, or who otherwise receive First Community common stock due to the proration of their cash merger consideration election as described elsewhere in this joint proxy statement/prospectus, will become holders of First Community common stock. The following is a summary of the material differences between the rights of holders of First Community common stock and the rights of holders of Savannah River common stock. Since First Community is organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina and Savannah River is organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, differences in the rights of holders of First Community common stock and those of holders of Savannah River common stock arise from differing provisions of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act ("SCBCA") and the Georgia Business Corporation Code ("GBCC"), in addition to differing provisions of their respective articles or certificate of incorporation and bylaws.

This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the provisions affecting and differences between the rights of First Community shareholders and Savannah River shareholders. The identification of specific provisions or differences is not meant to indicate that other equally or more significant differences do not exist. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the SCBCA and the GBCC and to the governing corporate documents of First Community and Savannah River, to which the shareholders of Savannah River are referred.

**Authorized Capital Stock**

*First Community*

First Community is authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of which 5,296,288 shares were issued and outstanding as of October 3, 2013, and of which 73,022 shares are reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding First Community options and 107,500 are reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding First Community warrants, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00, of which no shares are issued and outstanding. First Community's shareholders do not have preemptive rights. First Community's shares of common stock are not assessable.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River is authorized to issue 20,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of which 3,000,400 shares were issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2013, and, assuming that all of the issued and outstanding Savannah River warrants and options had been exercised, not more than an additional 300,000 shares and 263,000 shares, respectively, with a per share weighted average exercise price of \$10.00 and \$9.97, respectively, would be issued and outstanding of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, and 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of which no shares are issued and outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Savannah River are duly and validly issued and outstanding and are fully paid and non-assessable. None of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Savannah River has been issued in violation of any preemptive rights of the current or past shareholders of the Savannah River.

**Size of Board of Directors**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation provide that the board must consist of not less than nine directors and no more than 25 directors, with the exact number fixed by the board of directors. First Community's board of directors is currently comprised of 13 persons, and following the merger, the board



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of directors will be comprised of 16 persons, as three former directors of Savannah River Paul S. Simon, J. Randolph Potter, and E. Leland Reynolds will be appointed to First Community's board of directors.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provide that the board must consist of not less than nine directors and no more than 25 directors, with the exact number fixed by the board of directors. The Savannah River board of directors currently has 19 members.

**Classification of Directors**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation divide the board of directors into three classes with staggered terms so that the terms of only approximately one-third of the board members expire at each annual meeting. Each director serves for a three year term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the meeting at which such director was elected.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws also divide the board of directors into three classes, with each class accounting for one-third of the total number of directors. Directors are elected for a term of three years to succeed those whose terms expire.

**Election of Directors**

*First Community*

First Community's bylaws also provide that the directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at each annual meeting, with the nominees receiving the highest number of votes being elected as directors.

*Savannah River*

Under the GBCC, the directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the shares entitled to vote in the election of directors. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes are elected as directors.

**Removal of Directors**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation provide that the shareholders do not have the right to remove any one or all of the directors prior to the end of their term of office except by the affirmative vote of the holders of 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's articles of incorporation provide that, at any shareholders' meeting with respect to which notice of such purpose has been given, the entire board of directors or any individual director may be removed with cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the company entitled to vote in the election of directors. Directors may not be removed without cause, which, for these purposes, is defined as (i) the conviction of a felony; (ii) the request or demand for removal by any bank regulatory agency having jurisdiction over the company; or (iii) a determination that the director's conduct has been inimical to the best interests of the company by at least 2/3 of the directors of the company then in office.

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**Filling Vacancies on the Board of Directors**

*First Community*

First Community's bylaws provide that (a) the office of a director shall become vacant if he dies, resigns, or is removed from office, and (b) the board of directors may declare vacant the office of a director if (i) he is interdicted or adjudicated an incompetent, (ii) an action is filed by or against him, or any entity of which he is employed as his principal business activity, under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, (iii) in the sole opinion of the board of directors he becomes incapacitated by illness or other infirmity so that he is unable to perform his duties for a period of six months or longer, or (iv) he ceases at any time to have the qualifications required by law, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. The remaining directors may, by a majority vote, fill any vacancy on the board of directors (including any vacancy resulting from an increase in the authorized number of directors, or from the failure of the shareholders to elect the full number of authorized directors) for an unexpired term; provided that the shareholders shall have the right at any special meeting called for such purpose prior to action by the board of directors to fill the vacancy.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provide that a vacancy occurring in the board of directors may be filled for the unexpired term, unless the shareholders have elected a successor, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, whether or not the remaining directors constitute a quorum; provided, however, that if the vacant office was held by a director elected by a particular voting group, only the holders of shares of that voting group or the remaining directors elected by that voting group shall be entitled to fill the vacancy; provided further, however, that if the vacant office was held by a director elected by a particular Voting Group and there is no remaining director elected by that voting group, the other remaining directors or director (elected by another voting group or groups) may fill the vacancy during an interim period before the shareholders of the vacated director's voting group act to fill the vacancy. A vacancy or vacancies in the board of directors may result from the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of any director, or from an increase in the number of directors.

**Nomination of Director Candidates**

*First Community*

First Community's bylaws provide that nomination of persons to serve as directors of the company, other than those made by or on behalf of the board of directors, must be made in writing and delivered either by personal delivery or by United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the secretary of the company no later than (i) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of shareholders, 90 days in advance of such meeting; and (ii) with respect to an election to be held at a special meeting of shareholders for the election of directors, the close of business on the seventh day following the date on which notice of such meeting is first given to shareholders. Each notice shall set forth: (i) the name and address of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons to be nominated; (ii) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of stock of the company entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the shareholder; (iv) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the SEC, had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the board of directors; and (v) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director if so elected. The chairman of the meeting may refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person not

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made in compliance with the foregoing procedure. The chairman of any such meeting, for good cause shown and with proper regard for the orderly conduct of business at the meeting, may waive in whole or in part the operation of these procedures.

Notwithstanding the above, if the First Community or First Community Bank is subject to the requirements of Section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, then no person may be nominated by a shareholder for election as a director at any meeting of shareholders unless the shareholder furnishes the written notice required as described above to the secretary of the company at least 90 days prior to the date of the meeting and the nominee has received regulatory approval to serve as a director prior to the date of the meeting.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provide that no person may be nominated for election as a director at any annual or special meeting of shareholders unless (a) the nomination has been or is being made pursuant to a recommendation or approval of the board of directors (or a properly constituted committee thereof previously delegated authority to recommend or approve nominees for director); (b) the person is nominated by a shareholder of the company who is entitled to vote for the election of the nominee at the subject meeting, and the nominating shareholder has furnished written notice to the secretary of the company, at its principal office, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to any such meeting (provided, however, that if less than 31 days' notice of the meeting is given to shareholders, such written notice shall be delivered or mailed, as prescribed, to the secretary of the company not later than the close of the tenth day following the day on which notice of the meeting was mailed to shareholders), and the notice (i) sets forth with respect to the person to be nominated his or her name, age, business and residence addresses, principal business or occupation during the past five years, any affiliation with or material interest in the company or any transaction involving the company, and any affiliation with or material interest in any person or entity having an interest materially adverse to the company, and (ii) is accompanied by the sworn or certified statement of the shareholder that the nominee has consented to being nominated and that the shareholder believes the nominee will stand for election and will serve if elected; or (c) (i) the person is nominated to replace a person previously identified as a proposed nominee who has since become unable or unwilling to be nominated or to serve if elected, (ii) the shareholder who furnished such previous identification makes the replacement nomination and delivers to the secretary of the company (at the time of or prior to making the replacement nomination) an affidavit or other sworn statement affirming that the shareholder had no reason to believe the original nominee would be so unable or unwilling, and (iii) such shareholder also furnishes in writing to the secretary of the company (at the time of or prior to making the replacement nomination) the same type of information about the replacement nominee as required by the bylaws to have been furnished about the original nominee. The chairman of any meeting of shareholders at which one or more directors are to be elected, for good cause shown and with proper regard for the orderly conduct of business at the meeting, may waive in whole or in part the operation of these procedures.

Notwithstanding the above, if the Savannah River or Savannah River Banking Company is subject to the requirements of Section 914 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, then no person may be nominated by a shareholder for election as a director at any meeting of shareholders unless the shareholder furnishes the written notice required as described above to the secretary of the company at least 90 days prior to the date of the meeting and the nominee has received regulatory approval to serve as a director prior to the date of the meeting.

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**Shareholder Action Without Meeting**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation provide that shareholder action by written consent in lieu of a meeting is permitted only if such consent is unanimous.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provided that action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all shareholders entitled to vote on the action or, if permitted by the Articles of Incorporation, by persons who would be entitled to vote at a meeting shares having voting power to cast the requisite number of votes (or numbers, in the case of voting by groups) that would be necessary to authorize or take the action at a meeting at which all shareholders entitled to vote were present and voted. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents bearing the date of signature and describing the action taken, signed by shareholders entitled to take action without a meeting, and delivered to the company for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records. Savannah River must provide shareholders with written notice of actions taken without a meeting as required by the GBCC.

**Calling Meetings of Shareholders**

*First Community*

First Community's bylaws provide that special meetings of the shareholders, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise required by the SCBCA, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws, may be called by the chief executive officer, the president, the chairman, or a majority of the board of directors. In addition, First Community shall, if and to the extent that it is required by applicable law, hold a special meeting of shareholders if the holders of at least 10% of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at such special meeting sign, date and deliver to the secretary of the company one or more written demands for the meeting. Such written demands shall be delivered to the secretary by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such written demands sent to the secretary shall set forth as to each matter the shareholder or shareholders propose to be presented at the special meeting (i) a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is to be held (including the specific proposal(s) to be presented); (ii) the name and record address of the shareholder or shareholders proposing such business; (iii) the class and number of shares of the company that are owned of record by the shareholder or shareholders as of a date within 10 days of the delivery of the demand; (iv) the class and number of shares of the company that are held beneficially, but not held of record, by the shareholder or shareholders as of a date within 10 days of the delivery of the demand; and (v) any interest of the shareholder or shareholders in such business. Any such special shareholders' meeting shall be held at a location designated by the board of directors. The board of directors may set such rules for any such meeting as it may deem appropriate, including when the meeting will be held (subject to any requirements of the SCBCA), the agenda for the meeting (which may include any proposals made by the board of directors), who may attend the meeting in addition to shareholders of record and other such matters.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provide that special meetings of shareholders of one or more classes or series of First Community's shares may be called at any time by the board of directors, the chairman, the vice chairman, the chief executive officer, or the president, and must be called upon the written request (in compliance with applicable requirements of the GBCC) of the holders of shares representing 25% or more of the votes entitled to be cast on each issue proposed to be considered at the special meeting; provided, however, that at any time First Community has more than 100 shareholders of record, such

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written request must be made by the holders of a majority of such votes. The business that may be transacted at any special meeting of shareholders shall be limited to that proposed in the notice of the special meeting.

**Indemnification of Directors, Executive Officers, and Employees**

*First Community*

First Community's bylaws provide that First Community shall indemnify, to the fullest extent provided by law, all directors, officers, employees, agents of the corporation and any person who, at the corporation's request, is or was serving as director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation or entity, against liability and expenses in any proceeding arising out of their status or activities in any of the foregoing capacities, provided that the party (i) conducted himself in good faith, (ii) reasonably believed: (A) in the case of conduct in his official capacity with First Community, that his conduct was in its best interest; and (B) in all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to its best interest; and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provide that Savannah River shall indemnify any director who or is party, or is threatened to be made a party to, any proceeding because he or she is or was a director, officer, agent or employee of Savannah River, against any liability incurred with respect to a proceeding, provided, however, that no indemnification will be made for (i) any appropriation by a director, in violation of the director's duties, of any business opportunity of Savannah River; (b) any acts or omissions of a director that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (c) liability for unlawful distributions; or (d) any transaction from which the director received an improper personal benefit.

**Limitation of Liability for Directors**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation provide that, to the maximum extent permitted from time to time by the SCBCA, no director shall be personally liable to First Community or its shareholders for monetary damages for a breach of a fiduciary duty as a director, except that a director may be liable (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to First Community or its shareholders, (ii) for acts and omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, and (iii) for any transaction from which the director derives any improper personal benefits.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's articles of incorporation provide that no director shall be personally liable to Savannah River or its shareholders for monetary damages for a breach of the duty of care or any other duty as a director, except that such liability shall not be eliminated for (i) any appropriation, in violation of the director's duties, of any business opportunity of Savannah River, (ii) acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) liability for unlawful distributions, and (iv) any transaction from which the director received an improper personal benefit.

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**Amendment to Articles of Incorporation**

*First Community*

The SCBCA provides that a South Carolina corporation's articles of incorporation generally may be amended only upon approval by (i) two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the amendment, regardless of the class or voting group to which the shares belong and (ii) two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the amendment within each voting group entitled to vote as a separate voting group on the amendment. First Community's articles of incorporation also provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than sixty-six and two thirds percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all outstanding shares of voting stock shall be required to amend the optional provisions which First Community elected to include in the articles of incorporation or to adopt any provision inconsistent with the articles of incorporation.

*Savannah River*

The GBCC provides that a Georgia corporation's articles of incorporation may be amended upon the approval of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the amendment by each voting group entitled to vote on the amendment, unless the GBCC, the articles of incorporation, or the board of directors acting pursuant to its authority to condition the effectiveness of a proposed amendment require a greater vote or a vote by voting groups. Savannah River's articles of incorporation require the approval of either two-thirds of the directors then in office or the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Savannah River to amend: article six (limitation on director liability), article seven (removal of directors), article nine (approval of certain business transactions), and article ten (factors considered in business transactions).

**Amendment to Bylaws**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation provide that the board of directors shall have the concurrent power with the shareholders to adopt, amend, or repeal the bylaws of First Community. The board of directors may amend the bylaws upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The shareholders may amend the bylaws only upon the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than sixty-six and two-thirds percent of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all outstanding shares of the voting stock.

*Savannah River*

Savannah River's bylaws provide that the board of directors shall have the power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or to adopt new bylaws, and any bylaws adopted by the board of directors may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new bylaws adopted, by the shareholders. The shareholders may prescribe in adopting any bylaw or bylaws that the bylaw or bylaws so adopted shall not be altered, amended, or repealed by the board of directors.

**Shareholder Vote on Fundamental Issues**

*First Community*

First Community's articles of incorporation provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds (66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>%) percent of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote are required to approve any merger, consolidation, or sale of First Community or any substantial part of the First Community's assets.

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*Savannah River*

Savannah River's articles of incorporation provide that in any case in which the GBCC or other applicable law requires shareholder approval of any merger or share exchange of Savannah River with or into any other corporation, or any sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of substantially all of the assets of Savannah River to any other corporation, person or other entity, the approval of the transaction shall require either: (i) the affirmative vote of two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the directors of Savannah River then in office and the affirmative vote of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote; or (ii) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors of Savannah River then in office and the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the issued and outstanding shares of Savannah River entitled to vote.

In addition, the Board of Directors has the power to determine for the purposes of this provision, on the basis of information known to Savannah River, whether any sale, lease or exchange or other disposition of part of the assets of Savannah River involves substantially all of the assets of Savannah River.

**Control Share Acquisition Provisions**

*First Community*

Section 35-2-101 et seq. of the SCBCA contains a control share acquisition statute that, in general terms, provides that where a shareholder acquires issued and outstanding shares of a corporation's voting stock (referred to as control shares) within one of several specified ranges (one-fifth or more but less than one-third, one-third or more but less than a majority, or a majority or more), approval of the control share acquisition by the corporation's shareholders must be obtained before the acquiring shareholder may vote the control shares. The required shareholder vote is a majority of all votes entitled to be cast, excluding "interested shares," defined as shares held by the acquiring person, officers of the corporation and employees who are also directors of the corporation. A corporation may, however, opt-out of the control share statute through a charter or bylaw provision. First Community has specifically opted out of coverage of the control share acquisition provisions of South Carolina law, and therefore, the SCBCA control share acquisition statute does not apply to acquisitions of shares of First Community common stock.

*Savannah River*

The GBCC does not contain a control share acquisition statute.

**Business Combination Statute**

*First Community*

South Carolina law prohibits specified "business combinations" with "interested shareholders" unless certain conditions are satisfied. The act defines an "interested shareholder" as any person (other than the corporation or any of its subsidiaries) that (i) beneficially owns 10% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting shares or (ii) at any time within the preceding two-year period beneficially owned 10% of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding shares and is an affiliate or associate of the corporation.

Covered business combinations with interested shareholders or an affiliate or associate of an interested shareholder include, among other transactions:

merger of the corporation;

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sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer, or other disposition of assets having a value equal to 10% or more of the value of all assets of the corporation, the value of all outstanding shares of the corporation, or the earning power or net income of the corporation;

transfer of shares of the corporation equaling 5% or more of the market value of all outstanding shares of the corporation; and

dissolution or liquidation of the corporation proposed by or under an arrangement with an interested shareholder or its affiliate or associate.

Covered business combinations are prohibited unless:

the board of directors of the corporation approved of the business combination before the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder;

a majority of shares not beneficially owned by the interested shareholder approved the combination; and

certain transactional requirements are met.

Covered business combinations are prohibited for two years after an interested shareholder becomes interested unless the board of directors of the corporation approved of the business combination before the interested party became interested.

First Community is subject to the business combination provisions of South Carolina law.

*Savannah River*

Georgia law precludes an interested shareholder (one owning 10% or more of the Company's outstanding voting stock) from entering into certain business combinations (which are broadly defined) with the company for a period of five years from the date of becoming an interested shareholder unless (i) prior to the acquisition in which he or she became an interested shareholder, approval of the board of directors of the acquisition or business combination was obtained; (ii) the interested shareholder acquired 90% of the outstanding voting stock as a result of the transaction in which he or she became an interested shareholder; or (iii) the interested shareholder, after the acquisition in which he or she became an interested shareholder, acquired 90% of the outstanding voting stock and the business combination was approved by a majority of the voting shares not held by the interested shareholder. The protection of the statute is available only if the company "opts in" by adopting a bylaw provision specifically providing that the statute shall apply. Savannah River has not opted in to the Georgia Business Combination Statute.

**Dissenters' Rights**

*First Community*

The dissenters' rights of First Community shareholders are governed in accordance with the SCBCA. Under South Carolina law, a dissenting or objecting shareholder has the right to demand and receive payment of the fair value of the shareholder's shares in the event of (1) the consummation of a plan of merger if shareholder approval is required and the shareholder is entitled to vote on the plan, or if the corporation to be merged is a subsidiary that is merged with its parent; (2) the consummation of a plan of share exchange if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the plan; (3) the consummation of a sale or exchange of all or substantially all of the property of the corporation other than in the ordinary course of business if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the sale or exchange; (4) an amendment to the corporation's articles of incorporation in a way that materially and adversely affects the shareholder's rights; (5) in certain circumstances, the conversion of a corporation into a limited liability company or a partnership; or (6) a transaction, to the extent the corporation's articles of





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incorporation, bylaws or a resolution of the corporation's board of directors provides for dissenters' rights relating to such a transaction.

The SCBCA provides that a shareholder may not demand the fair value of the shareholder's shares and is bound by the terms of the transaction if, among other things, the shares are listed on a national securities exchange on the record date for determining shareholders entitled to vote on the matter. Shares of First Community common stock are currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market, a national securities exchange.

*Savannah River*

The dissenters' rights of Savannah River shareholders are governed in accordance with the GBCC. Under the GBCC, a record shareholder of a Georgia corporation is entitled to dissent from, and obtain payment of the fair value of his or her shares in the event of any of the following corporate actions: (1) the consummation of a plan of merger to which the corporation is party if shareholder approval is required and the shareholder is entitled to vote on the merger (subject to certain exceptions), or if the corporation is a subsidiary that is merged with its parent; (2) the consummation of a plan of share exchange to which the corporation is a party as the corporation whose shares will be acquired, if the shareholder is entitled to vote on the plan; (3) the consummation of a sale or exchange of all or substantially all of the property of the corporation if a shareholder vote is required on the sale or exchange (subject to certain exceptions); (4) an amendment to the corporation's articles of incorporation with respect to a class or series of shares that reduces the number of shares of a class or series owned by the shareholder to a fraction of a share if the fractional share so created is to be acquired for cash; (5) any corporate action taken pursuant to a shareholder vote to the extent that Article 9 of the GBCC, the corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws or a resolution of the corporation's board of directors provides that voting or nonvoting shareholders are entitled to dissent and obtain payment for their shares; or (6) a transaction, to the extent the corporation's articles of incorporation, bylaws or a resolution of the corporation's board of directors provides for dissenters' rights relating to such a transaction.

The GBCC further provides that there is no right of dissent in favor of the holders of shares listed on a national securities exchange that are required, under a plan of merger, to accept, in exchange for their shares, only shares of the surviving corporation that are listed on a national securities exchange. Savannah River common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, although First Community common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market, a national securities exchange.

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**PROPOSAL NO. 2 AUTHORIZATION TO ADJOURN**

At each special shareholders' meeting, Savannah River and First Community shareholders are being asked to consider and vote on a proposal to authorize management to adjourn the meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies if there are insufficient votes present at the meeting, in person or by proxy, to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance, respectively.

**Savannah River's and First Community's boards of directors recommend that Savannah River and First Community shareholders, respectively, vote "FOR" the proposal to authorize management to adjourn the Special Meetings to allow time for the further solicitation of proxies to approve the merger agreement or the share issuance, respectively.**

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**INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST COMMUNITY**

*In this section, First Community is referred to as the "Company", "First Community", "we" and "our" and First Community Bank is referred to as the "Bank".*

**Business**

*General*

First Community Corporation, a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, was incorporated under the laws of South Carolina in 1994 primarily to own and control all of the capital stock of First Community Bank, which commenced operations in August 1995 as a national banking association. On October 1, 2012, the Bank converted from a national bank charter to a South Carolina state bank charter and the bank name was changed from First Community Bank, NA to First Community Bank. As a national bank, the Bank's primary federal regulator was the OCC. Subsequent to the conversion to a state bank charter, the Bank's primary federal regulator is the FDIC. The Bank is also regulated and examined by the SCBFI.

On October 1, 2004, we completed our acquisition of DutchFork Bancshares, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Newberry Federal Savings Bank. During the second quarter of 2006, we completed our acquisition of DeKalb Bankshares, Inc., the holding company for The Bank of Camden. On September 15, 2008, we completed the acquisition of two financial planning and investment advisory firms, EAH Financial Group and Pooled Resources, LLC. The Bank expanded its residential mortgage business unit with the acquisition of the assets of Palmetto South Mortgage Corporation ("Palmetto South"), effective July 31, 2011. Palmetto South, which operates as a division of the Bank, offers mortgage loan products for home purchase or refinance in the South Carolina market area. We engage in a commercial banking business from our main office in Lexington, South Carolina and our 11 full-service offices located in Lexington (two), Forest Acres, Irmo, Cayce-West Columbia, Gilbert, Chapin, Northeast Columbia, Prosperity, Newberry and Camden. We offer a wide-range of traditional banking products and services for professionals and small-to medium sized businesses, including consumer and commercial, mortgage, brokerage and investment, and insurance services. We also offer online banking to our customers.

Our stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FCCO".

*Location and Service Area*

The Bank is engaged in a general commercial and retail banking business, emphasizing the needs of small-to-medium sized businesses, professional concerns and individuals, primarily in Richland, Lexington, Kershaw and Newberry Counties of South Carolina and the surrounding areas. These counties, which we refer to as the "Midlands" region of South Carolina, had an estimated aggregate population of 764,155 (July 2012 estimates based on survey changes to 2010 U.S. Census data) and total deposits of approximately \$15.8 billion as of June 30, 2013 according to the most recent data published by the FDIC. Lexington County, which is home to six of our Bank's branch offices, had a population of 270,406 (according July 2012 estimates) and total deposits of \$3.4 billion as of June 30, 2013. As of June 30, 2013, approximately \$267 million, or 52.4%, of our total deposits were located in Lexington County. Richland County, in which we have two branches, is the largest county in South Carolina with a population of 393,830 (according July 2012 estimates) and total deposits of \$11.3 billion as of June 30, 2013. Columbia, which is located within Richland County, is South Carolina's capital city and is geographically positioned in the center of the state between the industrialized Upstate region of South Carolina and the coastal city of Charleston. Intersected by three major interstate highways (I-20, I-77 and I-26), Columbia's strategic location has contributed greatly to its commercial appeal and growth.

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We serve attractive banking markets with long-term growth potential and a well educated employment base that helps to support our diverse and relatively stable local economy. According to 2010 U.S. Census Data, Lexington, Richland, Kershaw and Newberry counties had median household incomes of \$52,205, \$47,922, \$44,064 and \$41,815, respectively, compared to \$43,939 for South Carolina as a whole. The principal components of the economy within our market areas are service industries, government and education, and wholesale and retail trade. The largest employers in our market area, each of which employs in excess of 3,000 people, are Fort Jackson Army Post, the University of South Carolina, Palmetto Health Alliance, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Lexington Medical center. In addition, Amazon has built a distribution center that is expected to add approximately 2,000 full-time jobs to our market area when fully operational. The Company believes that this diversified economic base has reduced, and will likely continue to reduce, economic volatility in our market areas. Our markets have experienced steady economic and population growth over the past 10 years, and we expect that the area, as well as the service industry needed to support it, will continue to grow.

*Banking Services*

We offer a full range of deposit services that are typically available in most banks and thrift institutions, including checking accounts, NOW accounts, savings accounts and other time deposits of various types, ranging from daily money market accounts to longer-term certificates of deposit. The transaction accounts and time certificates are tailored to our principal market area at rates competitive to those offered in the area. In addition, we offer certain retirement account services, such as Individual Retirement Accounts ("IRAs"). All deposit accounts are insured by the FDIC up to the maximum amount allowed by law (currently, \$250,000, subject to aggregation rules).

We also offer a full range of commercial and personal loans. Commercial loans include both secured and unsecured loans for working capital (including inventory and receivables), business expansion (including acquisition of real estate and improvements), and the purchase of equipment and machinery. Consumer loans include secured and unsecured loans for financing automobiles, home improvements, education, and personal investments. We also make real estate construction and acquisition loans. We originate fixed and variable rate mortgage loans, substantially all of which are sold into the secondary market. Our lending activities are subject to a variety of lending limits imposed by federal law. While differing limits apply in certain circumstances based on the type of loan or the nature of the borrower (including the borrower's relationship to the bank), in general, we are subject to a loans-to-one-borrower limit of an amount equal to 15% of the Bank's unimpaired capital and surplus, or 25% of the unimpaired capital and surplus if the excess over 15% is approved by the board of directors of the Bank and is fully secured by readily marketable collateral. As a result, our lending limit will increase or decrease in response to increases or decreases in the Bank's level of capital. Based upon the capitalization of the Bank at December 31, 2012, the maximum amount we could lend to one borrower is \$9.2 million. In addition, we may not make any loans to any director, officer, employee, or 10% shareholder of the Company or the Bank unless the loan is approved by our board of directors and is made on terms not more favorable to such person than would be available to a person not affiliated with the Bank.

Other bank services include internet banking, cash management services, safe deposit boxes, travelers checks, direct deposit of payroll and social security checks, and automatic drafts for various accounts. We offer non-deposit investment products and other investment brokerage services through a registered representative with an affiliation through LPL Financial. We are associated with Jeannie, Star, and Plus networks of automated teller machines and MasterCard debit cards that may be used by our customers throughout South Carolina and other regions. We also offer VISA and MasterCard credit card services through a correspondent bank as our agent.

We currently do not exercise trust powers, but we can begin to do so with the prior approval of our primary banking regulators, the FDIC and the SCBFI.

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*Competition*

The banking business is highly competitive. We compete as a financial intermediary with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions and money market mutual funds operating in Richland, Lexington, Kershaw and Newberry Counties and elsewhere. As of June 30, 2013, there were 25 financial institutions operating approximately 198 offices in Lexington, Richland, Kershaw and Newberry Counties. The competition among the various financial institutions is based upon a variety of factors, including interest rates offered on deposit accounts, interest rates charged on loans, credit and service charges, the quality of services rendered, the convenience of banking facilities and, in the case of loans to large commercial borrowers, relative lending limits. Size gives larger banks certain advantages in competing for business from large corporations. These advantages include higher lending limits and the ability to offer services in other areas of South Carolina. As a result, we do not generally attempt to compete for the banking relationships of large corporations, but concentrate our efforts on small-to-medium sized businesses and individuals. We believe we have competed effectively in this market by offering quality and personal service. In addition, many of our non-bank competitors are not subject to the same extensive federal regulations that govern bank holding companies and federally insured banks.

*Market Share*

As of June 30, 2013, the most recent date for which market data is available, total deposits in the Bank's primary market area, Lexington, Richland, Kershaw and Newberry Counties, were approximately \$15.8 billion. At June 30, 2013, our deposits represented 3.24% of the market.

*Employees*

As of December 31, 2012, we had 158 full-time employees. We believe that our relations with our employees are good.

**Supervision and Regulation**

Both the Company and the Bank are subject to extensive state and federal banking laws and regulations that impose specific requirements or restrictions on and provide for general regulatory oversight of virtually all aspects of our operations. These laws and regulations are generally intended to protect depositors, not shareholders. The following summary is qualified by reference to the statutory and regulatory provisions discussed. Changes in applicable laws or regulations may have a material effect on our business and prospects. Our operations may be affected by legislative changes and the policies of various regulatory authorities. We cannot predict the effect that fiscal or monetary policies, economic control, or new federal or state legislation may have on our business and earnings in the future.

Following a 2012 on-site examination of the Bank, the OCC notified the Bank that, effective June 28, 2012, the Bank was no longer subject to the Formal Agreement that it entered into with the OCC in 2010. The OCC also notified the Bank that, effective June 28, 2012, it was no longer subject to the Individual Minimum Capital Ratios established for the Bank on February 24, 2010, which had required the Bank to maintain a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of at least 8.00%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.00%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 12.00%. The general regulatory minimums to be well-capitalized are a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of at least 5.00%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 6.00%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.00%. These regulatory capital ratios for the Bank were 10.34%, 16.87% and 18.12%, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond notified the Company that, effective July 10, 2012, the Company was no longer subject to the Memorandum of Understanding that it had entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in December of 2011 (which had

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terminated and replaced a Memorandum of Understanding entered into in June of 2010) (the "MOU").

*First Community Corporation*

We own 100% of the outstanding capital stock of the Bank, and therefore we are considered to be a bank holding company under the federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "Bank Holding Company Act"). As a result, we are primarily subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (the "Federal Reserve Board") under the Bank Holding Company Act and its regulations promulgated there under. Moreover, as a bank holding company of a bank located in South Carolina, we also are subject to the South Carolina Banking and Branching Efficiency Act.

**Permitted Activities.** Under the Bank Holding Company Act, a bank holding company is generally permitted to engage in, or acquire direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company engaged in, the following activities:

banking or managing or controlling banks;

furnishing services to or performing services for our subsidiaries; and

any activity that the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident to the business of banking.

Activities that the Federal Reserve Board has found to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident to the business of banking include:

factoring accounts receivable;

making, acquiring, brokering or servicing loans and usual related activities;

leasing personal or real property;

operating a non-bank depository institution, such as a savings association;

trust company functions;

financial and investment advisory activities;

conducting discount securities brokerage activities;

underwriting and dealing in government obligations and money market instruments;

providing specified management consulting and counseling activities;

performing selected data processing services and support services;

acting as agent or broker in selling credit life insurance and other types of insurance in connection with credit transactions;  
and

performing selected insurance underwriting activities.

As a bank holding company, we also can elect to be treated as a "financial holding company," which would allow us to engage in a broader array of activities. In sum, a financial holding company can engage in activities that are financial in nature or incidental or complimentary to financial activities, including insurance underwriting, sales and brokerage activities, providing financial and investment advisory services, underwriting services and limited merchant banking activities. We have not sought financial holding company status, but may elect such status in the future as our business matures. If we were to elect in writing for financial holding company status, each insured depository



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institution we control would have to be well capitalized, well managed and have at least a satisfactory rating under the Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") (discussed below).

