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**FORM 10-K**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 0-27702

**BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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|---|---|
| South Carolina  | 57-1021355                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| 256 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC       | 29401      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Issuer's telephone number: (843) 724-1500

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:  
Common Stock  
(Title of Class)

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes    No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes      No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes      No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for a shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes      No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company.

Large accelerated file   Accelerated Filer   Non-accelerated filer   Smaller reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  
No

Aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates, computed by reference to the closing price of such stock on June 30, 2014 was: \$66,965,434

As of February 27, 2015, the Registrant has outstanding 4,461,388 shares of common stock.



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## **PART I**

### **Item 1. Business**

#### **General**

The Bank of South Carolina (the “Bank”) was organized on October 22, 1986 and opened for business as a state-chartered financial institution on February 26, 1987, in Charleston, South Carolina. The Bank was reorganized into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of South Carolina Corporation (the “Company”), effective April 17, 1995. At the time of the reorganization, each outstanding share of the Bank was exchanged for two shares of Bank of South Carolina Corporation Stock.

The Bank operates as an independent, community oriented, commercial bank providing a broad range of financial services and products. We have four banking house locations: 256 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC, 100 North Main Street, Summerville, SC, 1337 Chuck Dawley Boulevard, Mt. Pleasant, SC and 2027 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Charleston, SC. We intend to open a banking office in North Charleston, SC on Highway 78 and Ingleside Boulevard in 2016.

References to “we,” “us,” “our,” “the Bank,” or “the Company” refer to the parent and its subsidiary, that are consolidated for financial purposes.

The Company (“BKSC”) is publicly traded on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (“NASDAQ”), and is under the reporting authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). All of the our electronic filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, are accessible at no cost on our website, [www.banksc.com](http://www.banksc.com), through the “Investor Relations” link. Our filings are also available through the SEC’s web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

At December 31, 2014, we employed 78 people, with one individual considered part time, none of whom are subject to a collective bargaining agreement. We provide a variety of benefit programs including an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust, health, life, disability and other insurance. We believe our relationship with our employees is excellent.

## Competition

The financial services industry is highly competitive. We face competition in attracting deposits and originating loans 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 other delivery channels and
- in the case of loans, relative lending limits.

Direct competition for deposits and loans principally comes from local and national financial institutions as well as consumer and commercial finance companies, insurance companies, brokerage firms, some of which are not subject to the same degree of regulation and restrictions as the Bank. Many of these competitors have substantially greater resources and lending limits than we have and offer certain services, such as trust and international banking services, which we do not provide. We do however, provide a means for clearing international checks and drafts through a correspondent bank.

By emphasizing our exceptional service levels, and knowledge of local trends and conditions, we believe that we have developed an effective competitive advantage in our market area that includes Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties of South Carolina.

## **Supervision and Regulation**

We are subject to extensive state and federal banking laws and regulations that impose specific requirements or restrictions and provide for general regulatory oversight of virtually all aspects of operations. The regulations are primarily intended to protect depositors, customers, and the integrity of the U.S. banking system and capital markets. The following information describes some of the more significant laws and regulations applicable to us. The description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable laws and regulations. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently raised in Congress, in state legislatures, and with the various bank regulatory agencies. Changes in applicable laws or regulations, or a change in the way such laws or regulations are interpreted by regulatory agencies or courts, may have a material impact on our business operations and earnings.

### **Dodd-Frank Act**

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) became effective. This law has broadly affected the financial services industry by implementing changes to the financial regulatory landscape aimed at strengthening the sound operation of the financial services industry, and will continue to significantly change the current bank regulatory structure and affect the lending, deposit, investment, trading and operating activities of financial institutions and their holding companies, including the Company and the Bank. Under the Dodd-Frank Act a broad range of new rules and regulations by various federal agencies have been implemented, and further rulemaking must be proposed and adopted which will take effect over several years. Although we have already experienced some decrease in revenue as a result of the rules implemented under the Dodd-Frank Act, the overall financial impact the Act will have on the Company, our customers, or the financial industry in general remains difficult to anticipate.

### **Bank Holding Company Act**

The Company is a one bank holding company under the federal Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the “Bank Holding Company Act”). As a result, the Company is primarily subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (the “Federal Reserve”) under the Bank Holding Company Act and its regulations promulgated thereunder. Moreover, as a bank holding company located in South Carolina, the Company is also subject to the regulations of the South Carolina State Board of Financial Institutions.

### **Capital Requirements**

The Federal Reserve Board imposes certain capital requirements on the Company under the Bank Holding Company Act, including a minimum leverage ratio and 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 under “Regulatory Capital Requirements” in the notes to the financial statements. The ability of the Company to pay dividends depends on the Bank’s ability to pay dividends to the Company, which is subject to regulatory restrictions as described below in “Dividends”.

### **Standards for Safety and Soundness**

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act requires the federal banking regulatory agencies to prescribe, by regulation or guideline, operational and managerial standards for all insured depository institutions relating to (1) internal controls, information systems and internal audit systems, (2) loan documentation, (3) credit underwriting, (4) interest rate risk exposure, and (5) 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 Establishing 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.



