# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM WASHINGTON, D.C.

Written Agreement by and between

AMORET BANCSHARES, INC. Butler, Missouri

and

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY Kansas City, Missouri Docket No. 09-040-WA/RB-HC

WHEREAS, Amoret Bancshares, Inc., Butler, Missouri ("Amoret"), a registered bank holding company, owns and controls BC National Banks, Butler, Missouri (the "Bank"), and a nonbank subsidiary;

WHEREAS, it is the common goal of Amoret and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (the "Reserve Bank") to maintain the financial soundness of Amoret so that Amoret may serve as a source of strength to the Bank;

WHEREAS, Amoret and the Reserve Bank have mutually agreed to enter into this Written Agreement (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2009, the board of directors of Amoret, at a duly constituted meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing and directing Bill H. Gepford to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Amoret, and consenting to compliance with each and every provision of this Agreement by Amoret and its institution-affiliated parties, as defined in

sections 3(u) and 8(b)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended (the "FDI Act") (12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(3)).

NOW, THEREFORE, Amoret and the Reserve Bank agree as follows:

#### **Dividends**

- 1. (a) Amoret shall not declare or pay any dividends without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation (the "Director") of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board of Governors").
- (b) Amoret shall not directly or indirectly take dividends or any other form of payment representing a reduction in capital from the Bank without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.
- (c) Amoret and its nonbank subsidiary shall not make any distributions of interest, principal, or other sums on subordinated debentures or trust preferred securities without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Director.
- (d) All requests for prior approval shall be received by the Reserve Bank at least 30 days prior to the proposed dividend declaration date, proposed distribution on subordinated debentures, and required notice of deferral on trust preferred securities. All requests shall contain, at a minimum, current and projected information on the Amoret's capital, earnings, and cash flow; the Bank's capital, asset quality, earnings, and allowance for loan and lease losses; and identification of the sources of funds for the proposed payment or distribution. For requests to declare or pay dividends, the Amoret must also demonstrate that the requested declaration or payment of dividends is consistent with the Board of Governors' Policy Statement

on the Payment of Cash Dividends by State Member Banks and Bank Holding Companies, dated November 14, 1985 (Federal Reserve Regulatory Service, 4-877 at page 4-323).

## **Debt and Stock Redemption**

- 2. (a) Amoret, and any nonbank subsidiary, shall not, directly or indirectly, incur, increase, or guarantee any debt without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank. All requests for prior written approval shall contain, but not be limited to, a statement regarding the purpose of the debt, the terms of the debt, and the planned source(s) for debt repayment, and an analysis of the cash flow resources available to meet such debt repayment.
- (b) Amoret shall not, directly or indirectly, purchase or redeem any shares of its stock without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.

## **Cash Flow Projections**

3. Within 60 days of this Agreement, Amoret shall submit to the Reserve Bank a written statement of Amoret's planned sources and uses of cash for debt service, operating expenses, and other purposes ("Cash Flow Projection") for 2009. Amoret shall submit to the Reserve Bank a Cash Flow Projection for each subsequent calendar year at least one month prior to the beginning of that calendar year.

#### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

4. (a) In appointing any new director or senior executive officer, or changing the responsibilities of any senior executive officer so that the officer would assume a different senior executive officer position, Amoret shall comply with the notice provisions of section 32 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831i) and Subpart H of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors (12 C.F.R. §§ 225.71 *et seq.*).

(b) Amoret shall comply with the restrictions on indemnification and severance payments of section 18(k) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1828(k)) and Part 359 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 359).

# **Progress Reports**

5. Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of this Agreement, the board of directors shall submit to the Reserve Bank written progress reports detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and the results thereof, and a parent company only balance sheet, income statement, and, as applicable, a report of changes in stockholders' equity.

#### **Communications**

- 6. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to:
  - (a) Ms. Susan E. Zubradt
     Vice President
     Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
     1 Memorial Drive
     Kansas City, Missouri 64198
  - (b) Mr. Bill H. Gepford
    President
    Amoret Bancshares Inc.
    P.O. Box 227
    Butler, Missouri 64730

#### Miscellaneous

- 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Reserve Bank may, in its sole discretion, grant written extensions of time to Amoret to comply with any provision of this Agreement.
- 8. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon Amoret and its institution-affiliated parties, in their capacities as such, and their successors and assigns.

9. Each provision of this Agreement shall remain effective and enforceable until

stayed, modified, terminated, or suspended in writing by the Reserve Bank.

10. The provisions of this Agreement shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the

Board of Governors, the Reserve Bank, or any other federal or state agency from taking any

other action affecting Amoret, the Bank, any nonbank subsidiary of Amoret, or any of their

current or former institution-affiliated parties and their successors and assigns.

11. Pursuant to section 50 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831aa), this Agreement is

enforceable by the Board of Governors under section 8 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of

the 14th day of April, 2009.

AMORET BANCSHARES, INC.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

OF KANSAS CITY

By: /s/ Bill H. Gepford

Bill H. Gepford

President

By: /s/ Susan E. Zubradt

Susan E. Zubradt

Vice President