The Federal Reserve Board has the authority to order a bank holding company or its subsidiaries to terminate any of these activities or to terminate its ownership or control of any subsidiary when it has reasonable cause to believe that the bank holding company's continued ownership, activity or control constitutes a serious risk to the financial safety, soundness or stability of it or any of its bank subsidiaries.

**Change in Control.** In addition, and subject to certain exceptions, the Bank Holding Company Act and the Change in Bank Control Act, together with regulations promulgated thereunder, require Federal Reserve Board approval prior to any person or company acquiring "control" of a bank holding company. Control is conclusively presumed to exist if an individual or company acquires 25% or more of any class of voting securities of a bank holding company. Control will be rebuttably presumed to exist if a person acquires more than 33% of the total equity of a bank or bank holding company, of which it may own, control or have the power to vote not more than 15% of any class of voting securities.

**Source of Strength.** There are a number of obligations and restrictions imposed by law and regulatory policy on bank holding companies with regard to their depository institution subsidiaries that are designed to minimize potential loss to depositors and to the FDIC insurance funds in the event that the depository institution becomes in danger of defaulting under its obligations to repay deposits. Under a policy of the Federal Reserve Board, a bank holding company is required to serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary depository institutions and to commit resources to support such institutions in circumstances where it might not do so absent such policy. Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 ("FDICIA"), to avoid receivership of its insured depository institution subsidiary, a bank holding company is required to guarantee the compliance of any insured depository institution subsidiary that may become "undercapitalized" within the terms of any capital restoration plan filed by such subsidiary with its appropriate federal banking agency up to the lesser of (i) an amount equal to 5% of the institution's total assets at the time the institution became undercapitalized, or (ii) the amount which is necessary (or would have been necessary) to bring the institution into compliance with all applicable capital standards as of the time the institution fails to comply with such capital restoration plan.

The Federal Reserve Board also has the authority under the Bank Holding Company Act to require a bank holding company to terminate any activity or relinquish control of a nonbank subsidiary (other than a nonbank subsidiary of a bank) upon the Federal Reserve Board's determination that such activity or control constitutes a serious risk to the financial soundness or stability of any subsidiary depository institution of the bank holding company. Further, federal law grants federal bank regulatory authorities' additional discretion to require a bank holding company to divest itself of any bank or nonbank subsidiary if the agency determines that divestiture may aid the depository institution's financial condition.

In addition, the "cross guarantee" provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA") require insured depository institutions under common control to reimburse the FDIC for any loss suffered or reasonably anticipated by the FDIC as a result of the default of a commonly controlled insured depository institution or for any assistance provided by the FDIC to a commonly controlled insured depository institution in danger of default. The FDIC's claim for damages is superior to claims of shareholders of the insured depository institution or its holding company, but is subordinate to claims of depositors, secured creditors and holders of subordinated debt (other than affiliates) of the commonly controlled insured depository institutions.

The FDIA also provides that amounts received from the liquidation or other resolution of any insured depository institution by any receiver must be distributed (after payment of secured claims) to

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pay the deposit liabilities of the institution prior to payment of any other general or unsecured senior liability, subordinated liability, general creditor or shareholder. This provision would give depositors a preference over general and subordinated creditors and shareholders in the event a receiver is appointed to distribute the assets of our Bank.

Any capital loans by a bank holding company to any of its subsidiary banks are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of payment.

**Capital Requirements.** The Federal Reserve Board imposes certain capital requirements on the bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act, including a minimum leverage ratio and a minimum ratio of "qualifying" capital to risk-weighted assets. These requirements are essentially the same as those that apply to the Bank and are described below under "First Community Bank Capital Regulations." Subject to our capital requirements and certain other restrictions, we are able to borrow money to make a capital contribution to the Bank, and these loans may be repaid from dividends paid from the Bank to the Company. Our ability to pay dividends depends on, among other things, the Bank's ability to pay dividends to us, which is subject to regulatory restrictions as described below in "First Community Bank Dividends." We are also able to raise capital for contribution to the Bank by issuing securities without having to receive regulatory approval, subject to compliance with federal and state securities laws.

**Dividends.** Since the Company is a bank holding company, its ability to declare and pay dividends is dependent on certain federal and state regulatory considerations, including the guidelines of the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board has issued a policy statement regarding the payment of dividends by bank holding companies. In general, the Federal Reserve Board's policies provide that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve Board's policies also require that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. In addition, under the prompt corrective action regulations, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect the ability of the Company to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

In addition, since the Company is legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank and does not conduct stand alone operations, its ability to pay dividends depends on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends to it, which is also subject to regulatory restrictions as described below in "First Community Bank Dividends."

**South Carolina State Regulation.** As a South Carolina bank holding company under the South Carolina Banking and Branching Efficiency Act, we are subject to limitations on sale or merger and to regulation by the SCBFI. We are not required to obtain the approval of the SCBFI prior to acquiring the capital stock of a national bank, but we must notify them at least 15 days prior to doing so. We must receive the SCBFI's approval prior to engaging in the acquisition of a South Carolina state chartered bank or another South Carolina bank holding company.

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*First Community Bank*

As noted above, on October 1, 2012, the Bank converted from a national bank charter to a South Carolina state bank charter and the bank name was changed from First Community Bank, NA to First Community Bank. Subsequent to the conversion to a state bank charter, the Bank's primary federal regulator is the FDIC. In addition, the Bank is regulated and examined by the SCBFI. Deposits in the Bank are insured by the FDIC up to a maximum amount of \$250,000, pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") signed into law by the U.S. President on July 21, 2010. The FDIC insurance coverage limit applies per depositor, per insured depository institution for each account ownership category. In addition, the FDIC provided unlimited deposit insurance coverage for noninterest bearing transaction accounts (typically business checking accounts) and certain funds swept into noninterest bearing savings accounts through December 31, 2012 through the Transaction Account Guarantee program. The Transaction Account Guarantee program expired as of January 1, 2013 and these accounts are now insured up to the maximum \$250,000 noted above.

The SCBFI and the FDIC regulate or monitor virtually all areas of the Bank's operations, including:

security devices and procedures;

adequacy of capitalization and loss reserves;

loans;

investments;

borrowings;

deposits;

mergers;

issuances of securities;

payment of dividends;

interest rates payable on deposits;

interest rates or fees chargeable on loans;

establishment of branches;

corporate reorganizations;

maintenance of books and records; and

adequacy of staff training to carry on safe lending and deposit gathering practices.

The FDIC requires that the Bank maintain specified capital ratios of capital to assets and imposes limitations on the Bank's aggregate investment in real estate, bank premises, and furniture and fixtures. Two categories of regulatory capital are used in calculating these ratios: Tier 1 capital and total capital. Tier 1 capital generally includes common equity, retained earnings, a limited amount of qualifying preferred stock, and qualifying minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries, reduced by goodwill and certain other intangible assets, such as core deposit intangibles, and certain other assets. Total capital generally consists of Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 capital, which includes the allowance for loan losses, preferred stock that did not qualify as Tier 1 capital, certain types of subordinated debt and a limited amount of other items.

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The Bank is required to calculate three ratios: the ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets, the ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets, and the "leverage ratio," which is the ratio of Tier 1 capital to assets on a non-risk-adjusted basis. For the two ratios of capital to risk-weighted assets, certain assets, such as cash and U.S. Treasury securities, have a zero risk weighting. Others, such as commercial and consumer loans, have a 100% risk weighting. Some assets, notably purchase money loans secured by first liens on residential real property, are risk-weighted at 50%. Assets also include amounts that represent the potential funding of off-balance sheet obligations such as loan commitments and letters of credit. These potential assets are assigned to risk categories in the same manner as funded assets. The total assets in each category are multiplied by the appropriate risk weighting to determine risk-adjusted assets for the capital calculations.

The minimum capital ratios for both the Company and the Bank are generally 8% for total capital, 4% for Tier 1 capital and 4% for leverage. To be eligible to be classified as "well capitalized," the Bank must generally maintain a total capital ratio of 10% or more, a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6% or more, and a leverage ratio of 5% or more. Certain implications of the regulatory capital classification system are discussed in greater detail below.

**Prompt Corrective Action.** The FDICIA established a "prompt corrective action" program in which every bank is placed in one of five regulatory categories, depending primarily on its regulatory capital levels. The FDIC and the other federal banking regulators are permitted to take increasingly severe action as a bank's capital position or financial condition declines below the "Adequately Capitalized" level described below. Regulators are also empowered to place in receivership or require the sale of a bank to another depository institution when a bank's leverage ratio reaches two percent. Better capitalized institutions are generally subject to less onerous regulation and supervision than banks with lesser amounts of capital. The FDIC's regulations set forth five capital categories, each with specific regulatory consequences. The categories are:

**Well Capitalized** The institution exceeds the required minimum level for each relevant capital measure. A well capitalized institution is one (i) having a total capital ratio of 10% or greater, (ii) having a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6% or greater, (iii) having a leverage capital ratio of 5% or greater and (iv) that is not subject to any order or written directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure.

**Adequately Capitalized** The institution meets the required minimum level for each relevant capital measure. No capital distribution may be made that would result in the institution becoming undercapitalized. An adequately capitalized institution is one (i) having a total capital ratio of 8% or greater, (ii) having a Tier 1 capital ratio of 4% or greater and (iii) having a leverage capital ratio of 4% or greater or a leverage capital ratio of 3% or greater if the institution is rated composite 1 under the CAMELS (Capital, Assets, Management, Earnings, Liquidity and Sensitivity to market risk) rating system.

**Undercapitalized** The institution fails to meet the required minimum level for any relevant capital measure. An undercapitalized institution is one (i) having a total capital ratio of less than 8% or (ii) having a Tier 1 capital ratio of less than 4% or (iii) having a leverage capital ratio of less than 4%, or if the institution is rated a composite 1 under the CAMEL rating system, a leverage capital ratio of less than 3%.

**Significantly Undercapitalized** The institution is significantly below the required minimum level for any relevant capital measure. A significantly undercapitalized institution is one (i) having a total capital ratio of less than 6% or (ii) having a Tier 1 capital ratio of less than 3% or (iii) having a leverage capital ratio of less than 3%.

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**Critically Undercapitalized** The institution fails to meet a critical capital level set by the appropriate federal banking agency. A critically undercapitalized institution is one having a ratio of tangible equity to total assets that is equal to or less than 2%.

If the FDIC determines, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, that the bank is in an unsafe or unsound condition, the regulator is authorized to reclassify the bank to the next lower capital category (other than critically undercapitalized) and require the submission of a plan to correct the unsafe or unsound condition.

If a bank is not well capitalized, it cannot accept brokered deposits without prior regulatory approval. In addition, a bank that is not well capitalized cannot offer an effective yield in excess of 75 basis points over interest paid on deposits of comparable size and maturity in such institution's normal market area for deposits accepted from within its normal market area, or national rate paid on deposits of comparable size and maturity for deposits accepted outside the bank's normal market area. Moreover, the FDIC generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distributions (including payment of a dividend) or paying any management fee to its parent holding company if the depository institution would thereafter be categorized as undercapitalized. Undercapitalized institutions are subject to growth limitations (an undercapitalized institution may not acquire another institution, establish additional branch offices or engage in any new line of business unless determined by the appropriate federal banking agency to be consistent with an accepted capital restoration plan, or unless the FDIC determines that the proposed action will further the purpose of prompt corrective action) and are required to submit a capital restoration plan. The agencies may not accept a capital restoration plan without determining, among other things, that the plan is based on realistic assumptions and is likely to succeed in restoring the depository institution's capital. In addition, for a capital restoration plan to be acceptable, the depository institution's parent holding company must guarantee that the institution will comply with the capital restoration plan. The aggregate liability of the parent holding company is limited to the lesser of an amount equal to 5.0% of the depository institution's total assets at the time it became categorized as undercapitalized or the amount that is necessary (or would have been necessary) to bring the institution into compliance with all capital standards applicable with respect to such institution as of the time it fails to comply with the plan. If a depository institution fails to submit an acceptable plan, it is categorized as significantly undercapitalized.

Significantly undercapitalized categorized depository institutions may be subject to a number of requirements and restrictions, including orders to sell sufficient voting stock to become categorized as adequately capitalized, requirements to reduce total assets, and cessation of receipt of deposits from correspondent banks. The appropriate federal banking agency may take any action authorized for a significantly undercapitalized institution if an undercapitalized institution fails to submit an acceptable capital restoration plan or fails in any material respect to implement a plan accepted by the agency. A critically undercapitalized institution is subject to having a receiver or conservator appointed to manage its affairs and for loss of its charter to conduct banking activities.

An insured depository institution may not pay a management fee to a bank holding company controlling that institution or any other person having control of the institution if, after making the payment, the institution, would be undercapitalized. In addition, an institution cannot make a capital distribution, such as a dividend or other distribution that is in substance a distribution of capital to the owners of the institution if following such a distribution the institution would be undercapitalized. Thus, if payment of such a management fee or the making of such would cause a bank to become undercapitalized, it could not pay a management fee or dividend to the bank holding company.

In December 2010, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, an international forum for cooperation on banking supervisory matters, announced the "Basel III" capital rules, which set new capital requirements for banking organizations. On June 7, 2012, the Federal Reserve Board, the OCC, and the FDIC issued a joint notice of proposed rulemaking that would implement sections of the

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Dodd-Frank Act that encompass certain aspects of Basel III with respect to capital and liquidity. On November 9, 2012, following a public comment period, the US federal banking agencies announced that the originally proposed January 1, 2013 effective date for the proposed rules was being delayed so that the agencies could consider operations and transitional issues identified in the large volume of public comments received. The final rules, which were adopted by the federal banking agencies in July 2013 and will take effect January 1, 2014, will lead to significantly higher capital requirements and more restrictive leverage and liquidity ratios than those currently in place. The ultimate impact of the US implementation of the new capital and liquidity standards on the Company and the Bank is currently being reviewed, and at this point, the Company cannot determine the ultimate effect that the final regulations will have on its earnings or financial position. In addition, important questions remain as to how the numerous capital and liquidity mandates of the Dodd-Frank Act will be integrated with the requirements of Basel III.

**Standards for Safety and Soundness.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Act also requires the federal banking regulatory agencies to prescribe, by regulation or guideline, operational and managerial standards for all insured depository institutions relating to: (i) internal controls, information systems and internal audit systems; (ii) loan documentation; (iii) credit underwriting; (iv) interest rate risk exposure; and (v) asset growth. The agencies also must prescribe standards for asset quality, earnings, and stock valuation, as well as standards for compensation, fees and benefits. The federal banking agencies have adopted regulations and Interagency Guidelines Prescribing Standards for Safety and Soundness to implement these required standards. These guidelines set forth the safety and soundness standards that the federal banking agencies use to identify and address problems at insured depository institutions before capital becomes impaired. Under the regulations, if the FDIC determines that the Bank fails to meet any standards prescribed by the guidelines, the agency may require the Bank to submit to the agency an acceptable plan to achieve compliance with the standard, as required by the FDIC. The final regulations establish deadlines for the submission and review of such safety and soundness compliance plans.

**Regulatory Examination.** The FDIC also requires the Bank to prepare annual reports on the Bank's financial condition and to conduct an annual audit of its financial affairs in compliance with its minimum standards and procedures.

All insured institutions must undergo regular on-site examinations by their appropriate banking agency. The cost of examinations of insured depository institutions and any affiliates may be assessed by the appropriate federal banking agency against each institution or affiliate as it deems necessary or appropriate. Insured institutions are required to submit annual reports to the FDIC, their federal regulatory agency, and state supervisor when applicable. The FDIC has developed a method for insured depository institutions to provide supplemental disclosure of the estimated fair market value of assets and liabilities, to the extent feasible and practicable, in any balance sheet, financial statement, report of condition or any other report of any insured depository institution. The federal banking regulatory agencies prescribe, by regulation, standards for all insured depository institutions and depository institution holding companies relating, among other things, to the following:

internal controls;

information systems and audit systems;

loan documentation;

credit underwriting;

interest rate risk exposure; and

asset quality.

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**Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders.** The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank and its other subsidiaries. Various legal limitations restrict the Bank from lending or otherwise supplying funds to the Company or its non-bank subsidiaries. The Company and the Bank are subject to Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act and Federal Reserve Board Regulation W.

Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act places limits on the amount of loans or extensions of credit to, or investments in, or certain other transactions with, affiliates and on the amount of advances to third parties collateralized by the securities or obligations of affiliates. The aggregate of all covered transactions is limited in amount, as to any one affiliate, to 10% of the Bank's capital and surplus and, as to all affiliates combined, to 20% of the Bank's capital and surplus. Furthermore, within the foregoing limitations as to amount, each covered transaction must meet specified collateral requirements. The Bank is forbidden to purchase low quality assets from an affiliate.

Effective July 21, 2011, the Dodd-Frank Act expanded the definition of affiliate for purposes of quantitative and qualitative limitations of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act to include mutual funds advised by a depository institution or its affiliates. The Dodd-Frank Act will apply Section 23A and Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act (governing transactions with insiders) to derivative transactions, repurchase agreements and securities lending and borrowing transaction that create credit exposure to an affiliate or an insider. Any such transactions with affiliates must be fully secured. The current exemption from Section 23A for transactions with financial subsidiaries will be eliminated. The Dodd Frank Act will additionally prohibit an insured depository institution from purchasing an asset from or selling an asset to an insider unless the transaction is on market terms and, if representing more than 10% of capital, is approved in advance by the disinterested directors.

Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, among other things, prohibits an institution from engaging in certain transactions with certain affiliates unless the transactions are on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable to such institution or its subsidiaries, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with nonaffiliated companies.

Regulation W generally excludes all non-bank and non-savings association subsidiaries of banks from treatment as affiliates, except to the extent that the Federal Reserve Board decides to treat these subsidiaries as affiliates. The regulation also limits the amount of loans that can be purchased by a bank from an affiliate to not more than 100% of the bank's capital and surplus.

The Bank is also subject to certain restrictions on extensions of credit to executive officers, directors, certain principal shareholders, and their related interests. Such extensions of credit (i) must be made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral requirements, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with third parties and (ii) must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features.

**Dividends.** The Company's principal source of cash flow, including cash flow to pay dividends to its shareholders, is dividends it receives from the Bank. Statutory and regulatory limitations apply to the Bank's payment of dividends to the Company. As a South Carolina chartered bank, the Bank is subject to limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay. Unless otherwise instructed by the SCBFI, the Bank is generally permitted under South Carolina state banking regulations to pay cash dividends of up to 100% of net income in any calendar year without obtaining the prior approval of the SCBFI. The FDIC also has the authority under federal law to enjoin a bank from engaging in what in its opinion constitutes an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting its business, including the payment of a dividend under certain circumstances.

**Branching.** Under current South Carolina law, the Bank may open branch offices throughout South Carolina with the prior approval of the SCBFI. In addition, with prior regulatory approval, the Bank is able to acquire existing banking operations in South Carolina. Furthermore, federal legislation



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permits interstate branching, including out-of-state acquisitions by bank holding companies, interstate branching by banks, and interstate merging by banks. The Dodd-Frank Act removes previous state law restrictions on de novo interstate branching in states such as South Carolina. This change permits out-of-state banks to open de novo branches in states where the laws of the state where the de novo branch to be opened would permit a bank chartered by that state to open a de novo branch.

**Anti-Tying Restrictions.** Under amendments to the Bank Holding Company Act and Federal Reserve Board regulations, a bank is prohibited from engaging in certain tying or reciprocity arrangements with its customers. In general, a bank may not extend credit, lease, sell property, or furnish any services or fix or vary the consideration for these on the condition that (i) the customer obtain or provide some additional credit, property, or services from or to the bank, the bank holding company or subsidiaries thereof or (ii) the customer may not obtain some other credit, property, or services from a competitor, except to the extent reasonable conditions are imposed to assure the soundness of the credit extended. Certain arrangements are permissible: a bank may offer combined balance products and may otherwise offer more favorable terms if a customer obtains two or more traditional bank products; and certain foreign transactions are exempt from the general rule. A bank holding company or any bank affiliate also is subject to anti-tying requirements in connection with electronic benefit transfer services.

**Community Reinvestment Act.** The CRA requires that the FDIC evaluate the record of the Bank in meeting the credit needs of its local community, including low and moderate income neighborhoods. These factors are also considered in evaluating mergers, acquisitions, and applications to open a branch or facility. Failure to adequately meet these criteria could impose additional requirements and limitations on our Bank.

The Gramm Leach Bliley Act (the "GLBA") made various changes to the CRA. Among other changes, CRA agreements with private parties must be disclosed and annual CRA reports must be made available to a bank's primary federal regulator. A bank holding company will not be permitted to become a financial holding company and no new activities authorized under the GLBA may be commenced by a holding company or by a bank financial subsidiary if any of its bank subsidiaries received less than a satisfactory CRA rating in its latest CRA examination.

**Financial Subsidiaries.** Under the GLBA, subject to certain conditions imposed by their respective banking regulators, national and state chartered banks are permitted to form "financial subsidiaries" that may conduct financial or incidental activities, thereby permitting bank subsidiaries to engage in certain activities that previously were impermissible. The GLBA imposes several safeguards and restrictions on financial subsidiaries, including that the parent bank's equity investment in the financial subsidiary be deducted from the bank's assets and tangible equity for purposes of calculating the bank's capital adequacy. In addition, the GLBA imposes new restrictions on transactions between a bank and its financial subsidiaries similar to restrictions applicable to transactions between banks and non-bank affiliates.

**Consumer Protection Regulations.** Activities of the Bank are subject to a variety of statutes and regulations designed to protect consumers. Interest and other charges collected or contracted for by the Bank are subject to state usury laws and federal laws concerning interest rates. The Bank's loan operations are also subject to federal laws applicable to credit transactions, such as:

the federal Truth-In-Lending Act, governing disclosures of credit terms to consumer borrowers;

the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975, requiring financial institutions to provide information to enable the public and public officials to determine whether a financial institution is fulfilling its obligation to help meet the housing needs of the community it serves;

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the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed or other prohibited factors in extending credit;

the Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1978, governing the use and provision of information to credit reporting agencies;

the Fair Debt Collection Act, governing the manner in which consumer debts may be collected by collection agencies; and

the rules and regulations of the various federal agencies charged with the responsibility of implementing such federal laws.

The deposit operations of the Bank also are subject to:

the Right to Financial Privacy Act, which imposes a duty to maintain confidentiality of consumer financial records and prescribes procedures for complying with administrative subpoenas of financial records; and

the Electronic Funds Transfer Act and Regulation E issued by the Federal Reserve Board to implement that Act, which governs automatic deposits to and withdrawals from deposit accounts and customers' rights and liabilities arising from the use of automated teller machines and other electronic banking services.

**Enforcement Powers.** The Bank and its "institution affiliated parties," including its management, employee's agent's independent contractors and consultants, such as attorneys and accountants, and others who participate in the conduct of the financial institution's affairs, are subject to potential civil and criminal penalties for violations of law, regulations or written orders of a government agency. These practices can include the failure of an institution to timely file required reports or the filing of false or misleading information or the submission of inaccurate reports. Civil penalties may be as high as \$1,000,000 a day for such violations. Criminal penalties for some financial institution crimes have been increased to twenty years. In addition, regulators are provided with greater flexibility to commence enforcement actions against institutions and institution affiliated parties. Possible enforcement actions include the termination of deposit insurance. Furthermore, banking agencies' powers to issue cease-and-desist orders have been expanded. Such orders may, among other things, require affirmative action to correct any harm resulting from a violation or practice, including restitution, reimbursement, indemnifications or guarantees against loss. A financial institution may also be ordered to restrict its growth, dispose of certain assets, rescind agreements or contracts, or take other actions as determined by the ordering agency to be appropriate.

**Anti-Money Laundering.** Financial institutions must maintain anti-money laundering programs that include established internal policies, procedures, and controls; a designated compliance officer; an ongoing employee training program; and testing of the program by an independent audit function. The Company and the Bank are also prohibited from entering into specified financial transactions and account relationships and must meet enhanced standards for due diligence and "knowing your customer" in their dealings with foreign financial institutions and foreign customers. Financial institutions must take reasonable steps to conduct enhanced scrutiny of account relationships to guard against money laundering and to report any suspicious transactions, and recent laws provide law enforcement authorities with increased access to financial information maintained by banks. Anti-money laundering obligations have been substantially strengthened as a result of the USA Patriot Act, enacted in 2001 and renewed in 2006. Bank regulators routinely examine institutions for compliance with these obligations and are required to consider compliance in connection with the regulatory review of applications. The regulatory authorities have been active in imposing cease and desist orders and money penalty sanctions against institutions found to be violating these obligations.

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**USA PATRIOT Act/Bank Secrecy Act.** Financial institutions must maintain anti-money laundering programs that include established internal policies, procedures, and controls; a designated compliance officer; an ongoing employee training program; and testing of the program by an independent audit function. The USA PATRIOT Act, amended, in part, the Bank Secrecy Act and provides for the facilitation of information sharing among governmental entities and financial institutions for the purpose of combating terrorism and money laundering by enhancing anti-money laundering and financial transparency laws, as well as enhanced information collection tools and enforcement mechanics for the U.S. government, including: (i) requiring standards for verifying customer identification at account opening; (ii) rules to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators, and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism or money laundering; (iii) reports by nonfinancial trades and businesses filed with the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network for transactions exceeding \$10,000; and (iv) filing suspicious activities reports if a bank believes a customer may be violating U.S. laws and regulations and requires enhanced due diligence requirements for financial institutions that administer, maintain, or manage private bank accounts or correspondent accounts for non-U.S. persons. Bank regulators routinely examine institutions for compliance with these obligations and are required to consider compliance in connection with the regulatory review of applications.

Under the USA PATRIOT Act, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") can send to the banking regulatory agencies lists of the names of persons suspected of involvement in terrorist activities. The Bank can be requested, to search its records for any relationships or transactions with persons on those lists. If the Bank finds any relationships or transactions, it must file a suspicious activity report and contact the FBI.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), which is a division of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury"), is responsible for helping to insure that United States entities do not engage in transactions with "enemies" of the United States, as defined by various Executive Orders and Acts of Congress. OFAC has sent, and will send, our banking regulatory agencies lists of names of persons and organizations suspected of aiding, harboring or engaging in terrorist acts. If the Bank finds a name on any transaction, account or wire transfer that is on an OFAC list, it must freeze such account, file a suspicious activity report and notify the FBI. The Bank has appointed an OFAC compliance officer to oversee the inspection of its accounts and the filing of any notifications. The Bank actively checks high-risk OFAC areas such as new accounts, wire transfers and customer files. The Bank performs these checks utilizing software, which is updated each time a modification is made to the lists provided by OFAC and other agencies of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.

**Privacy and Credit Reporting.** Financial institutions are required to disclose their policies for collecting and protecting confidential information. Customers generally may prevent financial institutions from sharing nonpublic personal financial information with nonaffiliated third parties except under narrow circumstances, such as the processing of transactions requested by the consumer. Additionally, financial institutions generally may not disclose consumer account numbers to any nonaffiliated third party for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing or other marketing to consumers. It is the Bank's policy not to disclose any personal information unless required by law. The OCC and the federal banking agencies have prescribed standards for maintaining the security and confidentiality of consumer information. The Bank is subject to such standards, as well as standards for notifying consumers in the event of a security breach.

Like other lending institutions, the Bank utilizes credit bureau data in its underwriting activities. Use of such data is regulated under the Federal Credit Reporting Act on a uniform, nationwide basis, including credit reporting, prescreening, sharing of information between affiliates, and the use of credit data. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (the "FACT Act") permits states to enact identity theft laws that are not inconsistent with the conduct required by the provisions of the FACT Act.

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**Check 21.** The Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act gives "substitute checks," such as a digital image of a check and copies made from that image, the same legal standing as the original paper check. Some of the major provisions include:

allowing check truncation without making it mandatory;

demanding that every financial institution communicate to accountholders in writing a description of its substitute check processing program and their rights under the law;

legalizing substitutions for and replacements of paper checks without agreement from consumers;

retaining in place the previously mandated electronic collection and return of checks between financial institutions only when individual agreements are in place;

requiring that when accountholders request verification, financial institutions produce the original check (or a copy that accurately represents the original) and demonstrate that the account debit was accurate and valid; and

requiring the re-crediting of funds to an individual's account on the next business day after a consumer proves that the financial institution has erred.

**Effect of Governmental Monetary Policies.** Our earnings are affected by domestic economic conditions and the monetary and fiscal policies of the United States government and its agencies. The Federal Reserve Board's monetary policies have had, and are likely to continue to have, an important impact on the operating results of commercial banks through its power to implement national monetary policy in order, among other things, to curb inflation or combat a recession. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve Board have major effects upon the levels of bank loans, investments and deposits through its open market operations in United States government securities and through its regulation of the discount rate on borrowings of member banks and the reserve requirements against member bank deposits. It is not possible to predict the nature or impact of future changes in monetary and fiscal policies.

**Insurance of Accounts and Regulation by the FDIC.** The Bank's deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the Deposit Insurance Fund of the FDIC. As insurer, the FDIC imposes deposit insurance premiums and is authorized to conduct examinations of and to require reporting by FDIC insured institutions. It also may prohibit any FDIC insured institution from engaging in any activity the FDIC determines by regulation or order to pose a serious risk to the insurance fund. The FDIC also has the authority to initiate enforcement actions against savings institutions, after giving the bank's regulatory authority an opportunity to take such action, and may terminate the deposit insurance if it determines that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices or is in an unsafe or unsound condition.

FDIC insured institutions are required to pay a Financing Corporation assessment to fund the interest on bonds issued to resolve thrift failures in the 1980s. The Financing Corporation quarterly assessment for the fourth quarter of 2012 equaled 1.75 basis points for each \$100 of average consolidated total assets minus average tangible equity. These assessments, which may be revised based upon the level of deposits, will continue until the bonds mature in the years 2017 through 2019.

The FDIC may terminate the deposit insurance of any insured depository institution, including the Bank, if it determines after a hearing that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order or condition imposed by the FDIC. It also may suspend deposit insurance temporarily during the hearing process for the permanent termination of insurance, if the institution has no tangible capital. If insurance of accounts is terminated, the accounts at the institution at the time of the termination, less subsequent withdrawals, shall continue to be insured for a period of six months to two

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years, as determined by the FDIC. Management is not aware of any practice, condition or violation that might lead to termination of the Bank's deposit insurance.

***Incentive Compensation.*** In June 2010, the Federal Reserve Board, the FDIC and the OCC issued a comprehensive final guidance on incentive compensation policies intended to ensure that the incentive compensation policies of banking organizations do not undermine the safety and soundness of such organizations by encouraging excessive risk-taking. The guidance, which covers all employees that have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of an organization, either individually or as part of a group, is based upon the key principles that a banking organization's incentive compensation arrangements should (i) provide incentives that do not encourage risk-taking beyond the organization's ability to effectively identify and manage risks, (ii) be compatible with effective internal controls and risk management, and (iii) be supported by strong corporate governance, including active and effective oversight by the organization's board of directors.

The Federal Reserve will review, as part of the regular, risk-focused examination process, the incentive compensation arrangements of banking organizations, such as the Company, that are not "large, complex banking organizations." These reviews will be tailored to each organization based on the scope and complexity of the organization's activities and the prevalence of incentive compensation arrangements. The findings of the supervisory initiatives will be included in reports of examination. Deficiencies will be incorporated into the organization's supervisory ratings, which can affect the organization's ability to make acquisitions and take other actions. Enforcement actions may be taken against a banking organization if its incentive compensation arrangements, or related risk-management control or governance processes, pose a risk to the organization's safety and soundness and the organization is not taking prompt and effective measures to correct the deficiencies.

***Recent Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives to Address Financial and Economic Crises.*** The Congress, Treasury and the federal banking regulators, including the FDIC, have taken broad action since early September 2008 to address volatility in the U.S. banking system.