## Regulatory Examination

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 banking agency against each institution or affiliate as it deems necessary or appropriate. Insured institutions are required to submit annual reports to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), their federal regulatory agency, and state supervisor when applicable. 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
- Asset quality
- Liquidity
- Capital adequacy
- Bank Secrecy Act
- Sensitivity to market risk

## Transactions with Affiliates and Insiders

We are subject to certain restrictions on extensions of credit to executive officers, directors, certain principal shareholders, and their related interests. Such extensions of credit (1) must be made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates, and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with third parties and (2) 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 general rule, the amount of a dividend may not exceed, without prior regulatory approval, the sum of net income in the calendar year to date and the retained net earnings of the immediately preceding two calendar years. A depository institution may not pay any dividend if payment would cause the institution to become undercapitalized or if it already is undercapitalized.

## 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 by the Bank are subject to state usury laws and federal laws concerning interest rates. Our 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
- 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 debt may be collected by collection agencies
- 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  
• 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 and customer's rights and liabilities arising from the use of automated teller machines and other electronic banking services  
• Regulation DD which implements the Truth in Savings Act to enable consumers to make informed decisions about deposit accounts at depository institutions. Regulation DD requires depository institutions to provide disclosures so that consumers can make meaningful comparisons among depository institutions.

### **Enforcement Powers**

The Company is subject to supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve and the South Carolina State Board of Financial Institutions. The Bank is subject to extensive federal and state regulations that significantly affect business and activities. These regulatory bodies have broad authority to implement standards and to initiate proceedings designed to prohibit depository institutions from engaging in activities that represent unsafe or unsound banking practices or constitute violations of applicable laws, rules, regulations, administrative orders, or written agreements with regulators. These regulatory bodies are authorized to take action against institutions that fail to meet such standards, including the assessment of civil monetary penalties, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders, and other actions.

### **Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering**

We are subject to the Bank Secrecy Act and other anti-money laundering laws and regulations, including the USA Patriot Act of 2001. We must maintain a Bank Secrecy Act Program that includes (1) established internal policies, procedures, and controls, (2) a designated compliance officer, (3) an ongoing employee training program and, (4) testing of the program by an independent audit function. The USA Patriot Act amended in part the Bank Secrecy Act provides for the facilitation of information sharing among governmental entities and the Company 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 US government. These provisions include (1) requiring standards for verifying customer identification at account opening, (2) rules to promote cooperation among financial institutions, regulators, and law enforcement entities in identifying parties that may be involved in terrorism or money laundering, and (3) filing suspicious activity reports if the Company believes a customer may be violating US laws and regulations.

## **Privacy and Credit Reporting**

In connection with its lending activities, we are subject to a number of federal laws designed to protect borrowers and promote lending to various sectors of the economy and population. These include the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and the Community Reinvestment Act (the “CRA”). In addition, federal banking regulators, pursuant to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, have enacted regulations limiting the ability of banks and other financial institutions to disclose nonpublic consumer information to non-affiliated third parties. The regulations require disclosure of privacy policies and allow consumers to prevent certain personal information from being shared with nonaffiliated third parties. The CRA requires the appropriate federal banking agency, in connection with its examination of a bank, to assess the bank’s record in meeting the credit needs of the communities served by the bank, including low and moderate income neighborhoods. Under the CRA, institutions are assigned a rating of “outstanding,” “satisfactory,” “needs to improve,” or “substantial non-compliance.”

The Dodd-Frank Act created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the “CFPB”) as an agency to centralize responsibility for consumer financial protection, including implementing, examining and enforcing compliance with federal consumer financial laws. The CFPB has begun exercising supervisory review of banks under its jurisdiction. The CFPB is expected to focus its rulemaking in several areas, particularly in the areas of mortgage reform involving the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; however, the content of the final rules and impact to our businesses are uncertain at this time. Additional rulemakings to come under the Dodd-Frank Act will dictate compliance changes for financial institutions. Any such changes in regulations or regulatory policies applicable to the Bank make it difficult to predict the ultimate effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

## **Check 21**

The Check Clearing for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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. The following are some of the major provisions:

- Allowing check truncation without making it mandatory
- Demanding that every financial institution communicate to account holders in writing a description of its substitute check processing program and their rights under the law
- Legalizing substitutions for and replacement of paper checks without agreement from consumers
- Retaining in place the previously mandated electronic collection and return of checks between financial institutions only when individuals agreements are in place
- Requiring that when account holders 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
  - 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.

## **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

**Not applicable**

## **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

**None**

**Item 2. Properties**

The Company's headquarters is located at 256 Meeting Street in downtown Charleston, South Carolina. This site is also the location of the main office of its subsidiary, The Bank of South Carolina. In addition to the Meeting Street location, the Bank currently operates from three additional locations: 100 North Main Street, Summerville, SC, 1337 Chuck Dawley Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, SC, and 2027 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Charleston, South Carolina. The Bank's mortgage department is located at 1071 Morrison Drive, Charleston, SC. On January 28, 2014, we signed a lease to open a banking office on Highway 78 and Ingleside Boulevard, North Charleston, South Carolina in 2016 (copy of the lease incorporated as Exhibit 10.8 in the 2013 10-K). The Company owns the 2027 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard location which also houses the Operations Department of the Bank. All other locations are leased. The owned location is not encumbered and all of the leases have renewal options. Each banking location is suitable and adequate for banking operations.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

In our opinion, there are no other legal proceedings pending other than routine litigation incidental to its business involving amounts which are not material to our financial condition.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures****Not applicable****PART II****Item 5. Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuers Purchases of Equity Securities**

There were issued and outstanding 4,461,388 shares of the 12,000,000 authorized shares of common stock of the Company at the close of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the trading symbol "BKSC".