In October 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 ("EESA") was enacted. The EESA authorized Treasury to purchase from financial institutions and their holding companies up to \$700 billion in mortgage loans, mortgage related securities and certain other financial instruments, including debt and equity securities issued by financial institutions and their holding companies in the Troubled Asset Relief Program ("TARP"). The Treasury also allocated \$250 billion towards the TARP Capital Purchase Program ("CPP"), pursuant to which Treasury purchased debt or equity securities from participating institutions. Participants in the CPP are subject to executive compensation limits and are encouraged to expand their lending and mortgage loan modifications. The EESA also temporarily increased FDIC deposit insurance on most accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

On November 21, 2008, as part of the CPP, the Company entered into a Letter Agreement and Securities Purchase Agreement (collectively, the "CPP Purchase Agreement") with the Treasury, pursuant to which the Company sold (i) 11,350 shares of its Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series T (the "Series T Preferred Stock") and (ii) a warrant (the "CPP Warrant") to purchase 195,915 shares of the Company's common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$11,350,000 in cash. The Series T Preferred Stock qualified as Tier 1 capital and was entitled to cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per annum for the first five years, and 9% per annum thereafter. The CPP Warrant had a 10-year term and was immediately exercisable upon its issuance, with an exercise price, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, equal to \$8.69 per share of the common stock.

On August 29, 2012, we repurchased \$3.78 million of our Series T Preferred Stock from the Treasury through a modified Dutch auction process. This represented 3,780 shares of the original 11,350 shares of Series T Preferred Stock sold to the Treasury pursuant to the CPP. On October 8, 2012, we completed the repurchase of the remaining 7,570 shares of the Series T Preferred Stock from third party investors who bought the shares on August 29, 2012 in the Dutch auction conducted by the

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Treasury. In addition, on October 25, 2012, the Treasury accepted our bid to repurchase the CPP Warrant to purchase 195,915 shares of our common stock. The repurchase price agreed upon was \$297,500. The repurchase of the CPP Warrant from the Treasury completely eliminated its equity stake in the Company through the TARP CPP.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the "Recovery Act") was signed into law in an effort to, among other things, create jobs and stimulate growth in the United States economy. The Recovery Act specifies appropriations of approximately \$787 billion for a wide range of Federal programs and will increase or extend certain benefits payable under the Medicaid, unemployment compensation, and nutrition assistance programs. The Recovery Act also reduces individual and corporate income tax collections and makes a variety of other changes to tax laws. The Recovery Act also imposes certain limitations on compensation paid by participants in TARP.

The EESA and the Recovery Act have been followed by numerous actions by the Federal Reserve Board, Congress, U.S. Treasury, the SEC and others to address the liquidity and credit crisis that followed the recession that commenced in 2007. These measures include homeowner relief that encourages loan restructuring and modification; the establishment of significant liquidity and credit facilities for financial institutions and banks; the lowering of the federal funds rate; action against short-term selling practices, the temporary guaranty program for money market funds; the establishment of a commercial paper funding facility to provide back-stop liquidity to commercial paper issuers; and coordinated international efforts to address illiquidity and other weaknesses in the banking sector.

On July 21, 2010, the US President signed into law the Dodd-Frank Act. The Dodd-Frank Act created a fundamental restructuring of federal banking regulation. Among other things, the Dodd-Frank Act created a new Financial Stability Oversight Council to identify systemic risks in the financial system and gave federal regulators new authority to take control of and liquidate financial firms. The Dodd-Frank Act also created a new independent federal regulator to administer federal consumer protection laws. Many of the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act have delayed effective dates and the legislation requires various federal agencies to promulgate numerous and extensive implementing regulations over the next several years. Although the substance and scope of these regulations cannot be completely determined at this time, it is expected that the legislation and implementing regulations will increase the Company's operating and compliance costs. The following discussion summarizes certain significant aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act:

The Dodd-Frank Act required the Federal Reserve to apply consolidated capital requirements to depository institution holding companies that are no less stringent than those currently applied to depository institutions. Under these standards, trust preferred securities will be excluded from Tier 1 capital unless such securities were issued prior to May 19, 2010 by a bank holding company with less than \$15 billion in assets, such as the Company. The Dodd-Frank Act also stipulated capital requirements to be countercyclical so that the required amount of capital increases in times of economic expansion and decreases in times of economic contraction, consistent with safety and soundness practices.

The Dodd-Frank Act permanently increased the maximum deposit insurance amount for financial institutions to \$250,000 per depositor, and extended unlimited deposit insurance to noninterest bearing transaction accounts through December 31, 2012. The Dodd-Frank Act also broadened the base for FDIC insurance assessments, which are now based on a financial institution's average consolidated total assets less tangible equity capital. The Dodd-Frank Act required the FDIC to increase the reserve ratio of the Deposit Insurance Fund from 1.15% to 1.35% of insured deposits by 2020 and eliminated the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to insured depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds. Effective

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July 21, 2011, the Dodd-Frank Act eliminated the federal statutory prohibition against the payment of interest on business checking accounts.

The Dodd-Frank Act required publicly traded companies to give shareholders a non-binding vote on executive compensation at their first annual meeting taking place six months after the date of enactment and at least every three years thereafter and on so called "golden parachute" payments in connection with approvals of mergers and acquisitions unless previously voted on by shareholders. The legislation also authorized the SEC to promulgate rules that would allow shareholders to nominate their own candidates using a company's proxy materials. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act directed the federal banking regulators to promulgate rules prohibiting excessive compensation paid to executives of depository institutions and their holding companies with assets in excess of \$1.0 billion, regardless of whether the institution is publicly traded or not. The Dodd-Frank Act gave the SEC authority to prohibit broker discretionary voting on elections of directors and executive compensation matters.

Effective July 21, 2011, the Dodd-Frank Act prohibited a depository institution from converting from a state to federal charter or vice versa while it is the subject of a cease and desist order or other formal enforcement action or a memorandum of understanding with respect to a significant supervisory matter unless the appropriate federal banking agency gives notice of the conversion to the federal or state authority that issued the enforcement action and that agency does not object within 30 days. The notice must include a plan to address the significant supervisory matter. The converting institution must also file a copy of the conversion application with its current federal regulator which must notify the resulting federal regulator of any ongoing supervisory or investigative proceedings that are likely to result in an enforcement action and provide access to all supervisory and investigative information relating hereto.

The Dodd-Frank Act authorized national and state banks to establish branches in other states to the same extent as a bank chartered by that state would be permitted to branch. Previously, banks could only establish branches in other states if the host state expressly permitted out-of-state banks to establish branches in that state. Accordingly, banks are able to enter new markets more freely.

Effective July 21, 2012, the Dodd-Frank Act expanded the definition of affiliate for purposes of quantitative and qualitative limitations of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act to include mutual funds advised by a depository institution or its affiliates. The Dodd-Frank Act now applies Section 23A and Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act (governing transactions with insiders) to derivative transactions, repurchase agreements and securities lending and borrowing transaction that create credit exposure to an affiliate or an insider. Any such transactions with affiliates must be fully secured. Historically, an exception has existed that exempts covered transactions between depository institutions and their financial subsidiaries from the 10% capital and surplus limitation set forth in Section 23A. However, the Dodd-Frank Act eliminated this exception for covered transactions entered into after July 21, 2012. Effective July 21, 2012, the Dodd-Frank Act also prohibited an insured depository institution from purchasing an asset from or selling an asset to an insider unless the transaction is on market terms and, if representing more than 10% of capital, is approved in advance by the disinterested directors.

The Dodd-Frank Act required that the amount of any interchange fee charged by a debit card issuer with respect to a debit card transaction must be reasonable and proportional to the cost incurred by the issuer. Effective October 1, 2011, the Federal Reserve set new caps on interchange fees at \$0.21 per transaction, plus an additional five basis point charge per transaction to help cover fraud losses. An additional \$0.01 per transaction is allowed if certain fraud monitoring controls are in place. While the restrictions on interchange fees do not apply to banks that, together with their affiliates, have assets of less than \$10 billion, such as the Bank,

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the restrictions could negatively impact bankcard income for smaller banks if the reductions that are required of larger banks cause industry-wide reduction of swipe fees.

The Dodd-Frank Act created a new, independent federal agency called the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("CFPB"), which granted broad rulemaking, supervisory and enforcement powers under various federal consumer financial protection laws, including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Act, the Consumer Financial Privacy provisions of the Gramm Leach Bliley Act and certain other statutes. The CFPB has examination and primary enforcement authority with respect to depository institutions with \$10 billion or more in assets. Depository institutions with less than \$10 billion in assets, such as the Bank, are subject to rules promulgated by the CFPB but will continue to be examined and supervised by federal banking regulators for consumer compliance purposes. The CFPB has authority to prevent unfair, deceptive or abusive practices in connection with the offering of consumer financial products. The Dodd-Frank Act also authorized the CFPB to establish certain minimum standards for the origination of residential mortgages including a determination of the borrower's ability to repay. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, financial institutions may not make a residential mortgage loan unless they make a "reasonable and good faith determination" that the consumer has a "reasonable ability" to repay the loan. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act allowed borrowers to raise certain defenses to foreclosure if they receive any loan other than a "qualified mortgage" as defined by the CFPB. On January 13, 2013, the CFPB published final rules to, among other things, define "qualified mortgage" and specify the types of income and assets that may be considered in the ability-to-repay determination, the permissible sources for verification, and the required methods of calculating the loan's monthly payments. For example, the rules extend the requirement that creditors verify and document a borrower's "income and assets" to include all "information" that creditors rely on in determining repayment ability. The rules also provide further examples of third party documents that may be relied on for such verification, such as government records and check cashing or funds transfer service receipts. The new rules will take effect on January 10, 2014. The Dodd-Frank Act also permitted states to adopt consumer protection laws and standards that are more stringent than those adopted at the federal level and, in certain circumstances, permits state attorneys general to enforce compliance with both the state and federal laws and regulations.

In December 2010, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, an international forum for cooperation on banking supervisory matters, announced the "Basel III" capital rules, which set new capital requirements for banking organizations. On June 7, 2012, the Federal Reserve, the OCC, and the FDIC issued a joint notice of proposed rulemaking that would implement sections of the Dodd-Frank Act that encompass certain aspects of Basel III with respect to capital and liquidity. On November 9, 2012, following a public comment period, the US federal banking agencies announced that the originally proposed January 1, 2013 effective date for the proposed rules was being delayed so that the agencies could consider operations and transitional issues identified in the large volume of public comments received. The final rules, which were adopted by the federal banking agencies in July 2013 and will take effect January 1, 2014, will lead to significantly higher capital requirements and more restrictive leverage and liquidity ratios than those currently in place. The ultimate impact of the US implementation of the new capital and liquidity standards on the Company and the Bank is currently being reviewed, and at this point, the Company cannot determine the ultimate effect that the final regulations will have on its earnings or financial position. In addition, important questions remain as to how the numerous capital and liquidity mandates of the Dodd-Frank Act will be integrated with the requirements of Basel III.



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Although it is likely that further regulatory actions will arise as the federal government attempts to address the economic situation, we cannot predict the effect that fiscal or monetary policies, economic control, or new federal or state legislation may have on our business and earnings in the future.

**Proposed Legislation and Regulatory Action.** From time to time, various legislative and regulatory initiatives are introduced in Congress and state legislatures, as well as by regulatory agencies. Such initiatives may include proposals to expand or contract the powers of bank holding companies and depository institutions or proposals to substantially change the financial institution regulatory system. Such legislation could change banking statutes and the operating environment of the Company in substantial and unpredictable ways. If enacted, such legislation could increase or decrease the cost of doing business, limit or expand permissible activities or affect the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, credit unions, and other financial institutions. We cannot predict whether any such legislation will be enacted, and, if enacted, the effect that it, or any implementing regulations, would have on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. A change in statutes, regulations or regulatory policies applicable to the Company or the Bank could have a material effect on the business of the Company.

**Properties**

**Lexington Property.** The principal place of business of both the Company and our Bank is located at 5455 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, South Carolina 29072. This site, which is also the Bank's main office branch, is a 2.29 acre plot of land. The site was purchased for \$576 thousand and the building costs were approximately \$1.0 million. The branch operates in an 8,500 square foot facility located on this site.

In October 2000, the Bank acquired an additional 2.0 acres adjacent to the existing facility for approximately \$300 thousand. This site was designed to allow for a 24,000 to 48,000 square foot facility at some future date. The Bank completed construction and occupied the 28,000 square foot administrative center in July 2006. The total construction cost for the building was approximately \$3.4 million. The Lexington property is owned by the Bank.

**Forest Acres Property.** We operate a branch office facility at 4404 Forest Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29206. The Forest Acres site is .71 acres. The banking facility is approximately 4,000 square feet with a total cost of land and facility of approximately \$920 thousand. This property is owned by the Bank.

**Irmo Property.** We operate a branch office facility at 1030 Lake Murray Boulevard, Irmo, South Carolina 29063. The Irmo site is approximately one acre. The banking facility is approximately 3,200 square feet with a total cost of land and facility of approximately \$1.1 million. This property is owned by the Bank.

**Cayce/West Columbia Property.** We operate a branch office facility at 506 Meeting Street, West Columbia, South Carolina, 29169. The Cayce/West Columbia site is approximately 1.25 acres. The banking facility is approximately 3,800 square feet with a total cost of land and facility of approximately \$935 thousand. This property is owned by the Bank.

**Gilbert Property.** We operate a branch office at 4325 Augusta Highway Gilbert, South Carolina 29054. The facility is an approximate 3,000 square foot facility located on an approximate one acre lot. The total cost of the land and facility was approximately \$768 thousand. This property is owned by the Bank.

**Chapin Office.** We operate a branch office facility at 137 Amicks Ferry Rd., Chapin, South Carolina 29036. The facility is approximately 3,000 square feet and is located on a three acre lot. The total cost of the facility and land was approximately \$1.3 million. This property is owned by the Bank.

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*Northeast Columbia.* We operate a branch office facility at 9822 Two Notch Rd., Columbia, South Carolina 29223. The facility is approximately 3,000 square feet and is located on a one acre lot. The total cost of the facility and land was approximately \$1.2 million. This property is owned by the Bank.

*Prosperity Property.* We operate a branch office at 101 N. Wheeler Avenue, Prosperity, South Carolina 29127. This office was acquired in connection with the DutchFork merger. The banking facility is approximately 1,300 square feet and is located on a .31 acre lot. The total cost of the facility and land was approximately \$175 thousand. This property is owned by the Bank. On December 27, 2012, we purchased 1.23 acres directly adjacent to the existing branch for \$222 thousand. This additional land, along with existing property, will be used to replace the existing facility.

*Wilson Road.* We operate a branch office at 1735 Wilson Road, Newberry, South Carolina 29108. The banking office was acquired in connection with the DutchFork merger. This banking facility is approximately 12,000 square feet and is located on a 1.56 acre lot. Adjacent to the branch facility is a 13,000 square foot facility which was formerly utilized as the DutchFork operations center. The total cost of the facility and land was approximately \$3.3 million. This property is owned by the Bank.

*Redbank Property.* We operate a branch office facility at 1449 Two Notch Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29073. This branch opened for operation on February 3, 2005. The facility is approximately 3,000 square feet and is located on a one acre lot. The total cost of the facility and land was approximately \$1.3 million. This property is owned by the Bank.

*Camden Property.* We operate a branch office facility at 631 DeKalb Street, Camden, South Carolina 29020. This office was acquired in connection with the DeKalb merger. The facility is approximately 11,247 square feet and is located on a two acre lot. The total cost of the facility and land was approximately \$2.2 million. This property is owned by the Bank.

**Legal Proceedings**

In the ordinary course of operations, we may be a party to various legal proceedings from time to time. We do not believe that there is any pending or threatened proceeding against us, which, if determined adversely, would have a material effect on our business, results of operations, or financial condition.

**Market Price of and Dividends on First Community's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters**

*Market for the Common Stock.* As of October 3, 2013, there were approximately 1,457 shareholders of record of our common stock. On January 15, 2003, our stock began trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the trading symbol of "FCCO." Prior to January 15, 2003, our stock was quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the trading symbol "FCCO.OB." The following table sets forth the high and low sales price information as reported by NASDAQ in 2011 and 2012 and through September 30, 2013, and the dividends per share declared on our common stock in each such

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quarter. All information has been adjusted for any stock splits and stock dividends effected during the periods presented.

	High	Low	Dividends
<b>2013</b>			
Quarter ended March 31, 2013	\$ 9.25	\$ 8.21	\$ 0.05
Quarter ended June 30, 2013	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.80	\$ 0.05
Quarter ended September 30, 2013	\$ 11.16	\$ 8.44	\$ 0.06
<b>2012</b>			
Quarter ended March 31, 2012	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.98	\$ 0.04
Quarter ended June 30, 2012	\$ 8.80	\$ 7.65	\$ 0.04
Quarter ended September 30, 2012	\$ 8.60	\$ 7.84	\$ 0.04
Quarter ended December 31, 2012	\$ 8.68	\$ 8.15	\$ 0.04
<b>2011</b>			
Quarter ended March 31, 2011	\$ 6.75	\$ 5.40	\$ 0.04
Quarter ended June 30, 2011	\$ 7.35	\$ 6.44	\$ 0.04
Quarter ended September 30, 2011	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.28	\$ 0.04
Quarter ended December 31, 2011	\$ 6.60	\$ 5.42	\$ 0.04

*Dividends.* Notwithstanding the foregoing, the future dividend policy of the Company is subject to the discretion of the board of directors and will depend upon a number of factors, including future earnings, financial condition, cash requirements, and general business conditions. Our ability to pay dividends is generally limited by the ability of the Bank to pay dividends to us. As a South Carolina chartered bank, the Bank is subject to limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay. Unless otherwise instructed by the SCBFI, the Bank is generally permitted under South Carolina state banking regulations to pay cash dividends of up to 100% of net income in any calendar year without obtaining the prior approval of the SCBFI.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND  
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*In this section, First Community is referred to as the "Company", "First Community", "we" and "our" and First Community Bank is referred to as the "Bank".*

Management's Discussion and Analysis is provided to assist in understanding and evaluating First Community's results of operations and financial condition. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere herein.

**As of and For the Years Ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010**

**Overview**

First Community Corporation is a one bank holding company headquartered in Lexington, South Carolina. We operate from our main office in Lexington, South Carolina, and our 11 full-service offices located in Lexington (two), Forest Acres, Irmo, Cayce-West Columbia, Gilbert, Chapin, Northeast Columbia, Prosperity, Newberry and Camden, South Carolina. During the second quarter of 2006, we completed our acquisition of DeKalb Bankshares, Inc., the holding company for The Bank of Camden. The merger added one office in Kershaw County located in the Midlands of South Carolina. During the fourth quarter of 2004, we completed our first acquisition of another financial institution when we merged with DutchFork Bancshares, Inc., the holding company for Newberry Federal Savings Bank. The merger added three offices in Newberry County. In 2007, our College Street office in Newberry was consolidated with our Wilson Road Office in Newberry. On September 15, 2008, the Company completed the acquisition of two financial planning and investment advisory firms, EAH Financial Group and Pooled Resources, LLC. In addition, the Bank expanded its residential mortgage business unit with the acquisition of the assets of Palmetto South Mortgage Corporation ("Palmetto South"), effective July 31, 2011. Palmetto South, which operates as a division of the Bank, offers mortgage loan products for home purchase or refinance in the South Carolina market area. We engage in a general commercial and retail banking business characterized by personalized service and local decision making, emphasizing the banking needs of small to medium sized businesses, professional concerns and individuals.

The following discussion describes our results of operations for 2012, as compared to 2011 and 2010, and also analyzes our financial condition as of December 31, 2012, as compared to December 31, 2011. Like most community banks, we derive most of our income from interest we receive on our loans and investments. A primary source of funds for making these loans and investments is our deposits, on which we pay interest. Consequently, one of the key measures of our success is our amount of net interest income, or the difference between the income on our interest earning assets, such as loans and investments, and the expense on our interest bearing liabilities, such as deposits.

We have included a number of tables to assist in our description of these measures. For example, the "Average Balances" table shows the average balance during 2012, 2011 and 2010 of each category of our assets and liabilities, as well as the yield we earned or the rate we paid with respect to each category. A review of this table shows that our loans typically provide higher interest yields than do other types of interest earning assets, which is why we intend to channel a substantial percentage of our earning assets into our loan portfolio. Similarly, the "Rate/Volume Analysis" table helps demonstrate the impact of changing interest rates and changing volume of assets and liabilities during the years shown. We also track the sensitivity of our various categories of assets and liabilities to changes in interest rates, and we have included a "Sensitivity Analysis Table" to help explain this. Finally, we have included a number of tables that provide detail about our investment securities, our loans, and our deposits and other borrowings.

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There are risks inherent in all loans, so we maintain an allowance for loan losses to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We establish and maintain this allowance by charging a provision for loan losses against our operating earnings. In the following section we have included a detailed discussion of this process, as well as several tables describing our allowance for loan losses and the allocation of this allowance among our various categories of loans.

In addition to earning interest on our loans and investments, we earn income through fees and other expenses we charge to our customers. We describe the various components of this noninterest income, as well as our noninterest expense, in the following discussion. The discussion and analysis also identifies significant factors that have affected our financial position and operating results during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. We encourage you to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the financial statements and the related notes and the other statistical information also included in this report.

**Recent Developments**

Following a 2012 on-site examination of the Bank, the OCC notified the Bank that, effective June 28, 2012, the Bank was no longer subject to the Formal Agreement that it entered into with the OCC in 2010. The OCC also notified the Bank that, effective June 28, 2012, it was no longer subject to the Individual Minimum Capital Ratios established for the Bank on February 24, 2010, which had required the Bank to maintain a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of at least 8.00%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.00%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 12.00%. The general regulatory minimums to be well-capitalized are a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of at least 5.00%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 6.00%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.00%. These regulatory capital ratios for the Bank were 10.34%, 16.87% and 18.12%, respectively, as of December 31, 2012. The Bank is well-capitalized for regulatory purposes. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond notified the Company that, effective July 10, 2012, the Company is no longer subject to the MOU that it had entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in December of 2011.

On July 27, 2012, the Company closed a public offering of common stock. The offering resulted in the issuance of a total of 1,875,000 shares of common stock at \$8.00 per share, including 244,565 shares granted to the underwriters to cover overallocments, resulting in gross proceeds of \$15 million. Net proceeds were approximately \$13.8 million after deducting underwriting, discount, commissions and other estimated expenses.

On August 29, 2012, we repurchased \$3.78 million of our Series T Preferred Stock from the Treasury through a modified Dutch auction process. This represented 3,780 shares of the original 11,350 shares of preferred stock sold to the Treasury in November 2008 pursuant to the TARP CPP. The remaining 7,570 shares of Series T Preferred Stock were purchased in this same auction by third party investors unrelated to the Company. The auction price was \$982.83 per share, which we believe was the highest price paid through that date for a company's shares in the Treasury's TARP preferred stock auctions.

Between September 30, 2012 and October 8, 2012, we repurchased or redeemed the remaining shares of Series T Preferred Stock from the third party investors at par. The repurchase amount, including those repurchased directly from the Treasury, included related non-recurring expenses in the amount of \$119 thousand including attorney costs, accounting costs, and Treasury underwriter costs. In addition, we recorded a charge for the remaining discount accretion of approximately \$159 thousand.

On October 1, 2012, we completed a planned conversion from a national bank charter to a South Carolina state bank charter as a non-member bank. It is anticipated that this conversion will reduce certain regulatory examination costs in the future.

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On October 25, 2012, the Treasury accepted our bid to repurchase the CPP Warrant to purchase 195,915 shares of our common stock issued to the Treasury pursuant to the TARP CPP. The repurchase price agreed upon was \$297,500, and the transaction was completed in the fourth quarter of 2012. The settlement of the CPP Warrant completely eliminated the Treasury's equity stake in the Company through the TARP CPP.

On November 15, 2012, we redeemed the \$2.5 million of outstanding subordinated debt at par which was issued in November 2011.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

We have adopted various accounting policies that govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with general practices within the banking industry in the preparation of our financial statements. Our significant accounting policies are described in the notes to our consolidated financial statements in this report.

Certain accounting policies involve significant judgments and assumptions by us that have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities. We consider these accounting policies to be critical accounting policies. The judgment and assumptions we use are based on historical experience and other factors, which we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Because of the nature of the judgment and assumptions we make, actual results could differ from these judgments and estimates that could have a material impact on the carrying values of our assets and liabilities and our results of operations.

We believe the allowance for loan losses is the critical accounting policy that requires the most significant judgment and estimates used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Some of the more critical judgments supporting the amount of our allowance for loan losses include judgments about the credit worthiness of borrowers, the estimated value of the underlying collateral, the assumptions about cash flow, determination of loss factors for estimating credit losses, the impact of current events, and conditions, and other factors impacting the level of probable inherent losses. Under different conditions or using different assumptions, the actual amount of credit losses incurred by us may be different from management's estimates provided in our consolidated financial statements. Refer to the portion of this discussion that addresses our allowance for loan losses for a more complete discussion of our processes and methodology for determining our allowance for loan losses.

The evaluation and recognition of other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") on certain investments including our private label mortgage backed securities requires significant judgment and estimates. Some of the more critical judgments supporting the evaluation of OTTI include projected cash flows including prepayment assumptions, default rates and severities of losses on the underlying collateral within the security. Under different conditions or utilizing different assumptions, the actual OTTI recognized by us may be different from the actual amounts recognized in our consolidated financial statements. See Note 4 to the financial statements for the disclosure of certain of the assumptions used as well as OTTI recognized in the financial statements during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

**Results of Operations**

Our net income was \$4.0 million, or \$0.79 diluted earnings per common share, for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to net income of \$3.3 million, or \$0.81 diluted earnings per common share, for the year ended December 31, 2011. During 2012, we continued to control our growth in assets by reducing funding from FHLB borrowings and certificates of deposits greater than \$100,000. We were able to grow loans (excluding loans held for sale) by \$7.8 million from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 despite the continued slow economic environment. Average loan balances increased slightly during 2012 to \$331.6 million compared to \$329.5 million in 2011.

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Net interest income decreased \$743 thousand in 2012 from \$18.3 million in 2011. The decrease in net interest income is due to the continuation of historically low interest rates throughout 2011 and 2012. The net interest margin, on a tax equivalent basis, during 2012 was 3.22% as compared to 3.33% during 2011. See below under "Net Interest Income" and "Market Risk and Interest Rate Sensitivity" for a further discussion about the effect of the increase in net interest margin. Net interest spread, the difference between the yield on earning assets and the rate paid on interest bearing liabilities, was 2.95% in 2012 as compared to 3.11% in 2011. The provision for loan losses was \$496 thousand in 2012 as compared to \$1.4 million in 2011. The reduction in the provision for loan losses reflects lower net charge-offs and an improvement in our credit quality measures over the last year. Non-interest income was \$8.0 million in 2012 as compared to \$6.3 million in 2011. This increase was primarily due to increased mortgage origination fees as a result of the expansion of this business through the acquisition of Palmetto South Mortgage Corporation "PSMC" in the second half of 2011. Non-interest expense increased to \$19.4 million in 2012 as compared to \$18.4 million in 2011. As discussed below under "Non-interest income and expense," the increase is attributable to increases in salary and benefits of \$1.6 million in 2012 as compared to 2011.

Net interest income increased \$180 thousand in 2011 from \$18.1 million in 2010 to \$18.3 million in 2011. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to the increase in the net interest margin in 2011 as compared to 2010. The impact of the improvement in net interest margin was somewhat offset by a decrease in average earning assets of \$5.5 million from \$556.0 million during 2010 to \$550.5 million in 2011. The net interest margin, on a tax equivalent basis, during 2010 was 3.28%, as compared to 3.33% during 2011. Net interest spread, the difference between the yield on earning assets and the rate paid on interest bearing liabilities, was 3.11% in 2011, as compared to 3.01% in 2010. The provision for loan losses was \$1.9 million in 2010 as compared to \$1.4 million in 2011. Non-interest income was \$3.8 million in 2010 as compared to \$6.3 million in 2011. This increase is primarily due to lower other-than-temporary impairment charges, and increases in both mortgage origination fees and fee income on investment advisory services and commission on sale of non-deposit products in 2011 as compared to 2010. Non-interest expense increased to \$18.4 million in 2011 as compared to \$17.7 million in 2010. As discussed below under "Non-interest income and expense," the increase is primarily attributable to increases in salary and benefits of \$578 thousand in 2011 as compared to 2010.

**Net Interest Income**

Net interest income is our primary source of revenue. Net interest income is the difference between income earned on assets and interest paid on deposits and borrowings used to support such assets. Net interest income is determined by the rates earned on our interest earning assets and the rates paid on our interest bearing liabilities, the relative amounts of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities, and the degree of mismatch and the maturity and repricing characteristics of its interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities.

Net interest income totaled \$17.6 million in 2012, \$18.3 million in 2011 and \$18.1 million in 2010. The yield on earning assets was 4.15%, 4.64%, and 4.95% in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The rate paid on interest bearing liabilities was 1.20%, 1.53%, and 1.94% in 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively. The fully taxable equivalent net interest margin was 3.22% in 2012, 3.33% in 2011 and 3.28% in 2010. Our loan to deposit ratio on average during 2012 was 70.3%, as compared to 70.6% during 2011 and 73.5% during 2010. Loans typically provide a higher yield than other types of earning assets, and thus, one of our goals is to grow the loan portfolio as a percentage of earning assets in order to improve the overall yield on earning assets and the net interest margin. At December 31, 2012, the loan (including held for sale) to deposit ratio was 71.9%.

The net interest margin decreased in 2012 as compared to 2011. Starting in early 2008 and continuing through 2012, interest rates have been at historic lows. The yield on earning assets decreased by 49 basis points and our cost of funds decreased by 33 basis points in 2012 as compared to

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2011. This resulted in a decrease in our net interest spread of 16 basis points in 2012 as compared to 2011. Continued historically low interest rates have impacted our ability to reduce funding cost in relation in proportion to the decline in earning asset yields. As a result, we continued to control the growth of our balance sheet and increased our funding from lower cost sources (non-interest bearing transaction accounts, interest bearing transaction accounts, money market accounts and savings deposits). During 2012, the average balance in these accounts increased by \$26.0 million as compared to 2011. This change in the mix of funding sources has lessened the impact of the significant decline in our yield on earning assets. Our average borrowings and time deposits, which are typically the higher costing funding source, decreased \$36.9 million and \$18.6 million, respectively, in 2012 as compared to 2011. Throughout 2012, time deposits and borrowed funds represented 59.9% of our total interest bearing funding sources and in 2011 these balances represented 65.1% of our interest bearing funding sources.

The net interest margin showed slight improvement in 2011 as compared to 2010. The yield on earning assets decreased by 31 basis points and our cost of funds decreased by 41 basis points in 2011 as compared to 2010. This resulted in an increase in our net interest spread of 10 basis points in 2011 as compared to 2010. Close monitoring of time deposit pricing as well as reducing the level of borrowed funds enabled our cost of funds to decline more than the yield on earning assets between the two periods. Our average borrowings and time deposits, which are typically the higher costing funding source, decreased \$18.6 million and \$14.8 million, respectively, in 2011 as compared to 2010. During 2011, the average balance in the lower cost sources of funding increased by \$26.9 million as compared to 2010. This change in the mix of funding sources contributed to the improvement in our margin between the two periods. Throughout 2011, time deposits and borrowed funds represented 65.1% of our total interest bearing funding sources and in 2010 these balances represented 70.3% of our interest bearing funding sources.

*Average Balances, Income Expenses and Rates.* The following table depicts, for the periods indicated, certain information related to our average balance sheet and our average yields on assets and average costs of liabilities. Such yields are derived by dividing income or expense by the average



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balance of the corresponding assets or liabilities. Average balances have been derived from daily averages.

(Dollars in thousands)	Year ended December 31,								
	Average Balance	2012 Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	2011 Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	2010 Income/ Expense	Yield/ Rate
<b>Assets</b>									
Earning assets									
Loans(1)	\$ 331,564	\$ 18,361	5.54%	\$ 329,534	\$ 19,110	5.80%	\$ 337,143	\$ 19,851	5.89%
Securities	204,926	4,557	2.22%	205,744	6,342	3.08%	194,426	7,566	3.89%
Other short-term investments(2)	17,234	84	0.49%	15,178	74	0.49%	24,420	94	0.38%
Total earning assets	553,724	23,002	4.15%	550,456	25,526	4.64%	555,989	27,511	4.95%
Cash and due from banks	8,643			7,992			7,556		
Premises and equipment	17,388			17,759			18,343		
Intangible assets	832			740			1,189		
Other assets	25,556			31,791			30,755		
Allowance for loan losses	(4,843)			(4,823)			(4,882)		
Total assets	\$ 601,300			\$ 603,915			\$ 608,950		
<b>Liabilities</b>									
Interest-bearing liabilities(2)									
Interest-bearing transaction accounts									
	\$ 89,734	151	0.17%	\$ 83,625	270	0.32%	\$ 70,138	359	0.51%
Money market accounts	52,575	153	0.29%	48,802	209	0.43%	44,293	307	0.69%
Savings deposits	39,020	49	0.13%	32,093	48	0.15%	29,271	76	0.26%
Time deposits	198,392	2,769	1.40%	219,737	4,046	1.84%	238,297	5,539	2.32%
Other borrowings	71,926	2,306	3.21%	87,460	2,636	3.01%	102,282	3,093	3.02%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	451,647	5,428	1.20%	471,717	7,209	1.53%	484,281	9,374	1.94%
Demand deposits	91,737			82,572			76,485		
Other liabilities	5,469			5,286			5,269		
Shareholders' equity	52,447			44,340			42,915		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 601,300			\$ 603,915			\$ 608,950		
Net interest spread			2.95%			3.11%			3.01%
Net interest income/margin		\$ 17,574	3.17%		\$ 18,317	3.33%		\$ 18,137	3.26%
Net interest margin (tax equivalent)(3)			3.22%			3.33%			3.28%

- (1) All loans and deposits are domestic. Average loan balances include non-accrual loans and loans held for sale.
- (2) The computation includes federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreement to resell and interest bearing deposits.
- (3) Based on 32.5% marginal tax rate.

The following table presents the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in volume and the amount attributable to changes in rate. The combined effect

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in both volume and rate, which cannot be separately identified, has been allocated proportionately to the change due to volume and due to rate.

(In thousands)	2012 versus 2011 Increase (decrease) due to			2011 versus 2010 Increase (decrease) due to		
	Volume	Rate	Net	Volume	Rate	Net
<b>Assets</b>						
Earning assets						
Loans	\$ 117	\$ (866)	\$ (749)	\$ (428)	\$ (313)	\$ (741)
Investment securities	(25)	(1,759)	(1,784)	420	(1,645)	(1,225)
Other short-term investments	10	0	10	(41)	21	(20)
Total earning assets	151	(2,674)	(2,523)	(277)	(1,709)	(1,986)
Interest-bearing liabilities						
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	18	(137)	(119)	60	(149)	(89)
Money market accounts	18	(74)	(56)	36	(134)	(98)
Savings deposits	9	(8)	1	7	(35)	(28)
Time deposits	(366)	(911)	(1,277)	(407)	(1,086)	(1,493)
Other short-term borrowings	(515)	186	(329)	(447)	(11)	(458)
Total interest-bearing liabilities	(323)	(1,457)	(1,780)	(250)	(1,916)	(2,166)
Net interest income			\$ (743)			\$ 180

**Market Risk and Interest Rate Sensitivity**

Market risk reflects the risk of economic loss resulting from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. The risk of loss can be measured in either diminished current market values or reduced current and potential net income. Our primary market risk is interest rate risk. We have established an Asset/Liability Management Committee ("ALCO") to monitor and manage interest rate risk. The ALCO monitors and manages the pricing and maturity of its assets and liabilities in order to diminish the potential adverse impact that changes in interest rates could have on our net interest income. The ALCO has established policy guidelines and strategies with respect to interest rate risk exposure and liquidity.

A monitoring technique employed by us is the measurement of our interest sensitivity "gap," which is the positive or negative dollar difference between assets and liabilities that are subject to interest rate repricing within a given period of time. Also, asset/liability modeling is performed to assess the impact varying interest rates and balance sheet mix assumptions will have on net interest income. Interest rate sensitivity can be managed by repricing assets or liabilities, selling securities available-for-sale, replacing an asset or liability at maturity or by adjusting the interest rate during the life of an asset or liability. Managing the amount of assets and liabilities repricing in the same time interval helps to hedge the risk and minimize the impact on net interest income of rising or falling interest rates. Neither the "gap" analysis or asset/liability modeling are precise indicators of our interest sensitivity position due to the many factors that affect net interest income including, the timing, magnitude and frequency of interest rate changes as well as changes in the volume and mix of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

The following table illustrates our interest rate sensitivity at December 31, 2012.

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(Dollars in thousands)	Within One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	Over Five Years	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Earning assets					
Loans(1)	111,690	\$ 117,750	\$ 77,724	\$ 20,153	\$ 327,317
Loans Held for Sale	9,658				9,658
Securities(2)	78,971	45,833	26,013	51,636	202,453
Federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell and other earning assets	7,021				7,021
<b>Total earning assets</b>	<b>207,340</b>	<b>163,583</b>	<b>103,737</b>	<b>71,789</b>	<b>546,449</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Interest bearing liabilities					
Interest bearing deposits					
NOW accounts	20,798	34,152	14,007	28,014	96,971
Money market accounts	13,476	18,866	5,390	16,171	53,903
Savings deposits	8,220	6,165	4,110	22,605	41,100
Time deposits	109,369	47,086	29,020	2	185,477
<b>Total interest-bearing deposits</b>	<b>151,863</b>	<b>106,269</b>	<b>52,527</b>	<b>66,792</b>	<b>377,451</b>
Other borrowings	31,411	4,094	20,096	12,107	67,708
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>183,274</b>	<b>110,363</b>	<b>72,623</b>	<b>78,899</b>	<b>445,159</b>
Period gap	\$ 24,067	\$ 53,220	\$ 31,114	\$ (7,110)	\$ 101,291
Cumulative gap	\$ 24,067	\$ 77,287	\$ 108,401	\$ 101,291	\$ 101,291
Ratio of cumulative gap to total earning assets	4.40%	14.14%	19.84%	18.54%	18.54%

(1) Loans classified as non-accrual as of December 31, 2012 are not included in the balances.

(2) Securities based on amortized cost.

We entered into a five year interest rate swap agreement on October 8, 2008. The swap agreement has a \$10.0 million notional amount. We receive a variable rate of interest on the notional amount based on a three month LIBOR rate and pay a fixed rate interest of 3.66%. The contract was entered into to protect us from the negative impact of rising interest rates. Our exposure to credit risk is limited to the ability of the counterparty to make potential future payments required pursuant to the agreement. Our exposure to market risk of loss is limited to the changes in the market value of the swap between reporting periods. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the fair value of the contract was a negative \$338 thousand and \$602 thousand, respectively. The fair value adjustment during each reporting period is recognized in other income. For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the adjustment reflected in earnings amounted to (\$58) thousand, \$(166) thousand and \$(581) thousand, respectively. The fair value of the contract is the present value, over the remaining term of the contract, of the difference between the estimated swap rate, for the remaining term, at the reporting date multiplied by the notional amount and the fixed interest rate of 3.66% multiplied by the notional amount of the contract. The interest rate swap contract expires on October 8, 2013.

Through simulation modeling, we monitor the effect that an immediate and sustained change in interest rates of 100 basis points and 200 basis points up and down will have on net-interest income over the next 12 months. Based on the many factors and assumptions used in simulating the effect of changes in interest rates, the following table estimates the hypothetical percentage change in net

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interest income at December 31, 2012 and 2011 over the subsequent 12 months. At December 31, 2012, we are slightly asset sensitive. As a result, our modeling reflects improvement in our net interest income in a rising rate environment. In a declining rate environment, the model reflects a significant decline in net interest income. This primarily results from the current level of interest rates being paid on our interest bearing transaction accounts as well as money market accounts. The interest rates on these accounts are at a level where they cannot be repriced in proportion to the change in interest rates. The increase and decrease of 100 and 200 basis points assume a simultaneous and parallel change in interest rates along the entire yield curve.

*Net Interest Income Sensitivity*

Change in short-term interest rates	Hypothetical percentage change in net interest income December 31,	
	2012	2011
+200bp	6.52%	3.05%
+100bp	3.83%	2.06%
Flat		
-100bp	-9.05%	-7.48%
-200bp	-13.58%	-12.91%

We also perform a valuation analysis projecting future cash flows from assets and liabilities to determine the Present Value of Equity ("PVE") over a range of changes in market interest rates. The sensitivity of PVE to changes in interest rates is a measure of the sensitivity of earnings over a longer time horizon. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the PVE exposure in a plus 200 basis point increase in market interest rates was estimated to be 7.53% and 2.70%, respectively. During 2012 and 2011, the improvement in the PVE to rising rates is a result of two factors. The first is the change in the mix of our funding sources as noted above in the "Net Interest Income" section above. The other significant impact results from changes in certain assumption in our interest rate risk model in 2011. During 2011, we performed an internal analysis of our deposit products as it relates to repricing and decay assumptions on certain deposit products. This study resulted in lengthening the average life and decay rates of our deposit products from what had been modeled in prior periods. The change in assumptions was not run for prior periods as the change in these assumptions has no impact on the results of operations or financial position.

**Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses**

At December 31, 2012, the allowance for loan losses amounted to \$4.6 million, or 1.39% of loans (excludes loans held for sale), as compared \$4.7 million, or 1.45% of loans, at December 31, 2011. Our provision for loan loss was \$496 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$1.4 million and \$1.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The provision is made based on our assessment of general loan loss risk and asset quality. The allowance for loan losses represents an amount which we believe will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. Our judgment as to the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based on a number of assumptions about future events, which we believe to be reasonable, but which may or may not prove to be accurate. Our determination of the allowance for loan losses is based on evaluations of the collectability of loans, including consideration of factors such as the balance of impaired loans, the quality, mix, and size of our overall loan portfolio, economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, the amount and quality of collateral securing the loans, our historical loan loss experience, and a review of specific problem loans. We also consider subjective issues such as changes in the lending policies and procedures, changes in the local/national economy, changes in volume or type of credits, changes in volume/severity of problem loans, quality of

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loan review and board of director oversight and concentrations of credit. Periodically, we adjust the amount of the allowance based on changing circumstances. We charge recognized losses to the allowance and add subsequent recoveries back to the allowance for loan losses. There can be no assurance that charge-offs of loans in future periods will not exceed the allowance for loan losses as estimated at any point in time or that provisions for loan losses will not be significant to a particular accounting period, especially considering the overall weakness in the commercial real estate market in our market areas.

We perform an analysis quarterly to assess the risk within the loan portfolio. The portfolio is segregated into similar risk components for which historical loss ratios are calculated and adjusted for identified changes in current portfolio characteristics. Historical loss ratios are calculated by product type and by regulatory credit risk classification (See Note 5 Loans). The annualized weighted average loss ratios over the last 24 months for loans classified substandard, special mention and pass have been approximately 3.55%, 1.43% and 0.19%, respectively. The allowance consists of an allocated and unallocated allowance. The allocated portion is determined by types and ratings of loans within the portfolio. The unallocated portion of the allowance is established for losses that exist in the remainder of the portfolio and compensates for uncertainty in estimating the loan losses. As a result of the economic downturn beginning in 2008 and continuing through 2012, real estate values have been dramatically impacted. With our loan portfolio consisting of a large percentage of real estate secured loans we, like most financial institutions, continue to experience higher delinquencies and problem loans from pre 2008 historical levels. Non-performing assets were \$13.2 million (2.20% of total assets) at December 31, 2010, \$12.8 million (2.16% of total assets) at December 31, 2011, and \$8.8 million (1.45% of total assets) at December 31, 2012. While we continue to experience moderation in this ratio as evidenced by the decline as of December 31, 2012 compared to December 31, 2011, and we believe these ratios are favorable in comparison to current industry results nationally and specifically in our local markets, we continue to be concerned about the impact of this economic environment on our customer base of local businesses and professionals. As noted below in the "Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses" table, the unallocated portion of the allowance as a percentage of the total allowance has grown over the last several years. The allocated portion of the allowance is based on historical loss experience as well as certain qualitative factors as explained above. The unallocated portion of the allowance is established for losses that exist in the remainder of the portfolio and compensates for uncertainty in estimating the loan losses. The unallocated portion of the allowance is composed of factors based on management's evaluation of various conditions that are not directly measured in the estimation of probable losses through the experience formula or specific allowances. The unallocated allowance of the portfolio is primarily identified through discussions with senior credit management and through consideration of various portfolio specifics and other uncertainties outside of our markets that could impact the risk inherent in the portfolio. These include factors such as uncertainty as to a sustainable economic recovery, ongoing global debt crisis and sustained levels of high national unemployment. Given these uncertainties in economic conditions and particularly real estate valuations, we do not believe it would be prudent to reduce substantially the overall level of our allowance at this time. The unallocated portion as a percentage of the loan portfolio has grown recently, primarily as a result of higher historical loss periods dropping out of our overall analysis accompanied by a relatively flat loan portfolio. As economic conditions show sustainable improvement, we believe the unallocated portion of the allowance should decrease as a percentage of the total allowance. In the near term, however, this percentage may continue to increase slightly.

Our Company has a significant portion of its loan portfolio with real estate as the underlying collateral. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately 92.0% of the loan portfolio had real estate collateral (see Note 15 to financial statements for concentrations of credit). When loans, whether commercial or personal, are granted, they are based on the borrower's ability to generate repayment cash flows from income sources sufficient to service the debt. Real estate is generally taken to reinforce the likelihood of the ultimate repayment and as a secondary source of repayment. During this

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economic cycle many borrowers' traditional income sources have been impacted negatively and real estate values have dropped significantly. We continue to work closely with all our borrowers that are experiencing economic problems as a result of this cycle and believe we have the processes in place to monitor and identify problem credits. There can be no assurance that charge-offs of loans in future periods will not exceed the allowance for loan losses as estimated at any point in time or that provisions for loan losses will not be significant to a particular accounting period. The allowance is also subject to examination and testing for adequacy by regulatory agencies, which may consider such factors as the methodology used to determine adequacy and the size of the allowance relative to that of peer institutions. Such regulatory agencies could require us to adjust our allowance based on information available to them at the time of their examination.

At December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010, we had non-accrual loans in the amount of \$4.7 million, \$5.4 million and \$5.9 million, respectively. Nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2012 consisted of 23 loans. All of these loans are considered to be impaired, are substantially all real estate-related, and have been measured for impairment under the fair value of the collateral method. We consider a loan to be impaired when, based upon current information and events, it is believed that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Such fair values are obtained using independent appraisals, which we consider to be level 2 inputs. The aggregate amount of impaired loans was \$6.2 million and \$9.4 million for the years ending December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The non-accrual loans range in size from \$1 thousand to \$1.4 million. The largest relationship is in the amount of \$1.4 million with a mortgage on an owner occupied commercial business located in the midlands of South Carolina.

In addition to the non-accrual loans that are considered to be impaired, we have nine loans totaling \$1.5 million that are classified as troubled debt restructurings but are accruing loans as of December 31, 2012. The largest relationship consists of two loans totaling \$595 thousand. The real estate securing these two loans is currently under contract to be sold by the borrower. (See Note 5, Loans, to the consolidated financial statements for additional disclosures related to impaired loans and troubled debt restructurings.) There were \$2.6 million, \$3.2 million, and \$2.4 million in loans delinquent 30 to 89 days at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. There were \$55 thousand, \$25 thousand and \$373 thousand in loans greater than 90 days delinquent and still accruing interest at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Our management continuously monitors non-performing, classified and past due loans to identify deterioration regarding the condition of these loans. We have identified three relationships in the amount of \$2.3 million, which are current as to principal and interest at December 31, 2012 and not included in non-performing assets, that could be potential problem loans. Each of these loans is real estate-related, and the loans range in size from \$300 thousand to \$800 thousand. They have been identified as potential problems based on our review that their traditional sources of cash flow may have been impacted and that they may ultimately not be able to service the debt. These loans are continually monitored and are considered in our overall evaluation of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses.

The following table summarizes the activity related to our allowance for loan losses.

Table of Contents*Allowance for Loan Losses*

(Dollars in thousands)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Average loans and loans held for sale outstanding	\$ 331,564	\$ 329,534	\$ 337,143	\$ 337,743	\$ 318,954
Loans and loans held for sale outstanding at period end	\$ 341,769	\$ 328,036	\$ 329,954	\$ 344,187	\$ 332,964
Total nonaccrual loans	\$ 4,715	\$ 5,403	\$ 5,890	\$ 4,136	\$ 1,757
Loans past due 90 days and still accruing	\$ 55	\$ 25	\$ 373	\$ 1,022	\$ 59
Beginning balance of allowance	\$ 4,699	\$ 4,911	\$ 4,854	\$ 4,581	\$ 3,530
Loans charged-off:					
Construction and development loans				1,402	
1 - 4 family residential mortgage	126	465	1,273	450	763
Non-farm non-residential mortgage	187	498	223	117	
Multifamily residential	93	84			
Home equity		285	187	107	16
Commercial	258	265	125	700	271
Installment & credit card	44	62	91	174	90
Overdrafts	34	37	50	34	110
Total loans charged-off	742	1,696	1,949	2,984	1,250
Recoveries:					
1 - 4 family residential mortgage	85	5	43	9	41
Non-farm non-residential mortgage			2	8	
Home equity	3	5	9	4	4
Commercial	42	31	32	73	52
Installment & credit card	25	10	19	54	18
Overdrafts	13	13	23	6	57
Total recoveries	168	64	128	154	172
Net loans charged off	574	1,632	1,821	2,830	1,078
Provision for loan losses	496	1,420	1,878	3,103	2,129
Balance at period end	\$ 4,621	\$ 4,699	\$ 4,911	\$ 4,854	\$ 4,581
Net charge-offs to average loans	0.17%	0.50%	0.54%	0.84%	0.34%
Allowance as percent of total loans	1.39%	1.45%	1.49%	1.41%	1.38%
Non-performing loans as % of total loans	1.44%	1.67%	1.90%	1.50%	.55%
Allowance as % of non-performing loans	96.88%	86.60%	78.41%	94.11%	252.26%

The following table presents an allocation of the allowance for loan losses at the end of each of the past five years. The allocation is calculated on an approximate basis and is not necessarily indicative of future losses or allocations. The entire amount is available to absorb losses occurring in any category of loans.

Table of Contents*Allocation of the Allowance for Loan Losses*

Dollars in thousands	2012		2011		2010		2009		2008	
	Amount	% of loans in category	Amount	% of loans in category	Amount	% of loans in category	Amount	% of loans in category	Amount	% of loans in category
Commercial, Financial and Agricultural	\$ 338	6.3%	\$ 331	6.4%	\$ 681	6.2%	\$ 634	6.6%	\$ 681	8.3%
Real Estate Construction		3.9%		3.6%	905	3.2%	1,331	5.8%	1,319	8.7%
Real Estate Mortgage:										
Commercial	1,322	68.2%	1,475	67.9%	1,404	66.2%	1,522	62.2%	1,641	57.7%
Residential	235	11.7%	514	11.8%	465	14.1%	243	14.8%	289	15.7%
Consumer	417	9.9%	578	10.3%	414	10.3%	133	10.6%	100	9.6%
Unallocated	2,309	N/A	1,801	N/A	1,042	N/A	991	N/A	551	N/A
Total	\$ 4,621	100.0%	\$ 4,699	100.0%	\$ 4,911	100.0%	\$ 4,854	100.0%	\$ 4,581	100.0%

Accrual of interest is discontinued on loans when we believe, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts that a borrower's financial condition is such that the collection of interest is doubtful. A delinquent loan is generally placed in nonaccrual status when it becomes 90 days or more past due. At the time a loan is placed in nonaccrual status, all interest, which has been accrued on the loan but remains unpaid, is reversed and deducted from earnings as a reduction of reported interest income. No additional interest is accrued on the loan balance until the collection of both principal and interest becomes reasonably certain.

**Noninterest Income and Expense**

*Noninterest Income.* A significant source of noninterest income is service charges on deposit accounts. We also originate fixed rate residential loans on a servicing released basis in the secondary market. These loans are fixed rate residential loans that are originated in our name. These loans have locked in price commitments to be purchased by investors at the time of closing. Therefore, these loans present very little market risk for the Company. We typically deliver to, and receive funding from, the investor within 30 days. Other sources of noninterest income are derived from investment advisory fees and commissions on non-deposit investment products, bankcard fees, ATM/debit card fees, commissions on check sales, safe deposit box rent, wire transfer and official check fees. Non-interest income increased from \$6.3 million in 2011 to \$8.0 million in 2012. Deposit service charges decreased by \$248 thousand in 2012 as compared to 2011, primarily as a result of changes to Regulation E that became effective July 1, 2010 required that customers affirmatively opt in to our overdraft protection program. To the extent customers who had previously utilized this product did not opt in, these changes have resulted in reduced fees resulting from ATM and point of sale transactions. It is expected that this regulatory change, along with other proposals or recommendations related to overdraft protection programs including mandated limitations on the number of items an institution can charge within established time frames, as well as, the order in which items presented for payment must be processed on accounts, could reduce deposit service charge fees in the future. Mortgage origination fees increased by \$2.2 million to \$4.2 million in 2012 from \$2.0 million in 2011. As previously noted, the addition of Palmetto South as of July 31, 2011 was a significant contributor to the increased mortgage fees in the third and fourth quarters of 2011 and throughout the entire year of 2012. Historically low interest rates continued to impact the level of refinancing activity during 2012. Investment advisory fees and non-deposit commissions decreased to \$651 thousand in 2012 as compared to \$767 thousand in 2011. An increased focus on this source of revenue should enable us to reverse this decline in 2013 and thereafter.

During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, we sold certain non-agency MBSs that were rated below investment grade. In 2012, we sold eight below investment grade non-agency MBSs and one investment grade corporate security with a total book value of approximately \$11.7 million. The loss on the sales amounted to approximately \$2.1 million and was offset by gains of the approximate



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same amount from the sale of certain agency MBSs and municipal securities. The sales in 2011 also related primarily to the sale of certain non-agency MBSs that had been downgraded to below investment grade. The sales of below investment grade and the other investment securities resulted in net gains of \$26 thousand and \$575 thousand in 2012 and 2011, respectively. The proceeds were reinvested in our investment portfolio, primarily in securities with a risk rating of 20% or less. During the year ended December 31, 2012, we incurred OTTI charges of \$200 thousand (credit component) on certain non-agency MBSs that were sold as part of the transactions noted above. This compares to OTTI charges in 2011 of \$297 thousand (see Note 4 Investment Securities to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information). The sales as well as the OTTI charges in 2012 and 2011 continued to significantly reduce the level of securities on our balance sheet that are rated below investment grade. At December 31, 2012, there were four remaining investments in our portfolio rated below investment grade with a carrying value of \$1.6 million. During the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, we prepaid FHLB advances in the amount of \$6.0 million and \$10.7 million, respectively. We incurred losses in the amount of \$217 thousand and \$188 thousand during 2012 and 2011, respectively, as a result of the prepayment of these advances.

During 2012, we recorded a negative fair value adjustment on an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$10.0 million in the amount of \$58 thousand as compared to a negative \$166 thousand in 2011. The interest rate swap was entered into in 2008 to protect assets and liabilities from the negative impact in a rising interest rate environment (See "Market Risk and Interest Rate Sensitivity" discussion). This swap expires on October 8, 2013.

Deposit service charges decreased by \$65 thousand in 2011 as compared to 2010. As previously discussed, changes to Regulation E that became effective July 1, 2010 required that customers affirmatively opt in to our overdraft protection program. To the extent customers who had previously utilized this product did not opt in, these changes have resulted in reduced fees resulting from ATM and point of sale transactions. Mortgage origination fees increased by \$939 thousand to \$1.9 million in 2011 from \$1.0 million in 2010. The addition of Palmetto South as of July 31, 2011 was a significant contributor to the increased mortgage fees in the third and fourth quarters of 2011. Investment advisory fees and non-deposit commissions increased to \$767 thousand in 2011 as compared to \$501 thousand in 2010. This increase results from a continued effort and emphasis placed on this revenue source, as well as an overall increase in the assets under management. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we had net gains on the sale of securities in the amount of \$575 thousand, as compared to \$827 thousand in the comparable period of 2010. The net gains related primarily to the sale of certain non-agency MBSs that had been downgraded by the rating agencies to below investment grade, other investment grade non-agency MBSs, agency MBSs and shares of FHLMC preferred stock. The FHLMC preferred stock was previously written down in 2008 as a result of FHLMC being placed into conservatorship. These sales were initiated to reduce the level of securities on our balance sheet that were rated below investment grade. The cash generated from these transactions was reinvested in our investment portfolio, primarily in securities with a risk rating of 20% or less. During 2010, we restructured a portion of our available-for-sale investments. During the second quarter of 2010, we sold a CDO and realized a loss in the amount of \$1.7 million. Approximately \$41.0 million in available-for-sale GSE bonds and MBSs were sold that realized a gain of approximately \$1.7 million. In the third and fourth quarters of 2010, we sold two corporate securities, certain non-taxable municipal securities and other GSE securities and realized gains of \$711 thousand. The sales and resulting net gains during the last half of 2010 were a result of our desire to restructure the portfolio to better position us for a rising rate environment as well as investing in securities that have a lower regulatory risk weighting such as GNMA mortgage backed securities and SBA pools.

Other than temporary impairment ("OTTI") charges (credit component) were \$297 thousand in 2011 as compared to \$1.6 million in 2010. The 2011 OTTI charges were taken on four below investment grade private label MBSs. In 2010, OTTI charges of \$477 thousand (credit component)

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were realized on nine private label mortgage backed securities and \$1.1 million on one pooled trust preferred security.

During 2011, we recorded a negative fair value adjustment on an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$10.0 million in the amount of \$166 thousand. This compares to a negative fair value adjustment of \$581 thousand during 2010. The interest rate swap was entered into in 2008 to protect assets and liabilities from the negative impact in a rising interest rate environment (See "Market Risk and Interest Rate Sensitivity" discussion). In 2011, we realized a loss on early extinguishment of debt in the amount of \$188 thousand. "Other" non-interest income increased by \$253 thousand in 2011 as compared to 2010. The increase primarily relates to increases in ATM surcharge and debit card exchange fees of \$220 thousand. This results from an increase in number of new transaction accounts as well as increased usage of our debit card product by existing customers. During 2010, we realized fee income related to ATM and debit card usage, to include interchange fees, of approximately \$840 thousand as compared to \$1.0 million in 2011.

*Noninterest Expense.* In the very competitive financial services industry, we recognize the need to place a great deal of emphasis on expense management and continually evaluate and monitor growth in discretionary expense categories in order to control future increases. Noninterest expense increased from \$18.4 million in 2011 to \$19.4 million in 2012. Salary and benefit expense increased \$1.7 million from \$9.5 million in the 2011 to \$11.2 million in 2012. At December 31, 2011, we had 157 full time equivalent employees as compared to 158 full time employees at December 31, 2012. As a result of the Palmetto South acquisition in the third quarter of 2011, we added approximately 10 full time equivalent employees. The compensation paid to most of these employees is variable based on mortgage origination fees generated. Having the Palmetto South employees for the entire year of 2012, normal salary adjustments and increased health insurance cost account for the majority of the increase in salary and benefit cost in 2012 as compared to 2011. FDIC insurance assessments decreased \$292 thousand in 2012 as compared 2011. During the second quarter of 2011, the FDIC changed the assessment from a deposit base to an asset based calculation. The impact to community banks in our asset range was to generally lower the amount of our assessment. This change in assessment, in addition to the lifting of the previously mentioned formal agreement, resulted in the lower FDIC premiums in 2012. In November 2009, all insured institutions with limited exceptions were required to prepay insurance assessments for a three-year period. Our prepayment made in December 2009 amounted to approximately \$2.9 million. At December 31, 2012, the remaining prepaid insurance assessment amounted to \$350 thousand and is included in "Other assets". Other real estate expenses increased by \$170 thousand in 2012, as compared to 2011. This increase results from a write-down on real estate previously acquired for a potential future branch site to its estimated fair value. The write down on this property was \$170 thousand.

Salary and benefit expense increased \$578 thousand from \$8.9 million in the 2010 to \$9.5 million in 2011. At December 31, 2010, we had 147 full time equivalent employees as compared to 157 full time employees at December 31, 2011. The increase in number of full time equivalent employees, as well as normal salary adjustments made for 2011, account for the increase in salary and benefit expense in 2011 as compared to 2010. As previously noted, we acquired Palmetto South on July 31, 2011, which is the primary contributor to the increase in the number of full time equivalent employees in 2011 as compared to 2010. ATM/debit card processing expense increased by \$58 thousand in 2011 as compared to 2010. This increase is a result of increased number of accounts as well as higher utilization by existing customers of the debit card product. FDIC insurance assessments decreased \$114 thousand in 2011 as compared 2010. As noted above in the second quarter of 2011 the FDIC changed the assessment from a deposit base to an asset based calculation which resulted in lowering the amount of our assessment.

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The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the primary components of noninterest expense:

(In thousands)	Year ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Salary and employee benefits	\$ 11,152	\$ 9,520	\$ 8,942
Occupancy	1,358	1,289	1,229
Equipment	1,168	1,147	1,162
Marketing and public relations	478	452	402
ATM/debit card processing	479	472	414
Supplies	138	178	150
Telephone	297	307	302
Courier	72	66	63
Correspondent services	168	193	97
FDIC/FICO premium	597	889	1,003
Insurance	209	213	220
Other real estate expenses	1,010	840	823
Professional fees	745	1,040	1,068
Loss on limited partnership interest	194	119	119
Postage	172	174	181
Director fees	312	319	264
Amortization of intangibles	204	517	621
Other	692	666	624
	\$ 19,445	\$ 18,401	\$ 17,684

**Income Tax Expense**

Income tax expense for 2012 was \$1.6 million as compared to income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 of \$1.5 million and \$565 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2010 (see note 14 "Income Taxes" to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information). We recognize deferred tax assets for future deductible amounts resulting from differences in the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities and operating loss carry forwards. A valuation allowance is then established to reduce the deferred tax asset to the level that it is more likely than not that the tax benefit will be realized. At December 31, 2012, there is a deferred tax valuation allowance of \$132 thousand primarily related to a capital loss carryforward that will likely expire prior to being realized. Contribution carry forwards of approximately \$710 thousand expired in 2010 and the related valuation allowance in the amount of \$241 thousand was reversed. As of December 31, 2012 we have a tax net loss carryforward of approximately \$6.2 million. The carryforward expires in 2032. See Note 14, Income Taxes, to the financial statements for a reconciliation of the tax expense. It is anticipated that our effective tax rate for 2013 will be between 28% and 31%.

**Financial Position**

Assets totaled \$602.9 million at December 31, 2012 as compared to \$593.9 million at December 31, 2011, an increase of \$9.0 million. Over the last three years, we have successfully controlled balance sheet growth by paying down FHLB advances as they mature or prepaying the advances when the pricing and our liquidity were favorable. Loans at December 31, 2011 were \$324.3 million as compared to \$332.1 million (excluding loans held for sale) at December 31, 2012. We funded in excess of \$49.7 million of new loan production in 2012. At December 31, 2011, loans accounted for 59.9% of earning assets, as compared to 60.0% at December 31, 2011. The loan-to-deposit ratio at December 31, 2012 was 69.9% as compared to 69.8% at December 31, 2011. During 2011, we began to close and

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fund loans originated for sale, in the secondary market, in the name of the Bank. These loans are generally held for less than thirty days and have locked in purchase commitments by investors prior to closing. Prior to 2011, the loans originated for sale were closed and funded in the investors name and therefore were not reflected on our balance sheet. At December 31, 2012, loans held for sale amounted to \$9.7 million as compared to \$3.7 at December 31, 2011. Investment securities were \$206.0 million at December 31, 2012 as compared to \$206.7 million at December 31, 2011. Short-term federal funds sold and interest bearing bank balances were \$7.0 million at December 31, 2012 compared to \$5.9 million at December 31, 2011. Deposits increased by \$10.4 million to \$475.0 million at December 31, 2012 as compared to \$464.6 million at December 31, 2011. At December 31, 2012, we had no brokered certificates of deposits. As previously discussed due to the current economic cycle and the significant emphasis by regulators and the investment community on tangible capital, regulatory capital ratios and overall liquidity, we attempted to control the growth of our balance sheet throughout 2011 and 2012. We have focused on growing our pure deposit base (deposits excluding time deposits) while continuing to fund soundly underwritten loans. As a result non-interest bearing, NOW, money market and savings deposits grew by \$35.4 million in 2012 while time deposits declined by \$25.0 million. During 2011 and 2012, we sold certain non-agency MBSs that had previously been downgraded by the rating agencies to below investment grade, other investment grade non-agency MBSs, agency MBSs and shares of FHLMC preferred stock. The FHLMC preferred stock had previously been written down in 2008 as a result of FHLMC being placed into conservatorship. These sales served to significantly reduce the level of securities on our balance sheet that are rated below investment grade (see Note 5, Investment Securities, for further information). As of December 31, 2012, the total book value of securities (four securities) rated below investment grade in our portfolio amounted to \$1.6 million. As previously noted, management continues to monitor the remaining portfolio with a high degree of scrutiny. There can be no assurance that we will not conclude in future periods that conditions existing at that time indicate some or all of these securities are other than temporarily impaired, which would require a charge to earnings in such period. We do not consider any of our investments to have additional other-than-temporary impairment in excess of amounts previously recognized at December 31, 2012.