Information regarding the historical market prices of our common stock and dividends declared on that stock is shown below.

| 2014                             | High     | Low      | Dividends |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Quarter ended March 31, 2014     | \$ 15.90 | \$ 14.62 | \$ 0.13   |
| Quarter ended June 30, 2014      | \$ 15.52 | \$ 14.81 | \$ 0.13   |
| Quarter ended September 30, 2014 | \$ 15.50 | \$ 14.65 | \$ 0.23   |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2014  | \$ 15.26 | \$ 14.26 | \$ 0.13   |

| 2013                             |          |          |         |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Quarter ended March 31, 2013     | \$ 12.46 | \$ 10.72 | \$ 0.12 |
| Quarter ended June 30, 2013      | \$ 13.50 | \$ 12.00 | \$ 0.12 |
| Quarter ended September 30, 2013 | \$ 14.30 | \$ 12.83 | \$ 0.13 |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2013  | \$ 17.20 | \$ 14.04 | \$ 0.13 |

| 2012                             |          |          |         |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Quarter ended March 31, 2012     | \$ 11.80 | \$ 10.10 | \$ 0.11 |
| Quarter ended June 30, 2012      | \$ 12.00 | \$ 11.05 | \$ 0.11 |
| Quarter ended September 30, 2012 | \$ 12.50 | \$ 11.10 | \$ 0.11 |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2012  | \$ 12.00 | \$ 10.73 | \$ 0.12 |

As of February 27, 2015, there were approximately 1,400 shareholders of record with shares held by individuals and in nominee names. The market price for our common stock as of February 27, 2015, was \$14.83.

The future payment of cash dividends is subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors and depends upon a number of factors, including future earnings, financial condition, cash requirements, and general business conditions. Cash dividends, when declared, are paid by the Bank to the Company for distribution to shareholders of the Company. Certain regulatory requirements restrict the amount of dividends which the Bank can pay to the Company.

At our December, 1995 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 128,108 shares of its common stock on the open market. At our October, 1999 Board meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 41,593 shares of its common stock on the open market and again at our September, 2001 Board meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 49,912 shares of its common stock on the open market. As of the date of this report, 219,451 shares have been repurchased by the Company with 162 shares remaining that are authorized to be repurchased. At the Annual Meeting April, 2007, the shareholders' voted to increase the number of authorized shares from 6,000,000 to 12,000,000. As of February 27, 2015, there were 4,680,839 shares of common stock issued and 4,461,388 shares of common stock outstanding.



## THE BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST

During 1989, the Board of Directors of the Bank adopted an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees of the Bank for long and faithful service. An amendment and restatement was made to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective January 1, 2007 and approved by the Board of Directors January 18, 2007. Periodically, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") requires a restatement of a qualified retirement plan to ensure that the plan document includes provisions required by legislative and regulatory changes made since the last restatement. There have been no substantive changes to the plan, however, to comply with the IRS rules, the Board of Directors approved a restated plan, on January 26, 2012 (incorporated as Exhibit 10.5 in the 2011 10-K). The Plan was submitted to the IRS for approval and a determination letter was issued September 26, 2013, stating that the plan satisfies the requirements of Code Section 4975 (e) (7).

The Board of Directors of the Bank approved cash contributions of \$280,000 to The Bank of South Carolina Employee Stock Ownership Plan for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The Board of Directors of the Bank approved a cash contribution of \$285,000 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. The contributions were made during the respective fiscal years.

An employee of the Bank who is not a member of an ineligible class of employees is eligible to participate in the plan upon reaching 21 years of age and being credited with one year of service (1,000 hours of service). All employees are eligible employees except for the following ineligible classes of employees:

Employees whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement between employee representatives and the Company in which retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining unless the collective bargaining agreement expressly provides for the inclusion of such employees in the plan

Employees who are non-resident aliens who do not receive earned income from the Company which constitutes income from sources within the United States

Any person who becomes an employee as the result of certain asset or stock acquisitions, mergers, or similar transactions (but only during a transitional period)

Certain leased employees

Employees who are employed by an affiliated Company that does not adopt the plan

Any person who is deemed by the Company to be an independent contractor on his or her employment commencement date and on the first day of each subsequent plan year, even if such person is later determined by a court or a governmental agency to be or to have been an employee.

The employee may enter the Plan on the January 1<sup>st</sup> that occurs nearest the date on which the employee first satisfies the age and service requirements described above. No contributions by employees are permitted. The amount and time of contributions are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Bank. The contribution for all participants is based solely on each participant's respective regular or base salary and wages paid by the Bank including commissions, bonuses and overtime, if any.