Shareholders' equity totaled \$54.2 million at December 31, 2012, as compared to \$47.9 million at December 31, 2011. As previously noted, on July 27, 2012, the Company closed a public offering of common stock. The offering resulted in the issuance of a total of 1.875 million shares of common stock at \$8.00 per share, resulting in gross proceeds of \$15 million. Net proceeds were approximately \$13.8 million after deducting underwriting, discount, commissions and other estimated expenses. The proceeds were used to repurchase the 11,350 outstanding shares of our Series T Preferred Stock originally issued to the Treasury pursuant to the TARP CPP. In addition, on October 25, 2012, the Treasury accepted our bid to repurchase the CPP Warrant issued to the Treasury pursuant to the TARP CPP. The repurchase price was \$297,500. The repurchase of the CPP Warrant was closed on November 1, 2012. The net proceeds were also used to redeem the \$2.5 million of outstanding subordinated debt at par on November 15, 2012, which was originally issued in November 2011. The balance of the proceeds from the public offering will be used for general corporate purposes, including contributing a portion of the proceeds to the Bank as additional capital if it may be needed to support organic growth and, potentially, opportunistic acquisitions that meet our investment criteria.

Net income available to common shareholders less dividend payments to common shareholders resulted in retained deficit decreasing to \$14.9 million as of December 31, 2012. Due to the low interest rate environment and the continued reduction in below investment grade securities, accumulated other comprehensive income increased from \$1.3 million at December 31, 2011 to \$2.4 million at December 31, 2012.

Table of Contents**Earning Assets****Loans and loans held for sale**

Loans typically provide higher yields than the other types of earning assets. During 2012, loans accounted for 59.9% of average earning assets. The loan portfolio (including held-for-sale) averaged \$329.5 million in 2011 as compared to \$331.6 million in 2012. Quality loan portfolio growth continues to be a strategic focus in 2013 and thereafter. Associated with the higher loan yields are the inherent credit and liquidity risks, which we attempt to control and counterbalance. One of our goals as a community bank has, and continues to be, to grow our assets through quality loan growth by providing credit to small and mid-size businesses, as well as individuals within the markets we serve. In 2012, we funded new loans (excluding loans originated for sale) of approximately \$49.7 million as compared to \$46.5 million in 2011. Loan production and portfolio growth rates continue to be impacted by the current slow economic cycle, as borrowers are less inclined to leverage their corporate and personal balance sheets. However, we remain committed to meeting the credit needs of our local markets. A continuation of the slow recovery from recessionary national and local economic conditions, as well as deterioration of asset quality within our Company, could significantly impact our ability to grow our loan portfolio. Significant increases in regulatory capital expectations beyond the traditional "well capitalized" ratios and significantly increased regulatory burdens could impede our ability to leverage our balance sheet and expand the loan portfolio.

The following table shows the composition of the loan portfolio by category:

(In thousands)	December 31,				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Commercial, financial & agricultural	\$ 20,924	\$ 20,608	\$ 20,555	\$ 22,758	\$ 27,833
Real estate:					
Construction	13,052	11,767	10,540	19,972	28,832
Mortgage residential	38,892	38,337	46,684	50,985	52,423
Mortgage commercial	226,575	220,288	218,298	214,178	191,832
Consumer:					
Home equity	27,173	27,976	27,747	28,824	23,872
Other	5,495	5,335	6,130	7,470	8,172
Total gross loans	332,111	324,311	329,954	344,187	332,964
Allowance for loan losses	(4,621)	(4,699)	(4,911)	(4,854)	(4,581)
Total net loans	\$ 327,490	\$ 319,612	\$ 325,043	\$ 339,333	\$ 328,383

In the context of this discussion, a real estate mortgage loan is defined as any loan, other than loans for construction purposes, secured by real estate, regardless of the purpose of the loan. We follow the common practice of financial institutions in the Company's market area of obtaining a security interest in real estate whenever possible, in addition to any other available collateral. This collateral is taken to reinforce the likelihood of the ultimate repayment of the loan and tends to increase the magnitude of the real estate loan components. Generally, we limit the loan-to-value ratio to 80%. The principal components of our loan portfolio at year-end 2012 and 2011 were commercial mortgage loans in the amount of \$226.6 million and \$220.3 million, representing 68.1% and 67.9% of the portfolio, respectively. Significant portions of these commercial mortgage loans are made to finance owner-occupied real estate. We continue to maintain a conservative philosophy regarding our underwriting guidelines, and believe it will reduce the risk elements of the loan portfolio through strategies that diversify the lending mix.

The repayment of loans in the loan portfolio as they mature is a source of liquidity. The following table sets forth the loans maturing within specified intervals at December 31, 2012.

Table of Contents**Loan Maturity Schedule and Sensitivity to Changes in Interest Rates**

(in thousands)	December 31, 2012				Total
	One Year or Less	Over one Year Through Five Years	Over five years		
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$ 5,287	\$ 14,648	\$ 989	\$	20,924
R/E-Construction	11,762	157	1,133		13,052
All other loan	50,966	199,213	47,956		298,135
	\$ 68,015	\$ 214,018	\$ 50,078	\$	332,111
Loans maturing after one year with:					
Variable Rate				\$	45,299
Fixed Rate					218,797
				\$	264,096

The information presented in the above table is based on the contractual maturities of the individual loans, including loans which may be subject to renewal at their contractual maturity. Renewal of such loans is subject to review and credit approval, as well as modification of terms upon their maturity.

**Investment Securities**

The investment securities portfolio is a significant component of our total earning assets. Total investment securities averaged \$204.9 million in 2012, as compared to \$205.7 million in 2011. This represents 37.0% and 37.4% of the average earning assets for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, our investment securities portfolio amounted to \$206.0 million and \$206.7 million, respectively.

Beginning in 2008 and continuing into 2012, the bond markets and many institutional holders of bonds came under a great deal of stress partially as a result of increasing delinquencies in the mortgage lending market. As of December 31, 2012, we own total MBSs and CMOs with an amortized cost of \$110.4 million and an approximate fair value of \$112.1 million. These included securities with an amortized cost of \$107.3 million and approximate fair value of \$109.4 million issued by GSEs. The contractual cash flows of the investments are guaranteed by the GSE. Accordingly, it is expected that the securities would not be settled at a price less than our amortized cost.

Also included in our MBS and CMO portfolio are PLMBSs with an amortized cost of \$3.1 million and approximate fair value of \$2.7 million at December 31, 2012. During the second quarter of 2008, we implemented a leverage strategy whereby we acquired approximately \$63.2 million in certain non-agency MBSs and CMOs. All of the mortgage assets acquired in this transaction were classified as prime or ALT-A securities and represented the senior or super senior tranches of the securities. The assets acquired as part of this strategy were classified as held-to-maturity in the investment portfolio. Due to the significant spreads on these securities, they were all purchased at discounts. Starting in early 2009, many of these securities acquired in the leverage strategy, as well as others that were owned prior to 2008, began to be downgraded by the various rating agencies. Beginning in 2011 and 2012, we began selling the majority of these downgraded securities. At December 31, 2012, there are only four CUSIPs remaining that have been downgraded below investment grade. The carrying value of these remaining securities is \$1.6 million at December 31, 2012. We continue to perform an internal detailed analysis on each CUSIP on a quarterly basis. The analysis includes stressing each security using various assumptions for conditional default rate (CDR), prepayment speeds (CPR) and severities of loss on underlying collateral once it is liquidated. For the year ended December 31, 2012, we recognized impairment charges on four PLMBS investments whereby the credit component was \$200 thousand

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recognized through earnings (see Note 5 to the financial statements). For the year ended December 31, 2011, we recognized the credit impairment charges of \$297 thousand as the credit component on nine PLMBS securities through earnings. Our exposure to future losses resulting from OTTI has been greatly reduced as result of the overall reduction through the sale of the majority of these investments.

The following table summarizes the PLMBSs portfolio by credit rating as of December 31, 2012. The rating reflects the lowest rating by any major rating agency.

(Dollars in thousands)

Credit Rating	Number of CUSIPs	Par Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
AA	2	\$ 264	\$ 264	\$ 268
A1	1	380	380	374
A3	1	320	320	318
A	2	72	72	71
BBB	1	231	231	225
Baa1	1	71	71	72
Baa2	1	97	97	96
Below Investment Grade	4	2,008	1,653	1,291
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$ 3,443</b>	<b>\$ 3,088</b>	<b>\$ 2,715</b>

The current rating process does not adequately consider what the holder paid for the bond or the impact that they are multi obligor securities. This can cause an entire security to be rated below investment grade even though a majority of the underlying obligors are paying timely on the underlying obligation. We believe that the robust monitoring process that we have in place allows us to properly evaluate the credit risk underlying these securities and record any further OTTI in a timely manner.

We held no other debt securities rated below investment grade at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012, the estimated weighted average life of the investment portfolio was approximately 6.1 years, duration of approximately 3.5, and a weighted average tax equivalent yield of approximately 2.0%.

The following table shows the investment portfolio composition.

(Dollars in thousands)	December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Securities available-for-sale at fair value:			
U.S. Government sponsored enterprises	\$ 1,534	\$ 34	\$ 13,738
Small Business Administration pools	54,993	36,479	31,496
Mortgage-backed securities	112,144	141,631	121,257
State and local government	32,373	20,488	19,055
Preferred stock	447	21	235
Corporate bonds	1,010	1,415	2,585
Other	944	964	943
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 203,445</b>	<b>\$ 201,032</b>	<b>\$ 189,309</b>

We hold other investments carried at cost which included Federal Reserve and the FHLB stock. These investments amounted to \$2.5 million and \$5.6 million, at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. At December 31, 2012, as a result of our conversion to a state non member charter, we are no longer required to hold stock in the Federal Reserve Bank and the balance of \$2.5 million represents our holdings in FHLB stock

Table of Contents**Investment Securities Maturity Distribution and Yields**

The following table shows, at amortized cost, the scheduled maturities and average yield of securities held at December 31, 2012:

(In thousands)	Within One Year		After One But Within Five Years		After Five But Within Ten Years		After Ten Years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
<b>Available-for-sale:</b>								
Government sponsored enterprises	\$ 1,500	2.50%	\$ 22	4.97%	\$		\$	
Small Business Administration pools			12,838	1.44%	24,819	2.50%	16,491	1.95%
Mortgage-backed securities	25,426	0.65%	68,659	1.44%	4,643	3.99%	11,697	3.82%
State and local government	500	3.60%	1,500	3.00%	28,276	2.76%	1,207	3.35%
Corporate			1,000	4.00%				
Other	10	0.97%	50	0.53%		0.00%	1,289	5.19%
<b>Total investment securities available-for-sale</b>	<b>\$ 27,436</b>	<b>0.81%</b>	<b>\$ 84,069</b>	<b>1.50%</b>	<b>\$ 57,738</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>\$ 30,684</b>	<b>2.86%</b>

(1) Yield calculated on tax equivalent basis

**Short-Term Investments**

Short-term investments, which consist of federal funds sold, securities purchased under agreements to resell and interest bearing deposits, averaged \$17.2 million in 2012, as compared to \$15.2 million in 2011. We maintain the majority of our short term overnight investments in our account at the Federal Reserve rather than in federal funds at various correspondent banks due to the lower regulatory capital risk weighting. At December 31, 2012, short-term investments including funds on deposit at the Federal Reserve totaled \$7.0 million. These funds are a primary source of liquidity and are generally invested in an earning capacity on an overnight basis.

**Deposits and Other Interest Bearing Liabilities**

*Deposits.* Average deposits were \$471.5 million during 2012, compared to \$466.8 million during 2011. Average interest bearing deposits were \$379.7 million during 2012, as compared to \$384.3 million during 2011.

The following table sets forth the deposits by category:

(In thousands)	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Deposits	Amount	% of Deposits	Amount	% of Deposits
Demand deposit accounts	\$ 97,526	20.5%	\$ 83,572	18.0%	\$ 72,625	16.0%
NOW accounts	96,971	20.4%	88,330	19.0%	78,814	17.3%
Money market accounts	53,903	11.4%	48,153	10.4%	44,790	9.8%
Savings accounts	41,100	8.7%	34,048	7.3%	29,886	6.6%
Time deposits less than \$100,000	111,316	23.4%	128,616	27.7%	143,946	31.6%
Time deposits more than \$100,000	74,161	15.6%	81,866	17.6%	85,283	18.7%



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\$ 474,977	100.0%	\$ 464,585	100.0%	\$ 455,344	100.0%
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Large certificate of deposit customers tend to be extremely sensitive to interest rate levels, making these deposits less reliable sources of funding for liquidity planning purposes than core deposits. Core

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deposits, which exclude certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more, provide a relatively stable funding source for the loan portfolio and other earning assets. Core deposits were \$400.8 million and \$382.7 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

A stable base of deposits is expected to continue be the primary source of funding to meet both our short-term and long-term liquidity needs in the future. The maturity distribution of time deposits is shown in the following table.

**Maturities of Certificates of Deposit and Other Time Deposit of \$100,000 or more**

(In thousands)	December 31, 2011				Total
	Within Three Months	After Three Through Six Months	After Six Through Twelve Months	After Twelve Months	
Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more	\$ 13,296	\$ 14,780	\$ 17,632	\$ 28,587	\$ 74,295

There were no other time deposits of \$100,000 or more at December 31, 2012.

*Borrowed funds.* Borrowed funds consist of securities sold under agreements to repurchase, FHLB advances and long-term debt as a result of issuing \$15.5 million in trust preferred securities. Short-term borrowings in the form of securities sold under agreements to repurchase averaged \$15.4 million, \$15.9 and \$17.4 million during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The maximum month-end balances during 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$17.3 million, \$18.1 million and \$21.8 million, respectively. The average rates paid during these periods were 0.23%, 0.25% and 0.35%, respectively. The balances of securities sold under agreements to repurchase were \$15.9 million and \$13.6 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The repurchase agreements all mature within one to four days and are generally originated with customers that have other relationships with the company and tend to provide a stable and predictable source of funding. As a member of the FHLB, the bank has access to advances from the FHLB for various terms and amounts. During 2012 and 2011, the average outstanding advances amounted to \$38.8 million and \$56.0 million, respectively.

The following is a schedule of the maturities for FHLB Advances as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

(In thousands)	December 31,			
	2012		2011	
Maturing	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
2011				
2012			1,000	0.36%
2013			4,000	3.58%
2015	4,000	4.22%	6,500	4.09%
After five years	32,344	4.13%	32,362	4.13%
	\$ 36,344	4.14%	\$ 43,862	3.99%

In addition to the above borrowings, we issued \$15.0 million in trust preferred securities on September 16, 2004. The securities accrue and pay distributions quarterly at a rate of three month LIBOR plus 257 basis points. The debt may be redeemed in full anytime after September 16, 2009 with notice and matures on September 16, 2034. In the fourth quarter of 2011, we issued \$2.5 million in 8.75% subordinated notes maturing December 16, 2019 with interest payable quarterly. On November 15, 2012 the subordinated notes were redeemed in full at par. Warrants for 107,500 shares of common stock at \$5.90 per share were issued in connection with the issuance of the subordinated debt. The warrants expire December 16, 2019.

Table of Contents**Capital Adequacy and Dividends**

Total shareholders' equity as of December 31, 2012 was \$54.2 million as compared to \$47.9 million as of December 31, 2011. In November 2008, we issued \$11.35 million in Series T Preferred Stock under the CPP. Preferred dividends of 5% were paid during the year ended December 31, 2012 (through the date of redemption) and in 2011 on the Series T Preferred Stock. As previously noted, we closed on a public offering of common stock which resulted in the issuance of a total of 1.875 million shares of common stock at \$8.00 per share, resulting in gross proceeds of \$15 million. Net proceeds were approximately \$13.8 million after deducting underwriting, discount, commissions and other estimated expenses. The proceeds were used to repurchase all 11,350 outstanding shares of our Series T Preferred Stock and repurchase the CPP Warrant. Proceeds were also used to redeem the \$2.5 million of outstanding subordinated debt at par on November 15, 2012, which was originally issued in November 2011. The remaining net proceeds from the common stock offering along with retention of earnings available to common shareholders less dividend payments on our common stock, plus an increase in accumulated other comprehensive income accounted for the increase in shareholders' equity. During each quarter of 2012 and 2011, we paid a dividend on our common stock of \$0.04 per share.

In addition, a dividend reinvestment plan was implemented in the third quarter of 2003. The plan allows existing shareholders the option of reinvesting cash dividends as well as making optional purchases of up to \$5,000 in the purchase of common stock per quarter.

The following table shows the return on average assets (net income divided by average total assets), return on average equity (net income divided by average equity), and equity to assets ratio for the three years ended December 31, 2012.

	2012	2011	2010
Return on average assets	0.55%	0.44%	0.20%
Return on average common equity	7.40%	7.98%	3.73%
Equity to assets ratio(1)	8.99%	8.06%	6.98%
Dividend Payout Ratio	15.25%	15.79%	28.1%

(1)

For years 2010 and 2011 includes Series T perpetual preferred stock issued November 21, 2008

Following a 2012 on-site examination of the Bank, the OCC notified the Bank that, effective June 28, 2012, the Bank was no longer subject to the Formal Agreement that it entered into with the OCC in 2010. The OCC also notified the Bank that, effective June 28, 2012, it was no longer subject to the Individual Minimum Capital Ratios established for the Bank on February 24, 2010, which had required the Bank to maintain a Tier 1 leverage capital ratio of at least 8.00%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of at least 10.00%, and a total risk-based capital ratio of at least 12.00%. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond notified the Company that, effective July 10, 2012, the Company was no longer subject to the MOU that it had entered into with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in December of 2011.

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The Company and the Bank exceeded their regulatory capital ratios at December 31, 2012 and 2011, as set forth in the following table:

(In thousands)	Required Amount	%	Actual Amount	%	Excess Amount	%
<b>The Bank:</b>						
December 31, 2012						
Risk Based Capital						
Tier 1	\$ 14,605	4.00%	\$ 61,588	16.9%	\$ 46,983	12.9%
Total Capital	29,209	8.00%	66,158	18.1%	36,949	10.1%
Tier 1 Leverage	23,824	4.00%	61,588	10.3%	37,764	6.3%
December 31, 2011						
Risk Based Capital						
Tier 1	\$ 14,647	4.00%	\$ 55,377	15.1%	\$ 40,730	11.1%
Total Capital	29,294	8.00%	59,971	16.4%	30,677	8.4%
Tier 1 Leverage	23,898	4.00%	55,377	9.3%	31,479	5.3%
<b>The Company:</b>						
December 31, 2012						
Risk Based Capital						
Tier 1	\$ 14,628	4.00%	\$ 63,381	17.3%	\$ 48,753	13.3%
Total Capital	29,258	8.00%	67,963	18.7%	38,705	10.7%
Tier 1 Leverage	23,806	4.00%	63,381	10.6%	39,575	6.6%
December 31, 2011						
Risk Based Capital						
Tier 1	\$ 14,668	4.00%	\$ 56,207	15.3%	\$ 41,539	11.3%
Total Capital	29,335	8.00%	63,256	17.3%	33,921	9.3%
Tier 1 Leverage	23,909	4.00%	56,207	9.4%	32,298	5.4%

Since the Company is a bank holding company, its ability to declare and pay dividends is dependent on certain federal and state regulatory considerations, including the guidelines of the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board has issued a policy statement regarding the payment of dividends by bank holding companies. In general, the Federal Reserve Board's policies provide that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve Board's policies also require that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. In addition, under the prompt corrective action regulations, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect the ability of the Company to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

In addition, since the Company is legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank and does not conduct stand alone operations, its ability to pay dividends depends on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends to it, which is also subject to regulatory restrictions. As a South Carolina chartered bank, the Bank is subject to limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay. Unless otherwise instructed by the SCBFI, the Bank is generally permitted under South Carolina state banking regulations to pay cash dividends of up to 100% of net income in any calendar year without obtaining the prior approval of the SCBFI. The FDIC also has the authority under federal law to enjoin a bank from engaging in what in its opinion constitutes an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting its business, including the payment of a dividend under certain circumstances.

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**Liquidity Management**

Liquidity management involves monitoring sources and uses of funds in order to meet our day-to-day cash flow requirements while maximizing profits. Liquidity represents our ability to convert assets into cash or cash equivalents without significant loss and to raise additional funds by increasing liabilities. Liquidity management is made more complicated because different balance sheet components are subject to varying degrees of management control. For example, the timing of maturities of the investment portfolio is very predictable and subject to a high degree of control at the time investment decisions are made. However, net deposit inflows and outflows are far less predictable and are not subject to nearly the same degree of control. Asset liquidity is provided by cash and assets which are readily marketable, or which can be pledged, or which will mature in the near future. Liability liquidity is provided by access to core funding sources, principally the ability to generate customer deposits in our market area. In addition, liability liquidity is provided through the ability to borrow against approved lines of credit (federal funds purchased) from correspondent banks and to borrow on a secured basis through securities sold under agreements to repurchase. The Bank is a member of the FHLB and has the ability to obtain advances for various periods of time. These advances are secured by securities pledged by the Bank or assignment of loans within the Bank's portfolio.

With the successful completion of the common stock offering in 1995, the secondary offerings completed in 1998 and 2012, the trust preferred offering completed in September 2004, the acquisition of DutchFork in October 2004, the acquisition of DeKalb in June 2006, we have maintained a high level of liquidity and adequate capital along with retained earnings, less the 2009 and 2008 net loss, sufficient to fund the operations of the Bank for at least the next 12 months. We anticipate that the Bank will remain a well capitalized institution for at least the next 12 months. The loss related to goodwill impairment in 2009 was a noncash charge and had no impact on regulatory capital or tangible equity. Total shareholders' equity was 8.99% of total assets at December 31, 2012 and 8.07% at December 31, 2011. Funds sold and short-term interest bearing deposits are our primary source of liquidity and averaged \$17.2 million and \$15.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Bank maintains federal funds purchased lines, in the amount of \$10.0 million each with two financial institutions, although these were not utilized in 2012. The FHLB has approved a line of credit of up to 25% of the Bank's assets, which would be collateralized by a pledge against specific investment securities and or eligible loans. We regularly review the liquidity position of the Company and have implemented internal policies establishing guidelines for sources of asset based liquidity and limit the total amount of purchased funds used to support the balance sheet and funding from non-core sources. We believe that our existing stable base of core deposits, along with continued growth in this deposit base, will enable us to meet our long term liquidity needs successfully.

We believe our liquidity remains adequate to meet operating and loan funding requirements and that our existing stable base of core deposits, along with continued growth in this deposit base, will enable us to meet our long-term and short-term liquidity needs successfully.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

In the normal course of operations, we engage in a variety of financial transactions that, in accordance with GAAP, are not recorded in the financial statements, or are recorded in amounts that differ from the notional amounts. These transactions involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate, and liquidity risk. Such transactions are used by the company for general corporate purposes or for customer needs. Corporate purpose transactions are used to help manage credit, interest rate, and liquidity risk or to optimize capital. Customer transactions are used to manage customers' requests for funding. Please refer to Note 16 of the Company's financial statements for a discussion of our off-balance sheet arrangements.

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**Impact of Inflation**

Unlike most industrial companies, the assets and liabilities of financial institutions such as the company and the bank are primarily monetary in nature. Therefore, interest rates have a more significant effect on our performance than do the effects of changes in the general rate of inflation and change in prices. In addition, interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or in the same magnitude as the prices of goods and services. As discussed previously, we continually seek to manage the relationships between interest sensitive assets and liabilities in order to protect against wide interest rate fluctuations, including those resulting from inflation.

**As of and for the Six Months and Three Months Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012**

**Overview**

The following discussion describes our results of operations for the six months and three months ended June 30, 2013 as compared to the six month and three month period ended June 30, 2012 and also analyzes our financial condition as of June 30, 2013 as compared to December 31, 2012. Like most community banks, we derive most of our income from interest we receive on our loans and investments. Our primary source of funds for making these loans and investments is our deposits, on which we pay interest. Consequently, one of the key measures of our success is our amount of net interest income, or the difference between the income on our interest-earning assets, such as loans and investments, and the expense on our interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits. Another key measure is the spread between the yield we earn on these interest-earning assets and the rate we pay on our interest-bearing liabilities.

There are risks inherent in all loans, so we maintain an allowance for loan losses to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We establish and maintain this allowance by charging a provision for loan losses against our operating earnings. In the following section we have included a discussion of this process, as well as several tables describing our allowance for loan losses and the allocation of this allowance among our various categories of loans.

In addition to earning interest on our loans and investments, we earn income through fees and other expenses we charge to our customers. We describe the various components of this non-interest income, as well as our non-interest expense, in the following discussion.

The following discussion and analysis also identifies significant factors that have affected our financial position and operating results during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. We encourage you to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the financial statements and the related notes and the other statistical information also included in this report.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

We have adopted various accounting policies that govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with general practices within the banking industry in the preparation of our financial statements. Our significant accounting policies are described in the footnotes to our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2013 and our notes included in the consolidated financial statements in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC.

Certain accounting policies involve significant judgments and assumptions by us that have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities. We consider these accounting policies to be critical accounting policies. The judgment and assumptions we use are based on historical experience and other factors, which we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Because of the nature of the judgment and assumptions we make, actual results could differ from these judgments

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and estimates that could have a material impact on the carrying values of our assets and liabilities and our results of operations.

We believe the allowance for loan losses is the critical accounting policy that requires the most significant judgment and estimates used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Some of the more critical judgments supporting the amount of our allowance for loan losses include judgments about the credit worthiness of borrowers, the estimated value of the underlying collateral, the assumptions about cash flow, determination of loss factors for estimating credit losses, the impact of current events, and conditions, and other factors impacting the level of probable inherent losses. Under different conditions or using different assumptions, the actual amount of credit losses incurred by us may be different from management's estimates provided in our consolidated financial statements. Refer to the portion of this discussion that addresses our allowance for loan losses for a more complete discussion of our processes and methodology for determining our allowance for loan losses.

The evaluation and recognition of OTTI on certain investments, including our private label MBSs and other corporate debt security holdings, requires significant judgment and estimates. Some of the more critical judgments supporting the evaluation of OTTI include projected cash flows including prepayment assumptions, default rates and severities of losses on the underlying collateral within the security. Under different conditions or utilizing different assumptions, the actual OTTI recognized by us may be different from the actual amounts recognized in our consolidated financial statements. See Note 3 to the financial statements for the disclosure of certain of the assumptions used as well as OTTI recognized in the financial statements during the six and three months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012.

***Comparison of Results of Operations for Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2012***

Net Income

Our net income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was \$2.2 million, or \$0.42 diluted earnings per common share, as compared to \$1.4 million, or \$0.42 diluted earnings per common share, for the six months ended June 30, 2012. The increase in net income between the two periods is primarily due to an increase of \$1.1 million in non-interest income. This was partially offset by a decrease in net interest income of \$258 thousand and a \$242 thousand increase in non-interest expense during the six months ended June 30, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. Average earning assets increased by \$26.6 million in the first six months of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. Average earning assets were \$573.6 million during the six months ended June 30, 2013 as compared to \$547.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2012. The increase in average earning assets was primarily a result of continued growth in our "pure deposit" balances (demand deposits, interest-bearing transaction accounts, money market and savings accounts). Despite the increase in our earning assets net interest income decreased as a result of a lower net interest margin.

Net Interest Income

Please refer to the table at the end of this Item 2 for the yield and rate data for interest-bearing balance sheet components during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, along with average balances and the related interest income and interest expense amounts.

Net interest income was \$8.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013 as compared to \$9.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012. Net interest margin on a taxable equivalent basis decreased by 20 basis points, from 3.33% at June 30, 2012 to 3.13% at June 30, 2013. The yield on earning assets decreased by 62 basis points in the first half of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. The yield on earning assets for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 was 3.75% and 4.37%, respectively. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities during the first six months of 2013 was 0.86% as compared to 1.30% in the same period of 2012, reflecting a 44 basis points decrease. During the six

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months ended June 30, 2013, we experienced an increase in loans outstanding which reflects an increase in loans outstanding for three consecutive quarters and a reversal of declining loan balances for a number of previous quarters. Despite the growth in outstanding loans, as a percentage of average earning assets, loans comprised 59.4% of average earning assets in the first six months of 2013 as compared to 60.4% in the same period of 2012. This is a result of the significant growth in pure deposits and the excess funds being in our securities portfolio. The average balance of our securities portfolio was \$219.1 million for the six month period ended June 30, 2013 as compared to \$201.9 million in the same period of 2012. Our cost of funds has declined by 44 basis points on average in the first six months of 2013 as compared to the same period of 2012. Interest-bearing transaction accounts, money market accounts and savings deposits, which are typically our lower costing funds, represent 46.0% of our average interest bearing liabilities during the first six months of 2013 as compared to 38.8% in the same period of 2012. Time deposits and borrowed funds, typically the higher costing funds, represent 53.9% of our average interest-bearing funds in the first six months of 2013 as compared to 61.2% during the same period in 2012. Throughout 2012 and the first half of 2013, we continued to focus on shifting our funding from higher cost certificates of deposit to pure deposits. The improvement in the overall mix of our funding sources has contributed to the reduction in our cost of funds and along with overall growth in earning assets, offset some of the impact of declining earning asset yields.

Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses

At June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the allowance for loan losses was \$4.4 and \$4.6 million, respectively. This represented 1.30% of total loans and 1.39% of loans at June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. Our provision for loan losses was \$250 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2013 as compared to \$301 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2012. This provision is made based on our assessment of general loan loss risk and asset quality. The allowance for loan losses represents an amount which we believe will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. Our judgment as to the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based on a number of assumptions about future events, which we believe to be reasonable, but which may or may not prove to be accurate. Our determination of the allowance for loan losses is based on evaluations of the collectability of loans, including consideration of factors such as the balance of impaired loans, the quality, mix, and size of our overall loan portfolio, the experience ability and depth of lending personnel, economic conditions (local and national) that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, the amount and quality of collateral securing the loans, our historical loan loss experience, and a review of specific problem loans. We also consider subjective issues such as changes in the lending policies and procedures, changes in the local/national economy, changes in volume or type of credits, changes in volume/severity of problem loans, quality of loan review and board of director oversight, and concentrations of credit. Periodically, we adjust the amount of the allowance based on changing circumstances. We charge recognized losses to the allowance and add subsequent recoveries back to the allowance for loan losses.

The modest decrease in the provision for loan losses for the first six months of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012 is a result of a continuation of moderating levels of classified and non-performing loans as well as continued moderate improvement in economic conditions in our markets, including stabilizing unemployment levels. Our loan portfolio consists of a large percentage of real estate secured loans. Real estate values continue to be adversely impacted as a result of the economic downturn over the last several years. Impaired values of the underlying real estate collateral as well as lower historical residential and commercial real estate sales impacts our ability to sell collateral upon foreclosure. There is a risk that this trend will continue. The real estate collateral in each case provides an alternate source of repayment in the event of default by the borrower and may deteriorate in value during the time the credit is extended. If real estate values continue to decline, it is also more likely that we would be required to increase our allowance for loan losses. If during a period



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of reduced real estate values we are required to liquidate the property collateralizing a loan to satisfy the debt or to increase the allowance for loan losses, it could materially reduce our profitability and adversely affect our financial condition.

Non-performing assets were \$8.8 million (1.39% of total assets) at June 30, 2013 as compared to \$9.0 million (1.45% of total assets) and \$8.8 million (1.45% of total assets) at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. While we believe these ratios are favorable in comparison to current industry results, we continue to be concerned about the impact of this economic environment on our customer base of local businesses and professionals. There were 31 loans, totaling \$6.0 million, included in non-performing status (non-accrual loans and loans past due 90 days and still accruing) at June 30, 2013. The largest non-performing loan, with a carrying value of \$1.3 million, is secured by a first lien on an owner occupied commercial business property located in the midlands of South Carolina. The average balance of the remaining 30 loans is approximately \$154.5 thousand and the majority of these loans are secured by first mortgage liens. At the time the loans are placed in non-accrual status, we typically obtain an updated appraisal and, if the loan balance exceeds fair value, write the balance down to the fair value. At June 30, 2013, we had no loans delinquent more than 90 days and still accruing interest, and we had loans totaling \$2.8 million that were delinquent 30 days to 89 days which represented 0.81% of total loans.

Our management continuously monitors non-performing, classified and past due loans, to identify deterioration regarding the condition of these loans. We have identified one loan relationships in the amount of \$964.1 thousand that is current as to principal and interest and not included in non-performing assets that could represent potential problem loans. This balance is included as substandard loans in Note 4 of the financial statements.

We perform an analysis quarterly to assess the risk within the loan portfolio. The portfolio is segregated into similar risk components for which historical loss ratios are calculated and adjusted for identified changes in current portfolio characteristics. Historical loss ratios are calculated by product type and by regulatory credit risk classification. The allowance consists of an allocated and unallocated allowance. The allocated portion is determined by types and ratings of loans within the portfolio. The unallocated portion of the allowance is established for losses that exist in the remainder of the portfolio and compensates for uncertainty in estimating the loan losses. The annualized weighted average loss ratios over the 24 month period ended June 30, 2013 for loans classified substandard, special mention and pass have been approximately 3.02%, 1.46% and 0.11%, respectively. The unallocated portion of the allowance as a percentage of the total allowance has grown over the last several years. The allocated portion of the allowance is based on historical loss experience as well as certain qualitative factors as explained above. The qualitative factors have been established based on certain assumptions made as a result of the current economic conditions and as conditions change are adjusted to be directionally consistent with these changes. Due the ongoing slow economic conditions and particularly slow recovery of real estate valuations, we do not believe it would be prudent to reduce substantially the overall level of our allowance at this time.

There can be no assurance that charge-offs of loans in future periods will not exceed the allowance for loan losses as estimated at any point in time or that provisions for loan losses will not be significant to a particular accounting period. The allowance is also subject to examination and testing for adequacy by regulatory agencies, which may consider such factors as the methodology used to determine adequacy and the size of the allowance relative to that of peer institutions. Such regulatory agencies could require us to adjust our allowance based on information available to them at the time of their examination.

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The following table summarizes the activity related to our allowance for loan losses:

Allowance for Loan Losses

(Dollars in thousands)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
Average loans (including loans held for sale) outstanding	\$ 340,983	\$ 330,342
Loans outstanding at period end	\$ 341,089	\$ 324,913
Non-performing assets:		
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 5,978	\$ 4,640
Loans 90 days past due still accruing		
Repossessed-other		2
Foreclosed real estate and other assets	2,824	4,909
Total non-performing assets	\$ 8,802	\$ 9,551
Beginning balance of allowance	\$ 4,621	\$ 4,699
Loans charged-off:		
Construction and development		
1 - 4 family residential mortgage	36	30
Non-residential real estate	397	178
Home equity	44	
Commercial	7	62
Installment & credit card	39	37
Total loans charged-off	523	307
Recoveries:		
1 - 4 family residential mortgage	62	9
Non-residential real estate		
Home equity	1	2
Commercial	20	25
Installment & credit card	8	13
Total recoveries	91	49
Net loan charge offs	432	258
Provision for loan losses	250	301
Balance at period end	\$ 4,439	\$ 4,742
Net charge -offs to average loans	0.13%	0.08%
Allowance as percent of total loans	1.30%	1.46%
Non-performing assets as % of total assets	1.39%	1.60%
Allowance as % of non-performing loans	74.26%	102.20%

The following allocation of the allowance to specific components is not necessarily indicative of future losses or future allocations. The entire allowance is available to absorb losses in the portfolio.

Table of ContentsComposition of the Allowance for Loan Losses

(Dollars in thousands)	June 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Amount	% of loans in Category	Amount	% of loans in Category
Commercial, Financial and Agricultural	\$ 264	6.1%	\$ 338	6.3%
Real Estate Construction	25	4.5%		3.9%
Real Estate Mortgage:				
Commercial	1,082	68.5%	1,322	68.2%
Residential	319	11.2%	235	11.7%
Consumer:				
Home Equity	226	7.5%	400	8.2%
Other	96	2.2%	17	1.7%
Unallocated	2,427	N/A	2,309	N/A
Total	\$ 4,439	100.0%	\$ 4,621	100.0%

Accrual of interest is discontinued on loans when management believes, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts that a borrower's financial condition is such that the collection of interest is doubtful. A delinquent loan is generally placed in nonaccrual status when it becomes 90 days or more past due. At the time a loan is placed in nonaccrual status, all interest, which has been accrued on the loan but remains unpaid is reversed and deducted from earnings as a reduction of reported interest income. No additional interest is accrued on the loan balance until the collection of both principal and interest becomes reasonably certain.

Non-interest Income and Non-interest Expense

Non-interest income during the first six months of 2013 was \$4.4 million as compared to \$3.3 million during the same period in 2012. Deposit service charges decreased \$36 thousand during the first six months of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. The decrease in deposit service charges is primarily a result of lower overdraft protection fees due to a continued decrease in the number of items being presented on insufficient funds accounts. Mortgage origination fees increased \$598 thousand. The low interest rates during the period continued to result in a strong incentive for borrowers seeking to refinance as well as those seeking purchase money, although in the last few weeks of the six month period longer term rates began to rise. We believe, on an industry wide basis, the refinance activity is decreasing in volume while the purchase activity is increasing. The outcome of this change may result in less overall volume with a higher component of purchase transactions. The pre-tax net income margin in our mortgage line of business is in a range of 35%-45%, depending upon volume and product mix. In the six months ended June 30, 2013, we had gains on sale of securities in the amount of \$148 thousand, as compared to a loss of \$27 thousand in the first six months of 2012. The gain for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was offset by paying down FHLB advances in the amount of \$2.0 million which resulted in a loss in the amount of \$141 thousand. During the first six months of 2012, we sold eight below investment grade non-agency MBSs with a total book value of approximately \$11.2 million. The loss on the sales amounted to \$2.1 million and was offset by gains of the approximate same amount from the sale of certain agency MBSs and municipal securities. In addition, we paid down FHLB advances in the amount of \$4.0 million and incurred a loss in the amount of \$121 thousand. During the first six months of 2012, we incurred OTTI charges of \$200 thousand (credit component) on certain non-agency MBSs that were sold as part of the transactions noted above (see Note 3 Investment Securities to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information).

Total non-interest expense increased by \$242 thousand, or 2.54%, during the first six months of 2013, as compared to the same period in 2012. Salary and benefit expense increased \$681 thousand from \$5.3 million, during the first six months of 2012, to \$6.0 million during the first six months of

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2013. At June 30, 2012, we had 158 full time equivalent employees as compared to 164 at June 30, 2013. This increase in number of full time equivalent employees, normal salary adjustments as well as increased incentives and commissions account for the increase in salary and benefit expense between the two periods. Marketing and public relations expense decreased from \$294 thousand in the first six months of 2012 to \$205 thousand in the comparable period of 2013. The timing of a media campaign in 2012 resulted in increased marketing costs as compared to the same period of 2013. FDIC insurance assessments decreased \$179 thousand in the first six months of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. The decrease results from our assessment rate changing from approximately 14 basis points on average total assets during the first six months of 2012 to approximately 7.5 basis points of average total assets during the comparable period in 2013. In November 2009, all insured institutions, with limited exceptions, were required to prepay insurance assessments for a three-year period. Our prepayment made to the FDIC in December 2009 totaled approximately \$2.9 million. As of June 30, 2013, the remaining prepaid insurance assessment in the amount of \$252 thousand was refunded by the FDIC to the Bank. Future FDIC insurance payments will be assessed and paid quarterly. Other real estate expenses decreased \$180 thousand in the first six months of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. The decrease relates to moderating levels of accumulated delinquent taxes, insurance, legal fees and repair expenses incurred as the level of other real estate owned continues to decline. Other changes in non-interest expense categories reflect normal fluctuations between the two periods.

The following is a summary of the components of other non-interest expense:

(In thousands)	Six months ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
Data processing	\$ 205	\$ 252
Supplies	53	80
Telephone	167	146
Correspondent services	90	85
Insurance	122	107
Loss on limited partnership interest	101	88
Postage	88	87
Professional fees	288	427
Director fees	141	151
Other Miscellaneous	536	380
	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,803

Income Tax Expense

Our effective tax rate was 27.0% and 29.7% in the first six months of 2013 and 2012, respectively. As a result of our current level of tax exempt securities in our investment portfolio, our effective tax rate is expected to remain at 26.5% to 28.0% throughout the remainder of 2013.

***Comparison of Results of Operations for Three Months Ended June 30, 2013 to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012***Net Income

Please refer to the table "Yields on Average Earning Assets and Rates on Average Interest-Bearing Liabilities" appearing at the end of this Item for the yield and rate data for interest-bearing balance sheet components during the three-month periods ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, along with average balances and the related interest income and interest expense amounts.

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Our net income for the second quarter of 2013 was \$1.2 million, or \$0.23 diluted earnings per common share, as compared to \$928 thousand, or \$0.23 diluted earnings per common share, in the same period of 2012. Net interest income decreased by \$28 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. Our taxable equivalent net interest margin in the second quarter of 2013 declined to 3.11% compared to 3.30% in the same period of 2012. The decline in the margin was substantially offset by an increase in average earning assets between the two periods. The yield on average earning assets decreased to 3.68% in the second quarter of 2013 from 4.26% in the second quarter of 2012. The cost of interest bearing liabilities also decreased to 0.81% in the second quarter of 2013 as compared to 1.23% in the second quarter of 2012. Average earning assets were \$585.2 million during the second quarter of 2013 as compared to \$550.9 million during the second quarter of 2012.

Provision for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses for the three months ended June 30, 2013 was \$100 thousand as compared to \$71 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2012. The provision for loan losses for the second quarter of 2013 and 2012 reflect moderating levels of classified and non-performing loans as well as continued moderate improvement in economic conditions in our markets, including stabilizing unemployment levels.

Non-interest Income and Non-interest Expense

For the three months ended June 30, 2013, we had non-interest income of \$2.3 million as compared to non-interest income of \$1.9 million in the same period of 2012. Mortgage origination fees increased \$306 thousand during the second quarter of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. As noted previously, the low interest rates during the period continued to result in a strong incentive for borrowers seeking to refinance as well as those seeking purchase money. Fees from investment advisory and sale of non-deposit products increased \$56 thousand in the first quarter of 2013 as compared to the same period of 2012. The increase is a result of increased level of assets under management. As previously discussed, during the second quarter of 2013 we sold securities that resulted in a gain of \$133 thousand. The proceeds from the sale were used to pay down \$2.0 million in FHLB advances which resulted in a \$141 thousand prepayment penalty.

Total non-interest expense increased only \$47 thousand in the second quarter of 2013, compared to the same period of 2012. Salaries and benefits increased by \$247 thousand in the second quarter of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. This increase is a result of the addition of approximately six full time equivalent employees, normal annual salary adjustments between the two periods and additional commission compensation resulting from higher mortgage origination fees between the two periods. FDIC insurance assessments decreased \$94 thousand in the second quarter of 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. As discussed previously, our FDIC assessment rate changed from 14 basis points on average total assets during the second half of 2012 to 7.5 basis points on average total assets during the first half of 2013. A decrease in other real estate expenses of \$152 thousand in the second quarter of 2013 as previously discussed in the six month results is primarily due to moderating levels of non-performing assets. All other variances in non-interest expenses during the three months ended June 30, 2013 as compared to the same period of 2012 reflect normal fluctuations in each of the categories.

Financial Position

Assets totaled \$633.2 million at June 30, 2013, as compared to \$602.9 million at December 31, 2012, an increase of \$30.3 million. Loans (excluding loans held for sale) at June 30, 2013 were \$341.1 million as compared to \$332.1 million at December 31, 2012. This increase of \$9.0 million in loans resulted from funding in excess of \$30.6 million in new loan production in the first half of 2013,

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less scheduled and unscheduled pay downs during the period. At June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, loans (excluding loans held for sale) accounted for 58.1% and 59.8% of earning assets, respectively. The loan-to-deposit ratio at June 30, 2013 was 66.9% as compared to 69.9% at December 31, 2012. Investment securities increased to \$225.9 million at June 30, 2013 from \$206.0 million at December 31, 2012. Deposits increased by \$34.6 million to \$509.6 million at June 30, 2013 as compared to \$475.0 million at December 31, 2012. The growth in deposits is a result of a continued focus on pure deposit (deposits less certificates of deposits) growth while closely controlling the pricing on time deposits. One of our goals as a community bank has been, and continues to be, to grow our assets through quality loan growth by providing credit to small and mid-size businesses, as well as individuals within the markets we serve. Although we have experienced moderate loan growth over the last three quarters, loan production and portfolio growth rates continue to be impacted by the current economic cycle, as borrowers are less inclined to leverage their corporate and personal balance sheets. However, we remain committed to meeting the credit needs of our local markets. A continuation of the slow recovery from national and local economic conditions as well as deterioration of asset quality within our Company could significantly impact our ability to grow our loan portfolio.

The following table shows the composition of the loan portfolio by category:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Commercial, financial & agricultural	\$ 20,908	6.1%	\$ 20,924	6.3%
Real estate:				
Construction	15,232	4.5%	13,052	3.9%
Mortgage residential	38,363	11.2%	38,892	11.7%
Mortgage commercial	233,769	68.5%	226,575	68.2%
Consumer:				
Home Equity	25,437	7.5%	27,173	8.2%
Other	7,380	2.2%	5,495	1.7%
Total gross loans	341,089	100.0%	332,111	100.0%
Allowance for loan losses	(4,439)		(4,621)	
Total net loans	\$ 336,650		\$ 327,490	

In the context of this discussion, a real estate mortgage loan is defined as any loan, other than loans for construction purposes and advances on home equity lines of credit, secured by real estate, regardless of the purpose of the loan. Advances on home equity lines of credit are included in consumer loans. We follow the common practice of financial institutions in our market areas of obtaining a security interest in real estate whenever possible, in addition to any other available collateral. This collateral is taken to reinforce the likelihood of the ultimate repayment of the loan and tends to increase the magnitude of the real estate loan components. Generally we limit the loan-to-value ratio to 80%.

Market Risk Management

The effective management of market risk is essential to achieving our strategic financial objectives. Our most significant market risk is interest rate risk. We have established an Asset/Liability Management Committee ("ALCO") to monitor and manage interest rate risk. The ALCO monitors and manages the pricing and maturity of assets and liabilities in order to diminish the potential adverse impact that changes in interest rates could have on net interest income. The ALCO has established policy guidelines and strategies with respect to interest rate risk exposure and liquidity.

A monitoring technique employed by the ALCO is the measurement of interest sensitivity "gap," which is the positive or negative dollar difference between assets and liabilities that are subject to interest rate repricing within a given period of time. Also, asset/liability simulation modeling is

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performed to assess the impact varying interest rates and balance sheet mix assumptions will have on net interest income. Interest rate sensitivity can be managed by repricing assets or liabilities, selling securities available-for-sale, replacing an asset or liability at maturity or by adjusting the interest rate during the life of an asset or liability. Managing the amount of assets and liabilities repricing in the same time interval helps to hedge the risk and minimize the impact on net interest income of rising or falling interest rates.

We are currently slightly liability sensitive within one year. However, neither the "gap" analysis nor the asset/liability modeling is a precise indicator of our interest sensitivity position due to the many factors that affect net interest income, including changes in the volume and mix of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Net interest income is also impacted by other significant factors, including changes in the volume and mix of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Through simulation modeling, we monitor the effect that an immediate and sustained change in interest rates of 100 basis points and 200 basis points up and down will have on net interest income over the next twelve months.

We entered into a five year interest rate swap agreement on October 8, 2008 which expires on October 8, 2013. The swap agreement has a \$10.0 million notional amount. We receive a variable rate of interest on the notional amount based on a three month LIBOR rate and pay a fixed rate interest of 3.66%. The contract was entered into to protect us from the negative impact of rising interest rates. Our exposure to credit risk is limited to the ability of the counterparty to make potential future payments required pursuant to the agreement. Our exposure to market risk of loss is limited to the changes in the market value of the swap between reporting periods. At June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the fair value of the contract was a negative \$172 thousand and \$338 thousand, respectively. A fair value adjustment for the swap of (\$2 thousand) and (\$37 thousand) was recognized in other income for the six month periods ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The fair value of the contract is the present value, over the remaining term of the contract, of the difference between the swap rate to maturity at the reporting date multiplied by the notional amount and the fixed interest rate of 3.66% multiplied by the notional amount of the contract.

Based on the many factors and assumptions used in simulating the effect of changes in interest rates, the following table estimates the percentage change in net interest income at June 30, 2013, March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 over twelve months.

*Net Interest Income Sensitivity*

<b>Change in short-term interest rates</b>	<b>June 30, 2013</b>	<b>March 31, 2013</b>	<b>December 31, 2012</b>
+200bp	+5.23%	+6.52%	+6.52%
+100bp	+2.64%	+3.47%	+3.83%
Flat			
-100bp	-6.44%	-7.92%	-9.05%
-200bp	-11.19%	-11.73%	-13.58%

The significant decrease in net interest income in a down 200 basis point environment primarily results from the current level of interest rates being paid on our interest bearing transaction accounts as well as money market accounts. The interest rates on these accounts are at a level where they cannot be repriced in proportion to the change in interest rates. The increase and decrease of 100 and 200 basis points assume a simultaneous and parallel change in interest rates along the entire yield curve. At the current historically low interest rate levels, we believe that a downward shift of 200 basis points across the entire yield curve is unlikely.

We also perform a valuation analysis projecting future cash flows from assets and liabilities to determine the Present Value of Equity ("PVE") over a range of changes in market interest rates. The sensitivity of PVE to changes in interest rates is a measure of the sensitivity of earnings over a longer

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time horizon. At June 30, 2013, March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 the PVE exposure in a plus 200 basis point increase in market interest rates was estimated to be 0.1%, 5.5% and 7.5%, respectively.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We believe our liquidity remains adequate to meet operating and loan funding requirements. Interest-bearing bank balances, federal funds sold, and investment securities available-for-sale represent 37.6% of total assets at June 30, 2013. We believe that our existing stable base of core deposits along with continued growth in this deposit base will enable us to meet our long-term and short-term liquidity needs successfully. These needs include the ability to respond to short-term demand for funds caused by the withdrawal of deposits, maturity of repurchase agreements, extensions of credit and the payment of operating expenses. Sources of liquidity, in addition to deposit gathering activities, include maturing loans and investments, purchase of federal funds from other financial institutions and selling securities under agreements to repurchase. We monitor closely the level of large certificates of deposits in amounts of \$100 thousand or more as they tend to be more sensitive to interest rate levels and, thus, less reliable sources of funding for liquidity purposes. At June 30, 2013, the amount of certificates of deposits of \$100 thousand or more represented 13.3% of total deposits. These deposits are issued to local customers many of whom have other product relationships with the Bank and none are brokered deposits.

Through the operations of our Bank, we have made contractual commitments to extend credit in the ordinary course of our business activities. These commitments are legally binding agreements to lend money to our customers at predetermined interest rates for a specified period of time. At June 30, 2013, we had issued commitments to extend credit of \$47.3 million, including \$25.4 million in unused home equity lines of credit, through various types of lending arrangements. We evaluate each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by us upon extension of credit, is based on our credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant and equipment, commercial and residential real estate. We manage the credit risk on these commitments by subjecting them to normal underwriting and risk management processes.

Other than as described elsewhere in this report, we are not aware of any trends, events or uncertainties that we expect to result in a significant adverse effect on our liquidity position. However, no assurances can be given in this regard, as rapid growth, deterioration in loan quality, and poor earnings, or a combination of these factors, could change the liquidity position in a relatively short period of time.

The Company has generally maintained a high level of liquidity and adequate capital, which along with continued retained earnings, we believe will be sufficient to fund the operations of the Bank for at least the next 12 months. Shareholders' equity was 8.3% and 9.0% of total assets at June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The Bank maintains federal funds purchased lines, in the total amount of \$20.0 million, with two financial institutions, although these were not utilized in 2012 or the first half of 2013. In addition, the Bank has a repo line in the amount of \$10.0 million with another financial institution. Specific investment securities would be pledged if and when we were to utilize the line. The FHLB of Atlanta has approved a line of credit of up to 25% of the Bank's assets, which would be collateralized by a pledge against specific investment securities and/or eligible loans. We regularly review the liquidity position of the Company and have implemented internal policies establishing guidelines for sources of asset based liquidity and evaluate and monitor the total amount of purchased funds used to support the balance sheet and funding from noncore sources. We believe that our existing stable base of core deposits along with continued growth in this deposit base will enable us to meet our long term liquidity needs successfully.



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The Federal Reserve Board and bank regulatory agencies require bank holding companies and financial institutions to maintain capital at adequate levels based on a percentage of assets and off-balance sheet exposures, adjusted for risk weights ranging from 0% to 100%. Under the capital adequacy guidelines, regulatory capital is classified into two tiers. These guidelines require an institution to maintain a certain level of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital to risk-weighted assets. Tier 1 capital consists of common shareholders' equity, excluding the unrealized gain or loss on securities available for sale, minus certain intangible assets. In determining the amount of risk-weighted assets, all assets, including certain off-balance sheet assets, are multiplied by a risk-weight factor of 0% to 100% based on the risks believed to be inherent in the type of asset. Tier 2 capital consists of Tier 1 capital plus the general reserve for loan losses, subject to certain limitations. We are also required to maintain capital at a minimum level based on total average assets, which is known as the Tier 1 leverage ratio. At both the holding company and bank level, we are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. To be considered "well capitalized," we must maintain total risk-based capital of at least 10%, Tier 1 capital of at least 6%, and a leverage ratio of at least 5%. Generally, to be considered adequately capitalized, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Federal Reserve regulatory capital guidelines for Tier 1 capital, total capital and leverage capital ratios are 4.0%, 8.0% and 4.0%, respectively.

The Bank's risk-based capital ratios of leverage ratio, Tier 1, and total capital were 10.21%, 16.61%, and 17.77%, respectively, at June 30, 2013 as compared to 10.34%, 16.94%, and 18.19%, respectively, at December 31, 2012. The Company's risk-based capital ratios of leverage ratio, Tier 1, and total capital were 10.61%, 17.25%, and 18.41%, respectively at June 30, 2013 as compared to 10.63%, 17.33% and 18.58%, respectively at December 31, 2012. Our management anticipates that the Bank and the Company will remain a well capitalized institution for at least the next 12 months.

Since the Company is a bank holding company, its ability to declare and pay dividends is dependent on certain federal and state regulatory considerations, including the guidelines of the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board has issued a policy statement regarding the payment of dividends by bank holding companies. In general, the Federal Reserve Board's policies provide that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The Federal Reserve Board's policies also require that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. In addition, under the prompt corrective action regulations, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect the ability of the Company to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

In addition, since the Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank and does not conduct stand-alone operations, its ability to pay dividends depends on the ability of the Bank to pay dividends to it, which is also subject to regulatory restrictions. As a South Carolina chartered bank, the Bank is subject to limitations on the amount of dividends that it is permitted to pay. Unless otherwise instructed by the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions, the Bank is generally permitted under South Carolina state banking regulations to pay cash dividends of up to 100% of net income in any calendar year without obtaining the prior approval of the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions. The FDIC also has the authority under federal law to enjoin a bank from engaging in what in its opinion constitutes an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting its business, including the payment of a dividend under certain circumstances.

In July 2013, the Federal Reserve Board announced its approval of a final rule to implement the Basel III regulatory capital reforms, among other changes required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street

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Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The framework requires banking organizations to hold more and higher quality capital, which acts as a financial cushion to absorb losses, taking into account the impact of risk. The approved rule includes a new minimum ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 4.5% as well as a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. The rule also raises the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4% to 6% and includes a minimum leverage ratio of 4% for all banking institutions. For the largest, most internationally active banking organizations, the rule includes a new minimum supplementary leverage ratio that takes into account off-balance sheet exposures. In terms of quality of capital, the final rule emphasizes common equity Tier 1 capital and implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments. It also improves the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity. The phase-in for smaller banking organizations will not begin until January 2015, while the phase-in period for larger banks starts in January 2014. The ultimate impact of the U.S. implementation of the new capital and liquidity standards on the Company and the Bank is currently being reviewed.

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**FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION**  
**Yields on Average Earning Assets and Rates**  
**on Average Interest-Bearing Liabilities**

	Six months ended June 30, 2013			Six months ended June 30, 2012		
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/ Rate
<b>Assets</b>						
Earning assets						
Loans	\$ 340,983	\$ 8,823	5.22%	\$ 330,342	\$ 9,256	5.63%
Securities:	219,084	1,798	1.65%	201,908	2,590	2.58%
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	13,548	32	0.48%	14,772	38	0.52%
Total earning assets	573,615	10,653	3.75%	547,022	11,884	4.37%
Cash and due from banks	8,570			8,520		
Premises and equipment	17,226			17,430		
Other assets	22,458			27,815		
Allowance for loan losses	(4,596)			(4,739)		
Total assets	\$ 617,273			\$ 596,048		
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities						
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	\$ 91,056	58	0.13%	\$ 87,318	83	0.19%
Money market accounts	75,869	79	0.21%	51,226	84	0.33%
Savings deposits	44,485	24	0.11%	37,598	24	0.13%
Time deposits	177,972	809	0.92%	204,822	1,544	1.52%
Other borrowings	69,466	981	2.85%	72,838	1,189	3.28%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	458,848	1,951	0.86%	453,802	2,924	1.30%
Demand deposits	98,386			88,306		
Other liabilities	5,195			5,290		
Shareholders' equity	54,844			48,650		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 617,273			\$ 596,048		
Cost of funds, including demand deposits			0.71%			1.08%
Net interest spread			2.89%			3.07%
Net interest income/margin		\$ 8,702	3.06%		\$ 8,960	3.29%
Net interest income/margin FTE basis	\$ 202	\$ 8,904	3.13%	\$ 96	\$ 9,056	3.33%

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**FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION**  
**Yields on Average Earning Assets and Rates**  
**on Average Interest-Bearing Liabilities**

	Three months ended June 30, 2013			Three months ended June 30, 2012		
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/ Rate	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/ Rate
<b>Assets</b>						
Earning assets						
Loans	\$ 344,009	\$ 4,462	5.20%	\$ 332,081	\$ 4,629	5.61%
Securities:	229,845	891	1.55%	200,308	1,189	2.39%
Federal funds sold and securities purchased	11,320	17	0.60%	18,510	22	0.48%
Total earning assets	585,174	5,370	3.68%	550,899	5,840	4.26%
Cash and due from banks	8,403			8,408		
Premises and equipment	17,230			17,416		
Other assets	22,050			26,148		
Allowance for loan losses	(4,527)			(4,747)		
Total assets	\$ 628,330			\$ 598,124		
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities						
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	\$ 101,247	\$ 29	0.11%	\$ 89,647	\$ 41	0.18%
Money market accounts	76,272	44	0.23%	52,309	42	0.32%
Savings deposits	46,355	13	0.11%	38,752	12	0.12%
Time deposits	173,879	371	0.86%	201,079	713	1.43%
Other borrowings	69,455	490	2.83%	71,746	581	3.26%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	467,208	947	0.81%	453,533	1,389	1.23%
Demand deposits	100,967			90,168		
Other liabilities	4,993			5,216		
Shareholders' equity	55,162			49,207		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 628,330			\$ 598,124		
Cost of funds, including demand deposits			0.67%			1.03%
Net interest spread			2.87%			3.03%
Net interest income/margin		\$ 4,423	3.03%		\$ 4,451	3.25%
Net interest income/margin FTE basis	\$ 109	\$ 4,532	3.11%	\$ 65	\$ 4,516	3.30%

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MANAGEMENT OF FIRST COMMUNITY**

The following table sets forth information known to the Company with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of October 3, 2013, for (i) each holder of 5.0% or greater of the Company's common stock, (ii) each of the Company's current directors and named executive officers, (iii) all of the Company's current directors and executive officers and directors as a group, (iv) each prospective director to be appointed to the Company's board of directors upon the closing of the merger, and (v) all of the Company's current and prospective directors and named executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, the mailing address for each beneficial owner is care of First Community Corporation, 5455 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, South Carolina 29072.

Name	Number of Shares Owned(1)	Right to Acquire(2)	% of Beneficial Ownership(3)	
			Before Merger	After Merger
<i>Current Directors and Executive Officers</i>				
Richard K. Bogan	4,973		.09%	.08%
Thomas C. Brown	22,998	7,740	.58%	.47%
Chimin J. Chao	36,112		.68%	.55%
Michael C. Crapps	97,372	6,290	1.95%	1.58%
Anita B. Easter	23,528		.44%	.36%
O.A. Ethridge	23,184	4,730	.53%	.42%
George H. Fann, Jr.	68,115	24,080	1.73%	1.40%
W. James Kitchens, Jr.	6,634	34,400	.77%	.62%
J. Thomas Johnson	30,335	4,300	.65%	.53%
David K. Proctor	28,279	5,430	.64%	.51%
Joseph G. Sawyer	31,411	6,720	.72%	.58%
Alexander Snipe, Jr.	4,515		.09%	.07%
Roderick M. Todd, Jr.	7,983		.15%	.12%
Loretta R. Whitehead	17,623		.33%	.27%
Mitchell M. Willoughby	29,436	4,300	.64%	.51%
<i>5% Shareholders</i>				
Sandler O'Neill Asset Management, LLC, et al(4)	434,200		8.20%	6.61%
Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC, et al(5)	365,000		6.89%	5.56%
Banc Funds Company, LLC, et al(6)	356,747		6.74%	5.43%
All current directors and executive officers as a group (15 persons)	432,498	97,990	9.83%	7.96%
<i>Prospective Directors</i>				
J. Randolph Potter				.24%(7)
E. Leland Reynolds				.81%(7)
Paul S. Simon				.40%(7)
All current and prospective directors and executive officers as a group (18 persons)	432,498	97,990	9.83%	9.39%

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined under the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, to the Company's knowledge the persons named in the table above have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock beneficially owned.

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- (2) Includes shares that may be acquired within the next 60 days as of October 3, 2013 by exercising vested stock options but does not include any unvested stock options. On December 16, 2012, the Company sold 2,500 units, with each unit consisting of an 8.75% subordinated note due in 2019, \$1,000 principal amount, and a warrant to purchase 43 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price equal to \$5.90 per share, to certain accredited investors, including directors and executive officers of the Company, for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,500,000. The subordinated debt was subsequently redeemed by the Company on November 15, 2012. The warrants remain outstanding and are exercisable at any time and expire December 16, 2019. Warrants issued to directors and executive officers have been included in the table.
- (3) For each individual, this percentage is determined by assuming the named person exercises all options which he or she has the right to acquire within 60 days, but that no other persons exercise any options or warrants. For the directors and executive officers as a group and the current and prospective directors and executive officers as a group, these percentages are determined by assuming that each director or executive officer exercises all options which he or she has the right to acquire within 60 days, but that no other persons exercise any options. The calculations are based on 5,296,288 shares of common stock outstanding on October 3, 2013, and assume that: (i) the total number of shares of Savannah River common stock outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the merger will be 3,000,400, (ii) none of the holders of Savannah River common stock will exercise their dissenters' rights; (iii) all of the outstanding warrants and options to acquire shares of Savannah River common stock, including those held by the prospective directors, are cashed out in connection with the merger; (iv) the Average FCCO Stock Price is \$10.38, which was the closing price of First Community common stock on October 3, 2013; (v) 1,200,160 shares of Savannah River common stock are assumed to be converted in the merger into the right to receive 1.0618 shares of First Community common stock, plus cash in lieu of any fractional shares, resulting in an aggregate of approximately 1,274,330 shares of First Community common stock to be issued in connection with the merger; and (iv) that each of the prospective directors elects to receive the stock consideration for their shares of Savannah River common stock.
- (4) Based on information set forth in a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 14, 2013 by Sandler O'Neill Asset Management LLC and certain related entities. Sandler O'Neill Asset Management LLC beneficially owned 434,200 shares of common stock as of June 30, 2013, with shared voting power over 434,200 shares and shared dispositive power over 434,200 shares. The address of Sandler O'Neill Asset Management LLC Management LLC is 150 East 52nd Street, 30th Floor, New York, New York 10022.
- (5) Based on information set forth in a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 14, 2013 by Manufactureres Life Insurance Co. and certain related entities, including Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC, and a Schedule 13G filed by Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC on February 13, 2013. Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC beneficially owned 365,000 shares of common stock as of June 30, 2013, with sole voting power over 365,000 shares and sole dispositive power over 365,000 shares. The address of Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC is 101 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02199.
- (6) Based on information set forth in a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 7, 2013 by the Banc Funds Company, LLC and certain related entities. The Banc Funds Company, LLC beneficially owned 356,747 shares of common stock as of June 30, 2013, with sole voting power over 356,747 shares and sole dispositive power over 356,747 shares. The address of The Banc Funds Company LLC is 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3300, Chicago IL, 60606.