A participant becomes vested in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") based upon the employee's credited years of service. The vesting schedule is as follows:

- 1 Year of Service 0% Vested
- 2 Years of Service 25% Vested
- 3 Years of Service 50% Vested
- 4 Years of Service 75% Vested
- 5 Years of Service 100% Vested

The Bank is the Plan Administrator. David R. Schools, Fleetwood S. Hassell, Sheryl G. Sharry and Douglas H. Sass, currently serve as the Plan Administrative Committee and as Trustees for the Plan. The Plan currently owns 286,639 shares of common stock of Bank of South Carolina Corporation.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

### Consolidated Financial Highlights

|  | 2014        | 2013        | 2012        | 2011        | 2010        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>For December 31:</u>                  |             |             |             |             |             |
| Net Income                               | \$4,398,820 | \$4,076,924 | \$3,666,828 | \$3,189,318 | \$3,110,513 |
| Selected Year End Balances:              |             |             |             |             |             |
| Total Assets                             | 367,225,802 | 340,893,703 | 325,410,646 | 334,028,769 | 280,521,267 |
| Total Loans (1)                          | 241,442,873 | 223,059,647 | 235,608,502 | 221,287,699 | 213,933,980 |
| Investment Securities Available for Sale | 113,994,112 | 94,648,221  | 58,514,216  | 59,552,160  | 39,379,613  |
| Federal Funds Sold                       | —           | —           | —           | —           | 19,018,104  |
| Interest-bearing Deposits in Other Banks | 5,680,613   | 16,080,721  | 25,903,960  | 47,504,282  | 715,231     |
| Earning Assets                           | 361,117,598 | 333,788,589 | 320,026,678 | 328,344,141 | 273,046,928 |
| Deposits                                 | 322,419,027 | 305,242,655 | 291,073,843 | 301,127,515 | 250,436,975 |

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| Shareholders' Equity                        | 36,759,982 | 34,739,143 | 33,930,442 | 31,993,869 | 28,718,882 |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding-Diluted | 4,576,065  | 4,461,953  | 4,445,738  | 4,439,887  | 4,416,065  |

For the Year:

Selected Average Balances:

|  |             |             |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Assets                             | 358,774,284 | 332,092,490 | 317,438,538 | 308,509,718 | 266,061,304 |
| Total Loans (1)                          | 232,281,473 | 226,267,071 | 220,780,471 | 212,960,987 | 212,960,118 |
| Investment Securities Available for Sale | 99,488,314  | 67,484,036  | 57,982,652  | 52,289,136  | 37,410,074  |
| Federal Funds Sold and Resale Agreements | —           | —           | —           | 7,578,169   | 6,845,910   |
| Interest-bearing Deposits in Other Banks | 19,588,597  | 31,524,293  | 32,386,509  | 27,800,598  | 825,108     |
| Earning Assets                           | 351,358,384 | 325,275,400 | 311,149,632 | 300,628,890 | 258,041,210 |
| Deposits                                 | 319,131,466 | 296,482,622 | 283,365,379 | 276,859,602 | 233,712,645 |
| Shareholders' Equity                     | 36,283,441  | 34,800,116  | 33,415,008  | 30,429,970  | 28,606,139  |

Performance Ratios:

|  |       |   |       |   |       |   |       |   |       |   |
|--|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|
| Return on Average Equity   | 12.12 | % | 11.72 | % | 10.97 | % | 10.48 | % | 10.87 | % |
| Return on Average Assets   | 1.23  | % | 1.23  | % | 1.16  | % | 1.03  | % | 1.27  | % |
| Average Equity to Average Assets   | 10.11 | % | 10.48 | % | 10.53 | % | 9.86  | % | 10.75 | % |
| Net Interest Margin  | 3.70  | % | 3.79  | % | 3.86  | % | 3.83  | % | 4.30  | % |
| Net Charge-offs to Average Loans   | 0.02  | % | 0.15  | % | 0.01  | % | 0.13  | % | 0.36  | % |
| Allowance for Loan Losses as a Percentage of Total Loans (excluding mortgage loans to be sold) | 1.42  | % | 1.51  | % | 1.58  | % | 1.45  | % | 1.41  | % |

Per Share:

|                         |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |
|-------------------------|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|
| Basic Income            | \$0.99 |   | \$0.92 |   | \$0.82 |   | \$0.72 |   | \$0.70 |   |
| Diluted Income          | 0.96   |   | 0.91   |   | 0.82   |   | 0.72   |   | 0.70   |   |
| Year End Book Value     | 8.24   |   | 7.79   |   | 7.63   |   | 6.20   |   | 6.48   |   |
| Cash Dividends Declared | 0.62   |   | 0.50   |   | 0.45   |   | 0.42   |   | 0.40   |   |
| Dividend Payout Ratio   | 62.88  | % | 54.63  | % | 54.56  | % | 58.49  | % | 54.27  | % |

|                                |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |
|--------------------------------|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|
| Full Time Employee Equivalents | 77 |  | 77 |  | 76 |  | 76 |  | 72 |  |
|--------------------------------|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|

(1) Including mortgage loans to be sold

The following tables, as well as the previously presented consolidated financial highlights, set forth certain selected financial information concerning the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary. The information was derived from audited consolidated financial statements. The information should be read in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”, which follows, and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes which are presented elsewhere in this report.