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- (7) Reflects the conversion of 15,000, 50,000, and 25,000 shares of Savannah River common stock beneficially owned by Messrs. Potter, Reynolds, and Simon, respectively, into 15,927, 53,090, and 26,545 shares of First Community common stock, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the merger and based on the assumptions noted above.

Table of Contents**MANAGEMENT OF FIRST COMMUNITY**

*In this section, First Community is also referred to as the "Company", "First Community", "we" and "our" and First Community Bank is also referred to as the "Bank".*

**Directors and Executive Officers*****Directors***

First Community's board of directors is divided into three classes with staggered terms, so that the terms of only approximately one-third of the board members expire at each annual meeting. Accordingly, each director serves for a three year term. The current terms of the Class II directors will expire at the 2014 annual shareholders' meeting; the terms of the Class III directors will expire at the 2015 annual shareholders' meeting, and the terms of the Class I directors will expire at the 2016 annual shareholders' meeting.

Following the merger, the First Community board of directors will appoint three members of the Savannah River board of directors to serve as members of the First Community board of directors until they are submitted for election by the shareholders of First Community. J. Randolph Potter will be appointed as a Class I director, Paul S. Simon will be appointed as a Class II director, and E. Leland Reynolds will be appointed as a Class III director.

Our current directors and their classes are:

<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class II</b>	<b>Class III</b>
Richard K. Bogan, M.D.	Thomas C. Brown	Chimin J. Chao
Michael C. Crapps	O.A. Ethridge, D.M.D.	Loretta R. Whitehead
Anita B. Easter	W. James Kitchens, Jr.	J. Thomas Johnson
George H. Fann, Jr., D.M.D.	Roderick M. Todd, Jr.	Alexander Snipe, Jr.
	Mitchell M. Willoughby	

*Richard K. Bogan*, 67, Class I director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Dr. Bogan has practiced medicine in Columbia, South Carolina, since he started Pulmonary Associates of Carolina in 1978. He graduated with a B.S. degree from Wofford College in Spartanburg in 1966 and earned an M.D. degree from the Medical College of South Carolina in Charleston in 1970. Dr. Bogan has been president of Bogan Consulting, Inc., a medical consulting company, since December 1992 and holds memberships in numerous medical organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors of the National Sleep Foundation and is the chairman and chief medical officer of SleepMed, Inc. Dr. Bogan has served in this position since 1999. Dr. Bogan's experience and background as chairman, founder, and executive of several medical related companies allows him to bring significant management and leadership skills to our board. He has strong community ties to the Midlands of South Carolina.

*Michael C. Crapps*, 54, Class I director, has served as our president and chief executive officer and as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. A lifelong Lexington County resident, he began his banking career with South Carolina National Bank in 1980, and by the time he changed jobs in 1985 he was a vice president and senior commercial lender in a regional office of that bank. From 1985 to 1993, he worked for Republic National Bank in Columbia, becoming president, chief executive officer, and a director of that bank. During his career, Mr. Crapps has been responsible for virtually all aspects of banking, including branches, commercial banking, operations, credit administration, accounting, human resources, and compliance. He also serves the banking industry through his involvement in the South Carolina Bankers Association having served as its chairman and on its board of directors. Mr. Crapps was selected as the 1997 Young Banker of the Year by the South Carolina Bankers Association. He received a B.S. degree in Economics in 1980 from Clemson University and an



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M.B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1984. Mr. Crapps is also a graduate of the L.S.U. Banking School of the South. Mr. Crapps currently serves as chairman of the Board of the Navigating Good to Great Foundation; on the board of directors of the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society (past chairman); on the Saluda Shoals Park Foundation (past chairman); on the Board of Directors of the Central Carolina Community Foundation; on the Lexington County School District One Foundation; the River Alliance; and on the Midlands Business Leadership Group. He is also a past chairman of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Crapps' experience in banking and vision for our company give him the leadership and consensus building skills that provide significant insight and expertise to the board. He is a lifelong resident of Lexington, South Carolina, and has significant ties to the Midlands of South Carolina. He has been very active in local community and civic organizations.

*Anita B. Easter*, 68, Class I director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Ms. Easter is retired. She is a former owner and director of Anchor Continental, Inc., a manufacturer of pressure-sensitive tapes. As a Registered Nurse, she returned to school and received a B.S. in Nursing from the University of South Carolina and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nurses. She is past chair of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council and is a member of the Columbia Luncheon Club, The League of Women Voters, and The USC College of Nursing Partnership Board. Mrs. Easter's experience, as a former owner and director of a large manufacturing company, provides the board with significant business insight and analytical skills. She has been active in civic and community organizations within the Midlands of South Carolina and is knowledgeable about the markets we serve.

*George H. Fann, Jr., D.M.D.*, 68, Class I director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Dr. Fann has practiced dentistry in West Columbia, South Carolina for 40 years. He earned a B.S. degree from Clemson University in 1966 and a D.M.D. from the University Of Louisville School Of Dentistry in 1969. Dr. Fann is past chairman of the board of directors of Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. Fann is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto awarded by the Governor of South Carolina. Dr. Fann's experience as a medical professional, operating his business in the Midlands for 40 years, brings to the board insights relative to challenges and opportunities facing small businesses and healthcare professionals within our market areas. He has served as a board member and chairman of the board of a large medical center. As a lifelong resident of the Midlands of South Carolina, he has significant knowledge of the business environment and the markets we serve.

*Thomas C. Brown*, 54, Class II director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Mr. Brown is currently the Rector at St. Pauls Church Greenville, South Carolina. From 2008 to 2011 he served as the Assistant Rector at All Saints Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Previously, Mr. Brown was the president and owner of T.C.B. Enterprises of South Carolina, Inc., a restaurant business based in Myrtle Beach. Mr. Brown graduated from Clemson University in 1981 with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. Brown has operated and owned a small business since 1989. He has extensive knowledge of the small business environment and the related challenges. He brings to the board a unique insight and useful perspective related to the small business environment, which is a primary target market segment for our company.

*O.A. Ethridge, D.M.D.*, 69, Class II director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Dr. Ethridge currently resides in Lexington, South Carolina and practiced children's dentistry in West Columbia, South Carolina for more than 20 years. After graduating with a B.A. degree in Science from Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina in 1965, Dr. Ethridge received a D.M.D. in 1971 from the University Of Louisville School Of Dentistry in Louisville, Kentucky. He became a pedodontist in 1974 after receiving a pedodontist specialty from Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Ethridge's experience as a medical professional, operating his business in the Midlands of South Carolina, brings to the board insights relative to challenges and

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opportunities facing small businesses and medical professionals within our market areas. As a lifelong resident of the Midlands of South Carolina he has extensive knowledge of the business environment and the markets we serve.

*W. James Kitchens, Jr.*, 51, Class II director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Mr. Kitchens is a Certified Public Accountant and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He is the president of The Kitchens Firm, LLC, a certified public accounting firm in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Kitchens earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics from The University of the South and an M.B.A. degree from Duke University. Mr. Kitchens is a certified public accountant and brings to the board knowledge and understanding of tax and financial accounting issues. He is a lifelong resident of the Midlands of South Carolina, and has a strong knowledge of the business environment in the markets we serve.

*Roderick M. Todd, Jr.*, 49, Class II director, has served as a director of the company since our merger with DeKalb Bankshares, Inc. in June 2006. He served as a director of DeKalb Bankshares, Inc. and the Bank of Camden from its inception in 2001 until June 2006. In July 2000, Mr. Todd founded the law firm Roderick M. Todd, Jr. Attorney and Counselor at Law. Formerly he was a partner in Cooper and Todd, LLP, Attorneys, from 1994 to 2000. Mr. Todd is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Mr. Todd has extensive experience in running and operating his own legal practice in Camden, South Carolina. As a prior director of a start-up community bank, he brings additional insights to our board relative to community bank operations. He has strong ties to the Camden market, which is a market we expanded into in 2006 through acquisition.

*Mitchell M. Willoughby*, 65, Class II director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. On March 17, 2009, Mr. Willoughby was elected to serve as chairman of the board beginning on May 19, 2009. Mr. Willoughby has lived in Columbia, South Carolina since 1970, has practiced law in the community since 1975, and is a founding member of the law firm Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A. Mr. Willoughby has previously served as general counsel of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce as well as a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Willoughby served three years with the United States Army and over 33 years with the South Carolina Army National Guard, retiring in 2005 in the rank of Brigadier General. He received a B.S. degree in 1969 from Clemson University and a J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1975. Mr. Willoughby's experience as a founding partner in the legal firm of Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A. and over 36 years experience in the United States Army and the S.C. Army National Guard allows him to bring significant organizational and administrative skills to the board of directors. His legal experience and insights provides the board with important perspective on corporate governance related matters and corporate strategy.

*Chimin J. Chao*, 57, Class III director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Mr. Chao lives in Lexington, South Carolina and since 1987 has been president of the engineering firm Chao and Associates, Inc. in Irmo, South Carolina. Mr. Chao is a member of the American Society of Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. He was selected as Civil Engineer of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers, South Carolina Section in 2009. He received a M.S. degree in Structural Engineering at the University of South Carolina and holds a Professional Engineer license and Building Inspector license in South Carolina. Mr. Chao is president of his engineering firm and has a strong knowledge of the issues facing small business professionals, which are a target market segment for our company. He has extensive knowledge of the business environment and the markets we serve.

*Loretta R. Whitehead*, 70, Class III director, has served as a director of the company since its formation in 1994. Ms. Whitehead has been a realtor since 1981 and is currently broker in charge of EXIT Real Estate Consultants in Lexington, South Carolina. She taught full-time from 1964 through

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1968, after receiving a B.A. degree in English and Elementary Education from Columbia College in 1963. She also took additional graduate work at the University of South Carolina and University of Tennessee from 1963 through 1968. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the South Carolina Association of Realtors and the Central Carolina Association of Realtors. She currently serves as chair of the Lexington Medical Center Foundation scholarship committee and is past chair of the Lexington Medical Center Foundation. Mrs. Whitehead has significant insights into and experience in the real estate market in the Midlands of South Carolina. She has been active in civic and community organizations within the Midlands of South Carolina and is knowledgeable about the markets we serve.

*J. Thomas Johnson*, 66, Class III director, has served as vice chairman of the board since our merger with DutchFork BancShares in October 2004. From October 2004 until October 2007, he served as executive vice president of the company and the bank. From 1984 until October 2004, Mr. Johnson served as chairman and chief executive officer of DutchFork BancShares and Newberry Federal Savings Bank. From 2009 to present, Mr. Johnson has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Building and Loan Association in Greer, South Carolina. Mr. Johnson has been in banking since 1968. He has served as chairman of the Community Financial Institutions of South Carolina and formerly served on the board of directors of the South Carolina Bankers Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta representing South Carolina member banks. He is also chairman of Business Carolina, a statewide economic development lender. He received a B.S. in Marketing in 1968 from the University of South Carolina. He formerly served on the boards of the Newberry Opera House Foundation, the Central Carolina Alliance, the Central Carolina Community Foundation, and S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities. Mr. Johnson has extensive experience as a director, chairman, and CEO of a community bank for 20 years, prior to its acquisition by our company. He also serves as a director on the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. His experience brings substantial insight to our board as it relates to challenges and issues facing the community banking industry.

*Alexander Snipe, Jr.*, 62, has served as a Class III director of our company since May 2005. Mr. Snipe has been the president and chief executive officer of Glory Communications, Inc. since September 1992. Glory Communications, Inc. operates five gospel radio stations located in South Carolina markets, including its first station, WFMV, which began broadcasting in November 1993 in Columbia, South Carolina. Prior to forming Glory Communications, Inc., Mr. Snipe was the general sales manager at a radio station for 10 years. He has over 20 years of broadcasting experience. Mr. Snipe serves on the board of the William L. Bonner Bible College, The National Association of Broadcasters Radio Board, The Radio Board's Membership Committee (chairman), and The Gospel Heritage Foundation. Mr. Snipe is a former board member of the Columbia Urban League and The Gospel Music Association, and he is past president of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association. Mr. Snipe has significant experience operating a small business since 1992. He also serves on the boards of several other associations and foundations. He has strong ties to the Midlands of South Carolina and has extensive knowledge of the business environment and the markets we serve.

***Information Regarding Director Nominees***

In addition to the above listed directors who will remain directors of First Community following the merger, First Community will appoint three current directors of Savanna River J. Randolph Potter, E. Leland Reynolds, and Paul S. Simon to its board of directors effective upon consummation of the merger as a condition to the merger agreement. Mr. Potter will be appointed as a Class I director; Mr. Reynolds will be appointed as a Class III director; and Mr. Simon will be appointed as a Class II director. Each of Messrs. Potter, Reynolds, and Simon will serve until First Community's next annual meeting of shareholders or their earlier resignation or removal under First Community's bylaws and will be nominated for election at the first First Community annual meeting of shareholders

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following the expiration of their initial term. They will also serve as directors of First Community Bank upon consummation of the bank merger.

Set forth below is information regarding these director nominees:

*J. Randolph Potter*, 67, proposed Class I director, currently serves as chief executive officer of Savannah River and Savannah River Banking Company and as served in these roles since April 2006 and May 2007, respectively. He previously served as chief executive officer of Summit National Bank, which he co-founded in 1990, until it was sold to First Citizens Bancorporation in 2005. Prior to that, he served as executive vice president of Southern Bank and Trust, vice president of IH Services, Inc., and a certified public accountant with KPMG. Mr. Potter is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and The Stonier Graduate Banking School at Rutgers University, where he concentrated his studies on accounting and banking.

*E. Leland Reynolds*, 58, proposed Class III director, is the owner and co-principal in charge of H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc., a general contractor specializing in industrial, institutional, commercial, and multi-family housing construction throughout the southeast. Mr. Reynolds is a graduate of Clemson University, where he received his degree in building science.

*Paul S. Simon*, 82, proposed Class II director, is the chairman of the boards of directors of Savannah River and Savannah River Banking Company and is the president of Augusta Riverfront LLC, a real estate investment company headquartered in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Simon is a graduate of Augusta State University and the University of Georgia, where he received a bachelor's degree in business. He is also a certified public accountant. Mr. Simon retired as president of Morris Communications Corporation in 1996. He previously worked as an accountant with George C. Baird & Company, a CPA firm, as vice president and treasurer of The John P. King Manufacturing Company, and as president of Southeastern Newspaper Corporation.

***Information Regarding Remaining Executive Officers***

Set forth below is information about our executive officers, other than Mr. Crapps who is also a director and is discussed above.

*David K. Proctor*, 56, On February 19, 2013, Mr. Proctor was named executive vice president and chief risk officer of the company. Prior to this he was senior vice president and senior credit officer of the company since First Community Bank opened for business in 1995. From May 1994 to June 1995, he was the vice president of credit for Republic Leasing Company. From 1987 to 1994, he held various positions with Republic National Bank in Columbia and most recently was executive vice president and senior credit officer. He is a 1979 graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in business administration.

*Joseph G. Sawyer*, 62, On February 19, 2013, Mr. Sawyer was named executive vice president and chief financial officer of the company. Prior to this he was senior vice president and chief financial officer of the company since First Community Bank opened for business in 1995. Prior to joining the company, he was senior vice president and general auditor for the National Bank of South Carolina. He is a certified public accountant and a 1973 graduate of The Citadel with a B.A. in political science.

***Corporate Governance***

The board of directors met 12 times in 2012. Each director in 2012 attended at least 75% of the combined total of meetings of the board of directors and meetings of each committee on which such director served.

Neither the board nor the nomination and corporate governance committee has implemented a formal policy regarding director attendance at an annual meeting of shareholders, although board

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members are encouraged to attend the annual shareholders meeting. In 2012, ten directors attended the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The board has determined that a majority of its members are independent as defined by the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market. Specifically, our board of directors has determined that the following directors are independent: Richard K. Bogan, M.D., Thomas C. Brown, Chimin J. Chao, Anita B. Easter, O. A. Ethridge, D.M.D., George H. Fann, Jr., D.M.D., W James Kitchens, Jr., Alexander Snipe, Jr., Roderick M. Todd, Jr., Loretta R. Whitehead, and Mitchell M. Willoughby.

The board of directors has established a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all directors, officers and employees, which may be found on our website at [www.firstcommunitysc.com](http://www.firstcommunitysc.com). The information on our website is not part of this joint proxy statement/prospectus. The company intends to post on its website all disclosures that are required by law or the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards concerning any amendments to, or waivers from, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. Shareholders may request a copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by written request directed to First Community Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 5455 Sunset Blvd, Lexington, South Carolina 29072.

Shareholders may communicate directly to the board of directors in writing by sending a letter to the board at: First Community Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 5455 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, South Carolina 29072. All letters directed to the board of directors will be received and processed by the corporate secretary and will be forwarded to the chairman of the nomination and corporate governance committee without any editing or screening.

*Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight*

We are focused on the company's corporate governance practices and value independent board oversight as an essential component of strong corporate performance to enhance shareholder value. Our commitment to independent oversight is demonstrated by the fact that a majority of our directors are independent. In addition, all of the members of our board of directors' audit/compliance, human resources/compensation, and nominating and corporate governance committees are independent.

Our board of directors believes that it is preferable for one of our independent directors to serve as chairman of the board. The individual our board of directors appointed as chairman, Mitchell M. Willoughby, has been one of our directors since 1994 and is a long-time resident of our primary market area. We believe it is the Chief Executive Officer's responsibility to manage the company and the chairman's responsibility to guide the board as it provides leadership to our executive management. As directors continue to be faced with more oversight responsibility than ever before, we believe it is beneficial to have separate individuals in the role of chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Traditionally, the company has maintained the separateness of the roles of the chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. In making its decision to have an independent chairman, the board of directors considered the time and attention that Mr. Crapps is required to devote to managing the day-to-day operations of the company. By having another director serve as chairman of the board of directors, Mr. Crapps will be able to focus his entire energy on running the company. This will also ensure there is no duplication of effort between the Chief Executive Officer and the chairman. We believe this board leadership structure is appropriate in maximizing the effectiveness of board oversight and in providing perspective to our business that is independent from executive management.

Our audit/compliance committee is primarily responsible for overseeing the company's risk management processes on behalf of the full board of directors. The audit/compliance committee focuses on financial reporting risk and oversight of the internal audit process. It receives reports from management at least quarterly regarding the company's assessment of risks and the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control systems, as well as reviewing credit and market risk (including liquidity and interest rate risk) and operational risk (including compliance and legal risk). Strategic and

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reputation risk are also regularly considered by this committee. The audit/compliance committee also receives reports from management addressing the most serious risks impacting the day-to-day operations of the company. Our director of internal audit reports to the audit committee and meets with the audit/compliance committee in executive sessions as needed to discuss any potential risk or control issues involving management. The audit/compliance committee reports regularly to the full board of directors, which also considers the company's entire risk profile. The full board of directors focuses on certain significant risks facing the company and on certain aspects of the company's general risk management strategy. Management is responsible for the day-to-day risk management processes. We believe this division of responsibility is the most effective approach for addressing the risks facing our company and that our board leadership structure supports this approach.

We recognize that different board leadership structures may be appropriate for companies in different situations. We will continue to reexamine our corporate governance policies and leadership structures on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet the company's needs.

*Committees of the Board*

Our board of directors has three standing committees: the audit/compliance committee, the human resources/compensation committee, and the nomination and corporate governance committee. Each committee serves in a dual capacity as a committee of the Company and of the Bank.

***Audit/Compliance Committee.*** The following directors are members of the audit/compliance committee: W. James Kitchens, Jr. (Chairman), Anita B. Easter, O. A. Ethridge, D.M.D., Loretta R. Whitehead, and Mitchell M. Willoughby. The board of directors has determined that all of these committee members are independent, as contemplated in the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market. Our board has determined that Mr. Kitchens, who was appointed to the audit/compliance committee on March 16, 2004, qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under SEC rules. The audit/compliance committee met four times in 2012.

The audit/compliance committee has the responsibility of reviewing the company's financial statements, evaluating internal accounting controls, reviewing reports of regulatory authorities, and determining that all audits and examinations required by law are performed. The committee recommends to the board the appointment of the independent auditors for the next fiscal year, reviews and approves the auditor's audit plans, and reviews with the independent auditors the results of the audit and management's responses. The board of directors has adopted an audit/compliance committee charter, which may be found by clicking on the link for "Investor Information" on our website at [www.firstcommunitysc.com](http://www.firstcommunitysc.com). The charter outlines the committee's responsibilities for overseeing the entire audit function and appraising the effectiveness of internal and external audit efforts and may be amended by the board at any time. The audit/compliance committee reports its findings to the board of directors.

***Human Resources/Compensation Committee.*** The following directors are members of the human resources/compensation committee: Thomas C. Brown (Chairman), Chimin J. Chao, Roderick M. Todd, Jr., and Loretta R. Whitehead.

The human resources/compensation committee is comprised entirely of independent directors as prescribed by the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. The board of directors has adopted a human resources/compensation committee charter, which may be found by clicking on the link for "Investors" on our website at [www.firstcommunitysc.com](http://www.firstcommunitysc.com). The human resources/compensation committee met five times during 2012. This committee is responsible for determining director and executive officer compensation. The human resources/compensation committee discusses and evaluates employee compensation plans in light of an assessment of any risk posed to the company from such plans. The human resources/compensation committee annually evaluates and recommends to the board the compensation package for the President/Chief Executive Officer.

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The human resources/compensation committee also annually reviews the compensation packages for members of the bank's executive committee. The President/Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility to annually evaluate the performance of each of the members of the bank's executive committee and determine their compensation packages. Compensation packages for non-executive employees is determined by individual supervisors in conjunction with the bank's Director of Human Resources and these compensation decisions are made based on criteria included in the bank's overall budget which is approved annually by the company's board of directors.

The human resources/compensation committee is responsible for:

- a) Annually reviewing the form and amount of director compensation and recommending compensation packages to the board.
- b) Annually reviewing employee compensation strategies; benefit plans including insurance and retirement plans, and equity programs.
- c) Appointing trustees to oversee the company's 401K plan.
- d) Annually evaluating the President/Chief Executive Officer's performance as it compares to the company's goals and objectives, providing feedback to him on his performance, and recommending to the board his compensation package, including base salary level, incentive compensation plan, equity plans, and any special or supplemental benefits.
- e) Reviewing and making recommendations to the board concerning employment agreements, severance agreements, change in control agreements, as well as any supplemental benefits.
- f) Overseeing all incentive plans, and, as such, considering methods of creating incentives for management to achieve sustained growth in earnings and shareholder value and to retain key management personnel, including annual cash incentive plans, long-term incentive plans, equity plans, as well as any special supplemental benefits and making recommendations to the board concerning the design structure of such plans.
- g) Serving as the stock committee or stock sub-committee and, as such, has the authority to approve awards under the company's stock option plan and other equity plans.
- h) Approving the annual report on executive compensation and director's fees for inclusion in the company's proxy statement.
- i) Approving the annual committee report for inclusion in the company's proxy statement.
- j) Annually, reporting to the board on succession planning for the Chief Executive Officer. The board should consider and evaluate potential successors to the Chief Executive Officer.
- k) Reporting its activities and recommendations to the board of directors at any regular or special meeting of the board.
- l) Annually reviewing its charter and presenting it to the board for approval.

***Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee.*** The following directors are members of the nomination and corporate governance committee: George H. Fann (Chairman), Chimin J. Chao, Alexander Snipe, Jr., and Roderick M. Todd, Jr.

The nomination and corporate governance committee is comprised entirely of independent directors as prescribed by the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. This committee met three times during 2012.

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On March 16, 2004, our board adopted a nomination and corporate governance committee charter which may be found on our website by clicking on the link for "Investor Information" at [www.firstcommunitysc.com.com](http://www.firstcommunitysc.com.com). The charter provides that the responsibilities of the committee



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include: (a) reviewing the qualifications and independence of the members of the board and its various committee assignments; (b) evaluating incumbent directors in determining consideration for reelection; (c) recommending board nominees for election as officers; (d) providing guidance on board and corporate governance issues; and (e) considering director candidates recommended by shareholders who submit nominations in accordance with our bylaws.

Shareholders who submit candidates for nomination must deliver nominations in writing to the secretary of the company no later than (i) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of shareholders, 90 days in advance of such meeting; and (ii) with respect to an election to be held at a special meeting of shareholders for the election of directors, seven days after notice of the special meeting is given to shareholders. Each notice must set forth: (i) the name and address of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons to be nominated; (ii) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of stock of the company entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the shareholder; (iv) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the SEC's proxy rules, had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the board of directors; and (v) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the company if so elected. The chairman of the meeting may refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person not made in compliance with the foregoing procedure.

The nomination and governance committee has not adopted a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. In determining whether to recommend a director nominee, the nomination and governance committee members consider and discuss diversity, among other factors, with a view toward the needs of the board of directors as a whole. The nominating committee members generally conceptualize diversity expansively to include, without limitation, concepts such as race, gender, national origin, differences of viewpoint, professional experience, education, skill and other qualities or attributes that contribute to board heterogeneity, when identifying and recommending director nominees. The nomination and governance committee believes that the inclusion of diversity as one of many factors considered in selecting director nominees is consistent with the committee's goal of creating a board of directors that best serves the needs of the company and the interests of its shareholders.

In evaluating such director recommendations, the committee uses a variety of criteria to evaluate the qualifications and skills necessary for members of our board of directors. Under these criteria, members of the board of directors should have the highest professional and personal ethics and values, consistent with our longstanding values and standards. They should have broad experience at the policy-making level in business, government, education, technology or public interest. They should be committed to enhancing shareholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties. Each director must represent the interests of our shareholders.

The committee uses a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. They regularly assess the appropriate size of the board of directors, and whether any vacancies are expected due to retirement or otherwise. If vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the committee considers various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to their attention through current members of the board, shareholders, or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the board, and may be considered at any point during the year. The committee considers properly submitted shareholder recommendations for candidates. In evaluating such recommendations, the committee uses the qualifications and standards discussed above, and it seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the board of directors.

Table of Contents**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND OTHER INFORMATION****Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers*****Executive Compensation***

The following table shows the compensation we paid for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 to our chief executive officer and president, our chief financial officer, and the most highly compensated other executive officer who earned over \$100,000 for the year ended 2012 (collectively, the "named executive officer").

**Summary Compensation Table**

Name & Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Award (\$)(1)	Option Award (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Non-qualified Deferred Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
						(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Michael C. Crapps, President and Chief Executive Officer	2012	312,360	25,000(7)	87,356		46,655	64,501	13,582	549,454
	2011	298,750					60,603	13,739	373,902
David K. Proctor, Senior Vice President, Senior Credit Officer, and Senior Risk Officer	2012	174,675		29,309		62,580	36,318	9,045	311,927
	2011	168,750					34,123	8,767	211,640
Joseph G. Sawyer, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2012	205,500		34,478		73,666	62,289	9,484	385,417
	2011	198,333					58,524	9,397	266,254

- (1) This represents the value of restricted shares issued under the terms of the equity incentive plan. The shares cliff vest at the end of three years. The grant date fair value of the restricted stock grants shown above equals \$8.28 in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. See discussion of assumptions used in the valuation of the stock awards in Note 17, "Stock Options and Restricted Stock" in the "notes to the consolidated Financial Statements" included within the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- (2) The amount represents the total cash payout under the terms of the equity incentive plan. Of this amount 20% is deferred and cliff vest after three years.
- (3) Amounts reflect the change in the present value of benefits attributable to named executive officers for the applicable compensation, as calculated under non-qualified retirement benefit plans.
- (4) For Mr. Crapps, includes \$10,000 and \$9,800 company matching contribution to 401(k) plan for 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$1,045 for country club dues for 2012 and 2011 and \$2,537 and \$2,894 for premiums paid on term life insurance policy for 2012 and 2011, respectively.
- (5) For Mr. Proctor, includes \$6,987 and \$6,750 company matching contribution to 401(k) plan for 2012 and 2011, respectively, as well as \$1,045 for country club dues for 2012 and 2011 and \$1,013 and \$972 for premiums paid on term life insurance policy for 2012 and 2011, respectively.
- (6) For Mr. Sawyer, includes \$8,220 and \$7,933 company matching contribution to 401(k) plan for 2012 and 2011, respectively, as well as \$249 for health club dues for 2011 and \$1,264 and \$1,215 for premiums paid on term life insurance policy for 2012 and 2011, respectively.
- (7) Consists of a \$25,000 discretionary cash bonus paid to Mr. Crapps on February 19, 2013, based on performance from August 30, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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Due to strong performance during 2012, the company paid higher levels of incentive compensation than has been paid in recent years. This included payments to executives and other employees with incentive compensation plans and some discretionary incentive payments to other key employees. In addition, the board of directors awarded a discretionary cash incentive to Mr. Crapps for post -TARP activities during the last four months of 2012.

### *Named Executive Officer Employment Agreements*

*Michael C. Crapps.* On June 1, 2008, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Crapps to serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the company and bank. Unless terminated earlier according to provisions in the employment agreement, the agreement provides a three-year term of employment and at the end of each day during the term of employment the term of the agreement is automatically extended for an additional day so that the remaining term continues to be three years,

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except that either party can give the other party written notice of and fix the term to a finite term of three years from the date of the written notice.

The initial base salary for Mr. Crapps was \$249,867, which amount is subject to annual review by the board of directors and may be increased. Under his agreement, Mr. Crapps is eligible to receive bonuses if he meets the goals set forth annually for him by the human resources/compensation committee of the board of directors. Furthermore, Mr. Crapps is eligible for the company's long-term equity incentive program and for the grant of stock options, restricted stock and other similar awards.

Mr. Crapps is provided with a country club membership as well as a life insurance policy for the benefit of his spouse and heirs. Mr. Crapps is also entitled to participation in retirement, health, welfare and other benefit plans and programs of the company applicable to employees generally or to senior executives.

The employment agreement provides that, if the company terminates Mr. Crapps' employment without cause, the company shall be obligated to pay Mr. Crapps compensation in an amount equal to 100% of his then current monthly base salary each month, subject to a six month delay, for 24 months from the date of termination, plus any bonus earned or accrued through the date of termination. After a change in control, the company will pay Mr. Crapps an amount equal to three times the then current annual base salary. In addition, the company will pay Mr. Crapps any bonus earned or accrued through the date of change in control. The company will remove any restrictions on outstanding incentive awards so that all such awards vest immediately. The company must continue to pay at its expense medical, dental, disability and life insurance benefits for a period of two years.

In the event that the company's independent accountants acting as its auditors on the date of a change in control determine that the payments provided for in the employment agreement constitute "excess parachute payments" under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, then the compensation payable under the employment agreement will be reduced to an amount the value of which is \$1.00 less than the maximum amount that could be paid to Mr. Crapps without his compensation being treated as "excess parachute payments" under Section 280G.