|   | <b>For Years Ended<br/>December 31,</b> |              |              |              |              |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2014                                    | 2013         | 2012         | 2011         | 2010         |
| <b>Operating Data:</b>                              |   |              |              |              |              |
| Interest and fee income                             | \$13,418,254                            | \$12,751,792 | \$12,462,859 | \$12,277,604 | \$12,166,183 |
| Interest expense                                    | 408,947                                 | 416,128      | 455,619      | 778,028      | 1,066,391    |
| Net interest income                                 | 13,009,307                              | 12,335,664   | 12,007,240   | 11,499,576   | 11,099,792   |
| Provision for loan losses                           | 82,500                                  | 207,500      | 350,000      | 480,000      | 670,000      |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 12,926,807                              | 12,128,164   | 11,657,240   | 11,019,576   | 10,429,792   |
| Other income  | 2,581,083                               | 2,496,417    | 2,345,463    | 1,777,957    | 2,063,697    |
| Other expense                                       | 9,111,204                               | 8,717,850    | 8,731,625    | 8,260,266    | 7,998,545    |
| Income before income taxes                          | 6,396,686                               | 5,906,731    | 5,271,078    | 4,537,267    | 4,494,944    |
| Income tax expense                                  | 1,997,866                               | 1,829,807    | 1,604,250    | 1,347,949    | 1,384,431    |
| Net income  | \$4,398,820                             | \$4,076,924  | \$3,666,828  | \$3,189,318  | \$3,110,513  |
| Basic income per share                              | \$0.99                                  | \$0.92       | \$0.82       | \$0.72       | \$0.70       |
| Diluted income per share                            | \$0.96                                  | \$0.91       | \$0.82       | \$0.72       | \$0.70       |
| Weighted average common shares basic                | 4,461,388                               | 4,452,642    | 4,445,738    | 4,439,887    | 4,416,065    |
| Weighted average common shares diluted              | 4,576,065                               | 4,461,953    | 4,445,738    | 4,439,887    | 4,416,065    |
| Dividends per common share                          | \$0.62                                  | \$0.50       | \$0.45       | \$0.42       | \$0.40       |

|  | <b>As of<br/>December 31,</b> |              |              |              |              |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2014                          | 2013         | 2012         | 2011         | 2010         |
| <b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>               |                               |              |              |              |              |
| Investment securities available for sale | \$113,994,112                 | \$94,648,221 | \$58,514,216 | \$59,552,160 | \$39,379,613 |
| Total loans (1)                          | 241,442,873                   | 223,059,647  | 235,608,502  | 221,287,699  | 213,933,980  |
| Allowance for loan losses                | 3,334,848                     | 3,292,277    | 3,432,844    | 3,106,884    | 2,938,588    |
| Total assets                             | 367,225,802                   | 340,893,703  | 325,410,646  | 334,028,769  | 280,521,267  |
| Total deposits                           | 322,419,027                   | 305,242,655  | 291,073,843  | 301,127,515  | 250,436,975  |
| Shareholders' equity                     | 36,759,982                    | 34,739,143   | 33,930,442   | 31,993,869   | 28,718,882   |

(1) Including Mortgage loans to be sold



## **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

Management's discussion and analysis is included to assist the shareholder in understanding our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flow. This discussion should be reviewed in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes presented in Item 8 of this report and the supplemental financial data appearing throughout this report. Since the primary asset of the Company is its wholly-owned subsidiary, most of the discussion and analysis relates to the Bank.

### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This report, 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 1934. We desire to take advantage of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1996 and are including this statement for the express purpose of availing the Company of protections of such safe harbor with respect to all "forward-looking statements" contained in this Form 10-K. Forward-looking statements may relate to, among other matters, the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance, and business of the Company. Forward-looking statements are based on many assumptions and estimates and are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements. The words "may," "would," "could," "should," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "predict," "project," "potential," "continue," "assume," "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 our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements include, without limitations, those described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC") and the following:

- Risk from changes in economic, monetary policy, and industry conditions
- Changes in interest rates, shape of the yield curve, deposit rates, the net interest margin and funding sources
- Market risk (including net income at risk analysis and economic value of equity risk analysis) and inflation
- Risk inherent in making loans including repayment risks and changes in the value of collateral
- Loan growth, the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, provisions for loan losses, and the assessment of problem loans
- Level, composition, and re-pricing characteristics of the securities portfolio
- Deposit growth, change in the mix or type of deposit products and services
- Continued availability of senior management
- Technological changes
- Ability to control expenses
- Changes in compensation
- Risks associated with income taxes including potential for adverse adjustments
- Changes in accounting policies and practices
- Changes in regulatory actions, including the potential for adverse adjustments

Recently enacted or proposed legislation

Current uncertainty in the financial service industry

These risks are exacerbated by the developments over the last nine years in national and international financial markets, and we are unable to predict what effect continued uncertainty in market conditions will have on us. There can be no assurance that the unprecedented developments experienced over the last nine years will not materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.



All forward-looking statements in this report are based on information available to us as of the date of this report. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee that these expectations will be achieved. We will undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. In addition, certain statements in future filings with the SEC, in our press releases, and in oral and written statements, which are not statements of historical fact, constitute forward-looking statements.

## OVERVIEW

Bank of South Carolina Corporation (the “Company”) is a financial institution holding company headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, with \$367,225,802 in assets as of December 31, 2014 and net income of \$1,191,382 and \$4,398,820, respectively, for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The Company offers a broad range of financial services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Bank of South Carolina (the “Bank”). The Bank is a state-chartered commercial bank, which operates principally in the Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley counties of South Carolina. The Bank’s original and current concept is to be a full service financial institution specializing in personal service, responsiveness, attention to detail to foster long-standing relationships.

We derive most of our income from interest on loans and investments (interest-bearing assets). The primary source of funding for making these loans and investments is our interest and non-interest-bearing deposits. Consequently, one of the key measures of the our success is the amount of net interest income, or the difference between the income on its 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-bearing assets and the rate we pay on our interest-bearing liabilities.

A consequence of lending activities is that we may incur credit losses. The amount of such losses will vary depending upon the risk characteristics of the loan and lease portfolio as affected by economic conditions such as rising interest rates and the financial performance of borrowers. The reserve for credit losses consists of the allowance for loan and lease losses (the “allowance”). The allowance provides for probable and estimable losses inherent in our loan and lease portfolio. The Allowance is increased or decreased through the provisioning process. For a detailed discussion on the allowance for loan losses see “Allowance for Loan Losses”.

In addition to earning interest on loans and investments, we earn income through fees and other expenses we charge to the customer. The various components of other income and other expenses are described in the following discussion. The discussion and analysis also identifies significant factors that have affected our financial position and operating results as of December 31, 2014 as compared to December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2013 as compared to December 31, 2012, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in this report. In addition, a number of tables have been included to assist in the discussion.

## COMPARISON OF THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

Net income increased \$321,896 or 7.90% to \$4,398,820, or basic and diluted income per share of \$.99 and \$.96, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2014, from \$4,076,924, or basic and diluted income per share of \$.92 and \$.91, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2013. Our returns on average assets and average equity for the year ended December 31, 2014 were 1.23% and 12.12%, respectively, compared with 1.23% and 11.72%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Net interest income is affected by the size and mix of our balance sheet components as well as the spread between interest earned on assets and interest paid on liabilities. Net interest margin is a measure of the difference between interest income on earning assets and interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities relative to the amount of interest-bearing assets. Net interest income increased \$673,643 or 5.46% to \$13,009,307 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$12,335,664 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in net interest income was primarily due to an increase in interest and dividends from investment securities. Average investments increased \$32,004,278 or 47.42% for the year ended December 31, 2014 from the year ended December 31, 2013, with a yield of 2.12%. We had an improvement in loan demand demonstrated by the increase in average loans of \$6,014,402 to \$232,281,473 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$226,267,071 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The yield on average loans decreased from 4.94% for the year ended December 31, 2013 to 4.85% for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase in average investment securities and average loans, contributed to the increase in total average interest-bearing assets of \$26,082,984 or 8.02% to \$351,358,384 for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our average interest-bearing deposits increased \$7,303,042 or 3.48% to \$217,411,425 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$210,108,383 for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase was primarily due to larger balances in existing customer accounts as well as the opening of new accounts. The yield on these deposits remained relatively unchanged from .20% for the year ended December, 2013 to .19% for the year ended December 31, 2014.

We believe the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2014, is adequate to cover estimated losses in our loan portfolio; however, assessing the adequacy of the allowance is a process that requires considerable judgment. Our judgments are based on numerous assumptions about current events which we believe to be reasonable, but which may or may not be valid. Thus, there can be no assurance that loan losses in future periods will not exceed the current allowance amount or that future increases in the allowance will not be required. No assurance can be given that our ongoing evaluation of the loan portfolio in light of changing economic conditions and other relevant circumstances will not require significant future additions to the allowance, thus adversely affecting our operating results.

During 2014, the Company recorded net charge-offs of \$39,929 as compared to net charge-offs of \$348,067 in 2013. We believe the loss exposure in the portfolio is identified, reserved against and, closely monitored to ensure that changes are promptly addressed in the analysis of reserve adequacy.

Impaired loans at December 31, 2014 totaled \$7,051,127, a decrease of 1.20% over total impaired loans of \$7,136,907 at December 31, 2013. Our impaired loans included non-accrual loans of \$882,413 and two restructured loans ("TDR") totaling \$466,541 at December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2013, impaired loans included non-accrual loans of \$1,575,441 and four TDR's totaling \$1,196,341. There were three loans over 90 days past due still accruing interest at December 31, 2014. This resulted from unusual circumstances with two customers that have had a long-term relationship with the bank. The customers are currently working to bring the loans current with improved cash flow in their respective businesses. There were no loans over 90 days past due still accruing interest at December 31, 2013. (For further discussion, see "Loans" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements).

Other income increased \$84,666 or 3.39% to \$2,581,083 for the year ended December 31, 2014. This increase was primarily due to a gain on the sale of investment securities of \$312,577. Mortgage banking income is highly influenced by mortgage interest rates and the housing market. Our mortgage banking income decreased \$206,650 or 13.58% to \$1,315,020 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$1,521,670 for the year ended December 31, 2013. This decrease was primarily due to fewer mortgage applications and lower production volume as interest rates and home prices increased on average in 2014 compared to 2013.

Our other expense increased \$393,354 to \$9,111,204 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$8,717,850 for the year ended December 31, 2013. A large component of other expense is salaries and employee benefits. Salaries include payments to employees as well as employee insurance, including workers compensation, employee education and taxes. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$275,231 or 5.30% to \$5,466,446 for the year ended December 31, 2014 from \$5,191,215 for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase was primarily due to an increase in base wages, workers compensation insurance and employee health insurance. Net occupancy expense also increased \$67,020 for the year ended December 31, 2014 or 4.76% from \$1,406,680 for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase was primarily due to an increase in rent paid on our Summerville, Meeting Street and Mortgage Department locations and an increase in depreciation expense on equipment of \$11,410 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, our effective tax rate was 31.23% compared to 30.98% during the year ended December 31, 2013.