The employment agreement contains provisions relating to non-solicitation of customers and personnel and non-competition during the term of employment and the two years thereafter, as well as a provision relating to the protection of confidential information.

*David K. Proctor and Joseph G. Sawyer.* On June 1, 2008, the company entered into employment agreements with David K. Proctor, as senior vice president and senior credit officer, and Joseph G. Sawyer, as senior vice president and chief financial officer. Both employment agreements provide for an initial term of three years, to be extended automatically each day for an additional day so that the remaining term of the agreement will continue to be three years. The term may be fixed at three years without extension by notice of either party to the other. The term of each agreement is currently three years. The agreement with Mr. Proctor provides for a starting annual salary of \$127,500 and the agreement with Mr. Sawyer provides for an annual salary of \$140,000 per year, and the amounts are reviewed annually and may be increased from time to time. Mr. Proctor and Mr. Sawyer are also eligible to receive annual payments based upon achievement criteria established by the board of directors.

Both agreements provide that, if the company terminates the executive's employment without cause, the company shall be obligated to pay the executive compensation in an amount equal to 100% of his then current monthly base salary each month, subject to a six month delay, for twelve months from the date of termination, plus any bonus earned or accrued through the date of termination. After a change in control, the company will pay the executive an amount equal to two times the then current annual base salary. In addition, the company will pay the executive any bonus earned or accrued through the date of change in control. The company will remove any restrictions on outstanding incentive awards so that all such awards vest immediately. The company must continue to pay at its expense medical, dental, disability and life insurance benefits for a period of two years.

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Each employment agreement contains provisions relating to non-solicitation of customers and personnel and non-competition during the term of employment and the two years thereafter, as well as a provision relating to the protection of confidential information.

***Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End***

The following table shows the number of shares covered by both exercisable and non-exercisable options owned by the individuals named in the Summary Compensation Table as of December 31, 2012, as well as the related exercise prices and expiration dates. Options are granted pursuant to the company's equity incentive plan.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2012**

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Non-Exercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)(2)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)	
Michael C. Crapps	5,000		10,563	\$ 20.20	1/19/2015		10,563	\$ 88,095	
David K. Proctor	5,000		3,544	\$ 20.20	1/19/2015		3,544	\$ 29,557	
Joseph G. Sawyer	5,000		4,169	\$ 20.20	1/19/2015		4,169	\$ 34,769	

(1) All outstanding options are fully vested as of January 19, 2010.

(2) Equity Incentive Plan awards cliff vest on May 15, 2015.

***Option Exercises and Stock Vested***

There were no stock options exercised by any named executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2012.

***Certain Retirement and Salary Continuation Benefits***

The company has established the First Community Bank Profit Sharing Plan a qualified 401(k) defined contribution plan, pursuant to which the company makes matching and discretionary contributions on behalf of the each of the executive officers. The company also maintains and pays premiums on behalf of each executive officer under a life insurance plan and provides partial payment of premiums for medical benefits if the executive officer so elects.

We have entered into salary continuation agreements with Michael Crapps, David Proctor, and Joseph Sawyer. The salary continuation agreements provide for an annual supplemental retirement benefit to be paid to each of the applicable executives, commencing at the specified normal retirement age and payable in monthly installments for a prescribed number of years. Each applicable executive will also receive this benefit if his employment is terminated following a change in control (as defined in the executive's employment agreement).

If the executive dies after separation of service but before his annual supplemental benefit commences, the executive's benefit will be paid to his beneficiaries, beginning with the month following the bank's receipt of a copy of the executive's death certificate. If the executive dies

after his benefit has commenced, the remaining benefits will be paid to the executive's beneficiaries at the same time and in the same amounts that would have been distributed to the executive had he survived. If the

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executive dies during active service, 100% of his accrual balance (as defined in the salary continuation agreement) will be paid in a lump sum to his beneficiaries.

If the executive experiences a disability that results in separation of service prior to the normal retirement age, the executive will be entitled to 100% of his accrual balance determined as of the end of the plan year preceding termination.

If the executive is terminated without cause (as defined in the executive's employment agreement), the executive is entitled to 100% of his accrual balance determined as of the end of the plan year preceding such termination. This benefit is determined by vesting the executive in 10% of the accrual balance at the end of the first plan year, and an additional 10% of such amount at the end of each succeeding year thereafter until the executive becomes 100% vested in the accrual balance.

To offset the annual expense accruals for the benefits payable to the executives under the salary continuation agreements, the bank acquired bank-owned life insurance ("BOLI"). It is anticipated that the BOLI will provide full cost recovery of the benefits paid to the executives under the salary continuation agreements upon their deaths.

The foregoing summary of the material features of the salary continuation agreements for Messrs. Crapps, Proctor and Sawyer is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the agreements, the form of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to a Form 8-K filed by the company with the SEC on August 3, 2006. See also the discussion under "Named Executive Officer Employment Agreements."

**Director Compensation**

During the year ended December 31, 2012, outside directors received a retainer in the amount of \$7,500 and fees of \$1,000 for attendance at each board meeting and \$400 for attendance at each committee meeting. Committee chairpersons received \$8,500 as an annual retainer. The chairman of the board received a \$12,500 retainer and \$1,350 for each board meeting. Mr. Crapps, as an employee of the company, does not receive any board fees. He is not listed in the table below because his compensation as a named executive officer is described above in this proxy statement. The following is a summary of the compensation paid to directors for 2012.

Name	Fees	Non-Equity Nonqualified				All Other Compensation	Total
	Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	Deferred Compensation Earnings		
	(1)(\$)	(2)(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Richard K. Bogan	\$ 22,700	\$ 4,995					\$ 27,695
Thomas C. Brown	24,100	4,995					29,095
Chimin J. Chao	25,300	4,995					30,295
Anita B. Easter	20,700	4,995					25,695
O.A. Ethridge	23,100	4,995					28,095
George H. Fann, Jr.	26,500	4,995					31,495
W. James Kitchens, Jr.	24,100	4,995					29,095
J. Thomas Johnson(3)	24,300	4,995				142,500	171,795
James C. Leventis(4)	13,500	4,995				30,100	48,595
Alexander Snipe, Jr.	21,300	4,995					26,295
Roderick M. Todd, Jr.	22,300	4,995					27,295
Loretta R. Whitehead	22,700	4,995					27,695
Mitchell M. Willoughby	28,700	4,995					33,695

(1) The company has implemented a director deferred compensation plan whereby the director can elect to defer the annual retainer and earned monthly fees. For the amounts deferred under the

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plan the director receives units that can be exchanged for stock when the director retires. The amounts reflected in this column include the deferred amounts.

- (2) On May 15, 2012, each non-officer director was granted 604 shares of restricted stock as part of the overall board compensation plan. The shares were valued at \$8.27 per share, which was the closing price of the company's common stock on May 14, 2012 as reported by the NASDAQ Stock Market. The shares were fully vested on January 1, 2013. The value of restricted stock grants shown above equals the grant date fair value in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.
- (3) Mr. Johnson was paid \$12,500 per month for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, under the terms of his employment, consulting and noncompete agreement entered into upon consummation of the DutchFork merger on October 1, 2004 and \$30,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012 under the terms of his supplemental executive retirement agreement, which agreement is further described below
- (4) James C. Leventis retired as an executive officer of the bank and terminated his employment agreement in February of 2010. Mr. Leventis did not receive any severance payment under his employment agreement. He was paid \$30,100 for the year ended December 31, 2012 under the terms of his supplemental executive retirement agreement, which agreement is further described below. Mr. Leventis' term expired at the May 16, 2012 annual meeting. He did not seek reelection as he had reached the mandatory retirement age based on the company's bylaws.

The following table summarizes the fee amounts deferred for each director electing all or partial deferral.

Name	2012 Fees Deferred \$(1)	Accumulated Share Units #(1)	Accumulated Share Units Since Inception
Richard K. Bogan	\$ 1,872	227	11,841
Chimin J. Chao	27,738	3,264	16,217
O. A. Ethridge	156	19	986
George H. Fann	20	2	128
J. Thomas Johnson	1,130	130	7,148
W. James Kitchens, Jr.	78	9	493
Alexander Snipe, Jr.	23,491	2,768	14,498
Loretta R. Whitehead	133	16	840
Mitchell M. Willoughby	13,878	1,619	8,714

- (1) Amounts include dividend allocation on accumulated units.

In connection with their prior employment by the company, the company entered into supplemental executive retirement agreements with each of James C. Leventis and J. Thomas Johnson. If either such director dies after his benefit has commenced, the remaining benefits will be paid to the executive's beneficiaries at the same time and in the same amounts that would have been distributed to the executive had he survived. Pursuant to their respective supplement executive retirement agreements, Mr. Johnson is entitled to receive \$30,000 annually for seventeen years, beginning in October 2009, and Mr. Leventis is entitled to receive \$30,100 annually for ten years, beginning in March of 2010. Mr. Johnson was paid \$30,000 in 2012 under the plan, and Mr. Leventis was paid \$30,100 in 2012 under the plan.



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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS  
OF FIRST COMMUNITY**

The bank has had, and expects to have in the future, loans and other banking transactions in the ordinary course of business with directors (including our independent directors) and executive officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, including members of their families or corporations, partnerships or other organizations in which such officers or directors have a controlling interest. These loans are made on substantially the same terms (including interest rates and collateral) as those available at the time for comparable transactions with persons not related to the bank and did not involve more than the normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features.

In addition, our bank subsidiary is subject to the provisions of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act, which places limits on the amount of loans or extensions of credit to, or investments in, or certain other transactions with, affiliates and on the amount of advances to third parties collateralized by the securities or obligations of affiliates. The bank is also subject to the provisions of Section 23B of the Federal Reserve Act which, among other things, prohibits an institution from engaging in certain transactions with certain affiliates unless the transactions are on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable to such institution or its subsidiaries, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with nonaffiliated companies.

The aggregate dollar amount of loans outstanding to directors and executive officers of the bank was approximately \$9.5 million at September 30, 2013.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT SAVANNAH RIVER**

*In this section, Savannah River is referred to as "Savannah River", "we" and "our" and Savannah River Bank is referred to as the "Savannah River Bank" or the "Bank".*

**General**

Savannah River was organized under the laws of the State of Georgia in 2006 for the purpose of operating as a bank holding company for Savannah River Bank, a South Carolina banking corporation. Savannah River Bank received approval for its charter on May 25, 2007 and commenced operations on August 1, 2007. Its principal business activity is providing banking services to the Central Savannah River Area, or CSRA, a 13-county region located on and named after the Savannah River, which forms the border between Georgia and South Carolina. Savannah River Bank has two full-service financial centers, one in Augusta, Georgia and the other in Aiken, South Carolina, the two largest cities within the CSRA.

The day-to-day management of Savannah River rests with its officers with oversight provided by the board of directors. Savannah River Bank is engaged in providing general commercial and retail banking services to individuals and businesses in the CSRA, and offers most forms of commercial and consumer lending, including lines of credit, term loans, real estate financing and mortgage lending, checking accounts, savings and time products. To expand services to its customers on a 24-hour basis, Savannah River Bank offers ATM services, merchant capture, treasury management, express telephone and online banking. All of Savannah River Bank's products and services are directly or indirectly related to the business of community banking and all activity is reported as one segment of operations. All revenue, profit and loss, and total assets are reported in one segment and represent Savannah River Bank's entire operations.

The banking business is highly competitive. Savannah River Bank competes as a financial intermediary with other commercial banks, credit unions, finance companies, and money market mutual funds operating in Richmond and Columbia Counties in Georgia, and Aiken, South Carolina. Many of these competitors are well established in Savannah River Bank's markets. Most of them have substantially greater resources and lending limits, and many of these competitors offer services, including extensive and established branch networks that Savannah River Bank does not provide. Savannah River Bank's competitors include large super regional and regional banks and others are more established community banks. Nevertheless, management believes that the strength of Savannah River Bank's management team, the opportunity created by recent consolidation trends in the industry, and the economic and demographic dynamics of the bank's market areas combined with its business strategy of localized decision making and highly personalized delivery of banking services have enabled Savannah River Bank to gain a meaningful share of the area's loans and deposits.

At June 30, 2013, Savannah River had total consolidated assets of approximately \$160.2 million, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$124.5 million, total consolidated net loans of approximately \$108.6 million, and consolidated shareholders' equity of approximately \$29.3 million.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND  
RESULTS OF OPERATION**

*In this section, Savannah River is referred to as "Savannah River", "we" and "our" and Savannah River Bank is referred to as the "Savannah River" or the "Bank."*

**General**

Savannah River Financial Corporation (the "Company") was organized under the laws of the State of Georgia for the purpose of operating as a bank holding company for Savannah River Banking Company (the "Bank"). The Bank received final approval for its charter on May 25, 2007 and commenced operations on August 1, 2007. The principal business activity of the Bank is to provide banking services to domestic markets in Aiken County in South Carolina and Richmond and Columbia Counties in Georgia. On July 29, 2011, the Bank converted its charter from a Federal Savings Bank regulated by the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS") to a state chartered bank organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina and regulated by the South Carolina State Board of Financial Institutions. The Bank continues to be subject to regulation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Upon conversion of the Bank's charter, the Company became subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve Bank. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the parent company and its wholly-owned subsidiary after elimination of all significant inter-company balances and transactions.

**As of and For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011**

**Overview**

Savannah River Financial Corporation is a one bank holding company headquartered in Augusta, Georgia. The wholly owned subsidiary, Savannah River Banking Company, is headquartered in Aiken, South Carolina with one full-service financial center in Augusta, Georgia. We engage in a general commercial and retail banking business characterized by personalized service and local decision making, emphasizing the banking needs of small to medium-sized businesses, professional concerns and individuals.

The following discussion describes our results of operations for 2012, as compared to 2011, and also analyzes our financial condition as of December 31, 2012, as compared to December 31, 2011. Like most community banks, we derive most of our income from interest we receive on our loans and investments. A primary source of funds for making these loans and investments is our deposits, on which we pay interest. Consequently, one of the key measures of our success is our amount of net interest income, or the difference between the income on our interest-earning assets, such as loans and investments, and the expense on our interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits.

We have included a number of tables to assist in our description of these measures. For example, the "Average Balances" table shows the average balance during 2012 and 2011 of each category of our assets and liabilities, as well as the yield we earned or the rate we paid with respect to each category. A review of this table shows that our loans typically provide higher interest yields than do other types of interest earning assets, which is why we intend to channel a substantial percentage of our earning assets into our loan portfolio. Similarly, the "Rate/Volume Analysis" table helps demonstrate the impact of changing interest rates and changing volume of assets and liabilities during the years shown. We also track the sensitivity of our various categories of assets and liabilities to changes in interest rates, and we have included a "Sensitivity Analysis Table" to help explain this. Finally, we have included a number of tables that provide detail about our investment securities, our loans, and our deposits and other borrowings.

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There are risks inherent in all loans, so we maintain an allowance for loan losses to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We establish and maintain this allowance by charging a provision for loan losses against our operating earnings. In the following section we have included a detailed discussion of this process, as well as several tables describing our allowance for loan losses and the allocation of this allowance among our various categories of loans.

In addition to earning interest on our loans and investments, we earn income through fees and other expenses we charge to our customers. We describe the various components of this noninterest income, as well as our noninterest expense, in the following discussion. The discussion and analysis also identifies significant factors that have affected our financial position and operating results during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. We encourage you to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the financial statements and the related notes and the other statistical information also included in this report.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

We have adopted various accounting policies that govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with general practices within the banking industry in the preparation of our financial statements. Our significant accounting policies are described in the notes to our consolidated financial statements in this report.

Certain accounting policies involve significant judgments and assumptions by us that have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities. We consider these accounting policies to be critical accounting policies. The judgment and assumptions we use are based on historical experience and other factors, which we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Because of the nature of the judgment and assumptions we make, actual results could differ from these judgments and estimates that could have a material impact on the carrying values of our assets and liabilities and our results of operations.

We believe the allowance for loan losses is the critical accounting policy that requires the most significant judgment and estimates used in preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Some of the more critical judgments supporting the amount of our allowance for loan losses include judgments about the credit worthiness of borrowers, the estimated value of the underlying collateral, the assumptions about cash flow, determination of loss factors for estimating credit losses, the impact of current events, and conditions, and other factors impacting the level of probable inherent losses. Under different conditions or using different assumptions, the actual amount of credit losses incurred by us may be different from management's estimates provided in our consolidated financial statements. Refer to the portion of this discussion that addresses our allowance for loan losses for a more complete discussion of our processes and methodology for determining our allowance for loan losses.

We use assumptions and estimates in determining income taxes payable or refundable for the current year, deferred income tax liabilities and assets for events recognized differently in its financial statements and income tax returns, and income tax expense. Determining these amounts requires analysis of certain transactions and interpretation of tax laws and regulations. Management exercises judgment in evaluating the amount and timing of recognition of resulting tax liabilities and assets. These judgments and estimates are reevaluated on a continual basis as regulatory and business factors change. No assurance can be given that either the tax returns submitted by us or the income tax reported on the financial statements will not be adjusted by either adverse rulings by the United States Tax Court, changes in the tax code, or assessments made by the Internal Revenue Service. We are subject to potential adverse adjustments, including, but not limited to, an increase in the statutory federal or state income tax rates, the permanent non-deductibility of amounts currently considered deductible either now or in future periods, and the dependency on the generation of future taxable income in order to ultimately realize deferred income tax assets.

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Our net income was \$239,000, or \$0.08 basic earnings per common share, for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to net income of \$286,000, or \$0.10 basic earnings per common share, for the year ended December 31, 2011. We were able to grow loans (excluding loans held for sale) by \$12.7 million from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012 despite the continued slow economic environment. Average loan balances increased during 2012 to \$103.3 million compared to \$98.7 million in 2011.

Net interest income increased \$413,000 to \$5.1 million in 2012 from \$4.7 million in 2011. The increase in net interest income is due to the positive loan growth and reduction of interest rates paid on deposits. The net interest margin during 2012 was 3.58% as compared to 3.43% during 2011. See below under "Net Interest Income" and "Market Risk and Interest Rate Sensitivity" for a further discussion about the effect of the increase in net interest margin. Net interest spread, the difference between the yield on earning assets and the rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities, was 3.41% in 2012 as compared to 3.20% in 2011. The provision for loan losses was \$583,000 in 2012 as compared to \$250,000 in 2011. The increase in the provision for loan losses is the result of more loan growth during 2012 and deterioration of a loan whose collateral is non-owner occupied commercial real estate. Non-interest income was \$470,000 in 2012 as compared to \$244,000 in 2011. This increase was primarily due to increased residential mortgage origination fee, gain on sale of mortgage loans and gain on sale of securities. Non-interest expense increased to \$4.3 million in 2012 as compared to \$3.9 million in 2011. The increase is attributed primarily to a prepayment penalty on FHLB advances, loss on disposal of premises, furniture and equipment and impairment on land and land improvements.

**Net Interest Income**

Net interest income is our primary source of revenue. Net interest income is the difference between income earned on assets and interest paid on deposits and borrowings used to support such assets. Net interest income is determined by the rates earned on our interest-earning assets and the rates paid on our interest-bearing liabilities, the relative amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, and the degree of mismatch and the maturity and repricing characteristics of its interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

Net interest income totaled \$5.1 million in 2012 and \$4.7 million in 2011. The yield on earning assets was 4.23% and 4.52% in 2012 and 2011, respectively. The rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities was 0.82% and 1.31% in 2012 and 2011, respectively. Our loan to deposit ratio on average during 2012 was 85.89% as compared to 87.25% during 2011. Loans typically provide a higher yield than other types of earning assets, and thus, one of our goals is to grow the loan portfolio as a percentage of earning assets in order to improve the overall yield on earning assets and the net interest margin. At December 31, 2012, the loan (including held for sale) to deposit ratio was 90.1%.

The net interest margin improved in 2012 as compared to 2011. While interest rates remain at historical lows, we were able to offset the 29 basis point decline in yield on average earning assets by a 49 basis point reduction in cost of funds. If the low interest rate environment continues, our net interest margin will be affected as pressure to price down loans will exceed our ability to lower funding costs.

*Average Balances, Income Expenses and Rates.* The following table depicts, for the periods indicated, certain information related to our average balance sheet and our average yields on assets and average costs of liabilities. Such yields are derived by dividing income or expense by the average

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balance of the corresponding assets or liabilities. Average balances have been derived from daily averages.

	Year ended December 31, 2012			Year ended December 31, 2011		
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest Earned/Paid	Yield/Rate
<b>Assets</b>						
Earning assets						
Loans	\$ 103,284,220	\$ 5,383,694	5.21%	\$ 98,665,525	\$ 5,416,716	5.49%
Securities:	28,275,180	580,997	2.05%	25,731,342	698,882	2.72%
Other funds	10,359,521	42,188	0.41%	11,664,260	27,733	0.24%
Total earning assets	141,918,921	6,006,879	4.23%	136,061,127	6,143,331	4.52%
Cash and due from banks	2,521,107			1,880,995		
Premises and equipment	8,911,341			9,762,973		
Other assets	2,419,565			1,857,996		
Allowance for loan losses	(1,764,628)			(1,496,210)		
Total assets	\$ 154,006,306			\$ 148,066,881		
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities						
Interest-bearing transaction						
accounts	29,559,730	155,296	0.53%	24,594,961	217,560	0.88%
Money market accounts	46,694,605	275,182	0.59%	39,584,553	393,942	1.00%
Savings deposits	243,888	486	0.20%	144,755	352	0.24%
Time deposits	31,346,565	402,829	1.29%	41,471,331	730,434	1.76%
Other borrowings	4,034,101	87,556	2.17%	6,111,712	128,460	2.10%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	111,878,889	921,349	0.82%	111,907,312	1,470,748	1.31%
Demand deposits	12,371,456			7,284,803		
Other liabilities	673,405			656,331		
Shareholders' equity	29,082,556			28,218,435		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 154,006,306			\$ 148,066,881		
Net interest spread			3.41%			3.20%
Net interest income/margin		\$ 5,085,530	3.58%		\$ 4,672,583	3.43%

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The following table presents the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in volume and the amount attributable to changes in rate. The combined effect in both volume and rate, which cannot be separately identified, has been allocated proportionately to the change due to volume and due to rate.

	2012 versus 2011		
	Increase (decrease) due to		
	Volume	Rate	Net
<b>Assets</b>			
Earning assets			
Loans	\$ 247,403	\$ (280,425)	\$ (33,022)
Securities	64,235	(182,120)	(117,885)
Federal funds sold and			
Other short term investments	(3,402)	17,857	14,455
<b>Total earning assets</b>	<b>257,741</b>	<b>(394,193)</b>	<b>(136,452)</b>
Interest-bearing liabilities			
Interest-bearing transaction accounts	37,995	(100,259)	(62,264)
Money market accounts	93,471	(212,231)	(118,760)
Savings deposits	207	(73)	134
Time deposits	(155,449)	(172,156)	(327,605)
Other short term borrowings	(45,243)	4,339	(40,904)
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>(374)</b>	<b>(549,025)</b>	<b>(549,399)</b>
<b>Net interest income</b>			<b>\$ 412,947</b>

**Market Risk and Interest Rate Sensitivity**

Market risk reflects the risk of economic loss resulting from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. The risk of loss can be measured in either diminished current market values or reduced current and potential net income. Our primary market risk is interest rate risk. We have established an Asset/Liability Management Committee ("ALCO") to monitor and manage interest rate risk. The ALCO monitors and manages the pricing and maturity of its assets and liabilities in order to diminish the potential adverse impact that changes in interest rates could have on our net interest income. The ALCO has established policy guidelines and strategies with respect to interest rate risk exposure and liquidity.

A monitoring technique employed by us is the measurement of our interest sensitivity "gap," which is the positive or negative dollar difference between assets and liabilities that are subject to interest rate repricing within a given period of time. Also, asset/liability modeling is performed to assess the impact varying interest rates and balance sheet mix assumptions will have on net interest income. Interest rate sensitivity can be managed by repricing assets or liabilities, selling securities available-for-sale, replacing an asset or liability at maturity or by adjusting the interest rate during the life of an asset or liability. Managing the amount of assets and liabilities repricing in the same time interval helps to hedge the risk and minimize the impact on net interest income of rising or falling interest rates. Neither the "gap" analysis or asset/liability modeling are precise indicators of our interest sensitivity position due to the many factors that affect net interest income including, the timing, magnitude and frequency of interest rate changes as well as changes in the volume and mix of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

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The following table illustrates our interest rate sensitivity at December 31, 2012.

*Interest Sensitivity Analysis*

	Within One Year	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	Over Five Years	Total
<b>Assets</b>					
Earning assets					
Loans(1)	\$ 34,899,378	\$ 47,627,775	\$ 16,992,353	\$ 13,087,812	\$ 112,607,318
Loans Held for Sale	112,449				112,449
Securities(2)		3,223,701	2,128,308	18,779,575	24,131,584
Federal funds sold and other earning assets	6,915,461	1,225,000	980,000		9,120,461
<b>Total earning assets</b>	<b>41,927,288</b>	<b>52,076,476</b>	<b>20,100,661</b>	<b>31,867,387</b>	<b>145,971,812</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Interest bearing liabilities					
Interest bearing deposits					
NOW accounts	32,477,558				32,477,558
Money market and savings accounts	51,729,423				51,729,423
Certificates of deposits	15,282,199	7,630,529	1,108,021		24,020,749
Other time deposits	2,820,467	1,390,029			4,210,496
<b>Total interest-bearing deposits</b>	<b>102,309,647</b>	<b>9,020,558</b>	<b>1,108,021</b>		<b>112,438,226</b>
Other borrowings	4,000,000	1,000,000		1,364,430	6,364,430
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>106,309,647</b>	<b>10,020,558</b>	<b>1,108,021</b>	<b>1,364,430</b>	<b>118,802,656</b>
Period gap	\$ (64,382,359)	\$ 42,055,918	\$ 18,992,640	\$ 30,502,957	\$ 27,169,156
Cumulative gap	\$ (64,382,359)	\$ (22,326,441)	\$ (3,333,801)	\$ 27,169,156	\$ 27,169,156
Ratio of cumulative gap to total earning assets	(44.11)%	(15.30)%	(2.28)%	(18.61)%	18.61%

(1) Loans classified as non-accrual as of December 31, 2012 are not included in the balances.

(2) Securities based on amortized cost.

Through simulation modeling, we monitor the effect that an immediate and sustained change in interest rates of 100 basis points and 200 basis points up and down will have on net-interest income over the next 12 months. Based on the many factors and assumptions used in simulating the effect of changes in interest rates, the following table estimates the hypothetical percentage change in net interest income at December 31, 2012 and 2011 over the subsequent 12 months. At December 31, 2012, we are essentially in a neutral position with respect to interest sensitivity. As a result, our modeling reflects slight improvement in our net interest income in a rising or declining rate environment. This primarily results from the current level of interest rates being paid on our interest bearing transaction accounts as well as money market accounts. The interest rates on these accounts are at a level where they cannot be repriced lower in declining rate scenarios. The increase and decrease of 100 and 200 basis points assume a simultaneous and parallel change in interest rates along the entire yield curve.



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Change in short-term interest rates	Hypothetical percentage change in net interest income December 31,	
	2012	2011
+200bp	0.40%	3.90%
+100bp	-0.90%	-0.60%
Flat		
-100bp	2.60%	6.80%
-200bp	2.30%	8.50%

We also perform a valuation analysis projecting future cash flows from assets and liabilities to determine the Present Value of Equity ("PVE") over a range of changes in market interest rates. The sensitivity of PVE to changes in interest rates is a measure of the sensitivity of equity over a longer time horizon. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the PVE exposure in a plus 200 basis point increase in market interest rates was estimated to be 1.20% and 1.90%, respectively.

**Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses**

At December 31, 2012, the allowance for loan losses amounted to \$1.9 million, or 1.69% of loans (excludes loans held for sale), as compared to \$1.6 million, or 1.60% of loans, at December 31, 2011. Our provision for loan loss was \$583 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2012, as compared to \$250 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2011. The provision is made based on our assessment of general loan loss risk and asset quality. The allowance for loan losses represents an amount which we believe will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. Our judgment as to the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based on a number of assumptions about future events, which we believe to be reasonable, but which may or may not prove to be accurate. Our determination of the allowance for loan losses is based on evaluations of the collectability of loans, including consideration of factors such as the balance of impaired loans, the quality, mix, and size of our overall loan portfolio, economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, the amount and quality of collateral securing the loans, our historical loan loss experience, and a review of specific problem loans. We also consider subjective issues such as changes in the lending policies and procedures, changes in the local/national economy, changes in volume or type of credits, changes in volume/severity of problem loans, quality of loan review and board of director oversight and concentrations of credit. Periodically, we adjust the amount of the allowance based on changing circumstances. We charge recognized losses to the allowance and add subsequent recoveries back to the allowance for loan losses. There can be no assurance that charge-offs of loans in future periods will not exceed the allowance for loan losses as estimated at any point in time or that provisions for loan losses will not be significant to a particular accounting period, especially considering the overall weakness in the commercial real estate market in our market areas.

We perform an analysis quarterly to assess the risk within the loan portfolio. The portfolio is segregated into similar risk components for which historical loss ratios are calculated and adjusted for identified changes in current portfolio characteristics. The allocated portion is determined by types and ratings of loans within the portfolio. The unallocated portion of the allowance is established for losses that exist in the remainder of the portfolio and compensates for uncertainty in estimating the loan losses. We commenced operations on August 1, 2007 as the economy was beginning to soften. Throughout the "Great Recession" we have had minimal charge-offs as a result of sound underwriting and monitoring practices; however, as our loan portfolio continues to season loss may occur. Our allowance for loan losses is calculated using net charge-off history from peer data from the FDIC in

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addition to other qualitative and quantitative factors such as level of past due loans, new loan volume, industry conditions, local and economic conditions, and experience of lending staff. If the portfolio continues to perform satisfactorily and the economy improves, the allowance for loan losses may begin to decrease.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, we had non-accrual loans in the amount of \$1.2 million and \$113,000, respectively. Nonaccrual loans at December 31, 2012 consisted of two loans secured by commercial real estate. All of these loans are considered to be impaired, are substantially all real estate-related, and have been measured for impairment under the fair value of the collateral method. We consider a loan to be impaired when, based upon current information and events, it is believed that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Such fair values are obtained using independent appraisals, which we consider to be level 2 inputs. The aggregate amount of impaired loans was \$1.2 million and \$113,000 million for the years ending December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The non-accrual loans range in size from \$107,000 to \$1.1 million. The largest relationship is in the amount of \$1.0 million with a mortgage on a non-owner occupied commercial business located in Beaufort, South Carolina.

There were \$2.3 million and \$92,000 in loans delinquent 30 to 89 days at December 31, 2012, and 2011, respectively. Of the \$2.3 million past due 30-89 days, \$1.1 million was already placed on nonaccrual.

Our management continuously monitors non-performing, classified and past due loans to identify deterioration regarding the condition of these loans. We have identified one relationship in the amount of \$1.1 million, which is past due 30-59 days as to principal and interest at December 31, 2012 and not included in non-performing assets, that could be a potential problem. This relationship consists of two loans secured by real estate and the loans range in size from \$40,000 to \$1.0 million. They have been identified as potential problems based on our review that their traditional sources of cash flow may have been impacted and that they may ultimately not be able to service the debt. These loans are continually monitored and are considered in our overall evaluation of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses.

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The following table summarizes the activity related to our allowance for loan losses.

*Allowance for Loan Losses*

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average loans and loans held for sale outstanding	\$ 103,284,220	\$ 98,665,525
Loans and loans held for sale outstanding at period end	\$ 113,932,347	101,325,602
Total nonaccrual loans	\$ 1,212,581	\$ 113,402
Loans past due 90 days and still accruing	\$	\$
Beginning balance of allowance	\$ 1,621,351	\$ 1,414,499
Loans charged-off:		
Construction and development loans	30,000	35,000
1-4 family residential mortgage	15,584	8,000
Non-farm non-residential mortgage	221,000	
Multifamily residential		
Home equity		
Commercial	14,134	
Installment & credit card		
Overdrafts		
Total loans charged-off	280,718	43,000
Recoveries:		
1-4 family residential mortgage		
Non-farm non-residential mortgage		
Home equity		
Commercial		
Installment & credit card		
Overdrafts		
Total recoveries		