## COMPARISON OF THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

Net income increased \$410,096 or 11.18% to \$4,076,924 or basic and diluted income per share of \$.92 and \$.91, respectively for the year ended December 31, 2013 from \$3,666,828 or basic and diluted income per share of \$.82 and \$.82, respectively for the year ended December 31, 2012. Our return on average assets and average equity for the year ended December 31, 2013 were 1.23% and 11.72%, respectively, compared with 1.16% and 10.97%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Our higher income was primarily due to the following:

Interest and fees on loans increased \$155,821 or 1.41% to \$11,188,748. Outstanding loans increased \$1,191,680 or 0.55% as a result of an improving market leading to an increase in loan demand. Average loans increased \$5,486,600 with a yield of 4.94% for the year ended December 31, 2013, from \$220,780,471 for the year ended December 31, 2012 and a yield of 5.00%.

Interest and dividends on investment securities increased \$135,074 or 10.02% to \$1,482,594 for the year ended December 31, 2013, from \$1,347,520 in 2012. We were earning .25% on our funds deposited at the Federal Reserve. This low rate coupled with a rising yield curve gave us reason to invest our excess cash in investment securities. Average investments increased \$9,501,384 to \$67,484,036 with a yield of 2.20%.

The provision for loan losses decreased \$142,500 to \$207,500 for the year ended December 31, 2013. This decrease was primarily due to improving credit quality and as well as the improvement in the underlying risk profile of our loan portfolio.

Mortgage banking income increased \$143,782 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013. Mortgage banking income was \$1,521,670 in 2013, compared to \$1,377,888 in 2012. This increase was due to obtaining better margins (discounts earned and service release premiums) selling loans on the secondary market. Our software's pricing engine allowed a side by side comparison allowing us to execute the most profit on each loan sold. Mortgage discount points, a form of interest, increased \$301,378 to \$1,547,649 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013.

Other operating expenses decreased \$209,412 or 8.99% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013. With the introduction of new banking products such as remote deposit capture, we were able to reduce the cost of our courier service by \$58,605 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 compared to the same period in 2012. Data processing fees decreased \$115,731 as a result of the renegotiation of our contract. Professional audit and legal fees were reduced by \$45,500 and \$55,823, respectively. We lowered our audit fees by hiring a Risk Management Officer who conducts our Sarbanes Oxley Act testing in-house. Legal fees were reduced as the result of fewer cases brought by the Company or those against the Company which required legal review. Offsetting these decreases was an

increase of \$73,980 in sundry losses from \$6,102 in 2012 to \$80,081 in 2013. This loss resulted from fraud by persons outside the Company. We believe that our internal controls have been designed to minimize losses. However, there are no assurances that a loss will not occur.

Net interest income is affected by the size and mix of our balance sheet components as well as the spread between interest earned on assets and interest paid on liabilities. Net interest margin is a measuring of the difference between interest income on earning assets less interest paid on interest-bearing liabilities relative to the amount of interest-bearing assets. Net interest income increased \$328,424 to \$12,335,664 for the year ended December 31, 2013, from \$12,007,240 for the year ended December 31, 2012. Our average earning assets increased \$14,125,768 in 2013 as compared to 2012. Average loans increased \$5,486,600 with a yield of 4.94%, a decrease of 6 basis points. We made a decision to invest some of our excess cash in securities rather than leaving it at the Federal Reserve where it was earning .25%. Average investments increased \$9,501,384 with a yield of 2.20%. Total yield on our average earnings assets decreased 9 basis points from 4.01% in 2012 to 3.92% in 2013. Our net interest margin decreased 7 basis points to 3.79% in 2013 from 3.86% in 2012.

Average interest-bearing deposits increased \$4,536,053 to \$210,108,383 in 2013, with a total yield of .20%, a decrease of 2 basis points from .22% at December 31, 2012. Our interest paid on deposits decreased \$39,491 or 8.67% to \$416,128 in 2013 compared to \$455,619 in 2012. Rates paid on transaction accounts and savings accounts remained unchanged from 2012 to 2013. The rate paid on certificates of deposit decreased 11 basis points from .54% in 2012 to .43% for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The provision for loan losses reflects our judgment of the expense necessary to achieve the appropriate amount of the allowance. We maintain the allowance at levels adequate to cover our estimate of probable credit losses as of the balance sheet date presented. The allowance is determined through detailed analyses of our loan portfolio. The allowance is based on our loss experience and changes in the economic environment, as well as an ongoing assessment of our credit quality. We recorded a provision of \$207,500 in 2013 and \$350,000 in 2012. The lower provision recorded in 2013 was reflective of continued improvements in our credit quality metrics. For further discussion on the allowance, see "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. In addition the allowance is subject to examination and testing for adequacy by regulatory agencies. Such regulatory agencies could require management to adjust the allowance based on information available to them at the time of their examination.

During 2013, the Company recorded net charge-offs of \$348,067 as compared to net charge-offs of \$24,040 in 2012. The variance between 2013 and 2012 can be attributed to an unexpected large recovery in 2012. Although uncertainty in the economic outlook still exists, management believes the loss exposure in the portfolio is identified, reserved against and closely monitored to ensure that changes are promptly addressed in the analysis of reserve adequacy.

Impaired loans at December 31, 2013 totaled \$7,136,907, a decrease of 37.93% over total impaired loans of \$11,498,279 at December 31, 2012. Our impaired loans included non-accrual loans of \$1,575,440 and four restructured loans (TDR) totaling \$1,196,341 at December 31, 2013. Impaired loans include non-accrual loans of \$3,993,816 and five restructured loans (TDR) totaling \$1,618,278 at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012 there was one credit totaling \$2,623,556 which was entirely secured by a first mortgage. This loan paid off in the second quarter of 2013. There were no loans over 90 days past due still accruing interest at December 31, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

Other income increased \$150,954 or 6.44% to \$2,496,417 in 2013. As previously stated, our mortgage banking income increased \$143,782 or 10.44% due to obtaining better margins (discounts earned and SRP) selling loans on the secondary market. Our software's pricing engine allowed a side by side comparison allowing us to execute the most profit on each loan. Although the economy in our market area is improving, we began to see a decrease in loan originations in the third and fourth quarters of 2013. This decrease comes as a result of increasing interest rates and

the increase in home prices. We saw a clear shift from refinancing to home purchases in 2013.

Our other expense decreased \$13,775 from \$8,731,625 in 2012 to \$8,717,850 in 2013. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$145,802 in 2013 as a result of annual merit increases and the addition of a mortgage loan originator and a Risk Management Officer. In addition, health insurance increased \$50,693 and workers compensation insurance expense increased \$19,111. The increase in health insurance expense can be attributed to the addition of two employees and a rate increase. Workers compensation increased as a result of an audit performed by the insurance company on the Company's 2012 insurance coverage. As previously noted above, we saw a decrease in other operating expenses of \$209,412. This decrease was primarily due to the decrease in courier service fees, data processing fees, and professional audit and legal fees. We offer a courier service to pick up our business customers' deposits. We also offer remote deposit capture to our business customers. Many of our business customers opted to use remote deposit capture which allowed us to cut our courier expense by 36% from \$159,943 for the year ended December 31, 2012 to \$101,338 in 2013. Data processing fees decreased \$115,731 as the result of the renegotiation of our contract. Professional audit and legal fees were reduced by \$45,500 and \$55,823, respectively. We lowered our audit fees by hiring a Risk Management Officer who conducts our Sarbanes Oxley Act testing in-house. Legal fees were reduced as the result of fewer cases brought against the Company requiring legal review. In 2012 we had two cases brought against the Company, one of which was heard by the South Carolina Supreme Court, resulting in higher legal fees in 2012 as compared to 2013. Offsetting the decreases in expenses described above was an increase of \$73,979 in sundry losses from \$6,102 in 2012 to \$80,081 in 2013. This loss resulted from fraud by persons outside the Company. We believe that our internal controls have been designed to minimize losses; however, there are no assurances that a loss will not occur.



Income tax expense increased 14.06% to \$1,829,807 at December 31, 2013 from \$1,604,250 at December 31, 2012. The Company's effective tax rate was approximately 30.98% for the year ended December 31, 2013 compared to 30.44% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

We have adopted various accounting policies that govern the application of principles generally accepted in the United States and with general practices within the banking industry in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Our significant accounting policies are set forth in the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this report.

Certain accounting policies involve significant judgments and assumptions by the Company 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 number of judgments and assumptions that 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 consider our policy regarding the allowance for loan losses to be our most subjective accounting policy due to the significant degree of judgment. We have developed what we believe to be appropriate policies and procedures for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, recognizing that this process requires a number of assumptions and estimates with respect to our loan portfolio. Our assessments may be impacted in future periods by changes in economic conditions, the impact of regulatory examinations and the discovery of information with respect to borrowers which were not known at the time of the issuance of the consolidated financial statements. For additional discussion concerning our allowance for loan losses and related matters, see "Allowance for loan losses".

### **ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT**

We manage our assets and liabilities to ensure there is sufficient liquidity to enable management to fund deposit withdrawals, loan demand, capital expenditures, reserve requirements, operating expenses, dividends and to manage daily operations on an ongoing basis. Funds are primarily provided by the Bank through customer deposits, principal and interest payments on loans, mortgage loan sales, the sale or maturity of securities, temporary investments and earnings. The responsibility of managing asset and liability procedures is directed by the Asset and Liability Committee ("ALCO") with the ultimate responsibility resting with the Chief Executive Officer. At year-end 2014, total assets were \$367,225,802, an increase of 7.72% from year-end 2013; total deposits were \$322,419,027, an increase of 5.63% from the end of the previous year.

At December 31, 2014, approximately 98.34% of our assets were earning assets composed of U.S. Treasury, Government Sponsored Enterprises and Municipal Securities in the amount of \$113,994,112, interest-bearing deposits in other banks in the amount of \$5,680,613 and total loans including mortgage loans held for sale in the amount of \$241,442,873.

The yield on a majority of our earning assets adjusts simultaneously with changes in the general level of interest rates. Some of the Company's liabilities are issued with fixed terms and can be repriced only at maturity.

## **MARKET RISK**

Market risk is the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. Our risk is constituted primarily of interest rate risk in our lending and investing activities as they relate to their funding by deposit and borrowing activities.

Our policy is to minimize interest rate risk between interest-bearing assets and liabilities at various maturities and to attempt to maintain an asset sensitive position over a six-month period. By adhering to this policy, we anticipate that our net interest margins will not be materially affected unless there is an extraordinary precipitous change in interest rates. The average net interest rate spread for 2014 decreased to 3.63% from 3.72% for 2013 and the average net interest margin for 2014 decreased to 3.70% from 3.79% for 2013. At December 31, 2014, we were in a liability sensitive position over a six month time period compared to an asset sensitive position over the same time period at December 31, 2013. The reason for the shift in sensitivity is the direct result of management's decision during 2014 to invest excess funds held at the Federal Reserve earning 0.25% into higher-yielding fixed rate investment securities that match our investment policy objectives. Management is aware of this temporary departure from policy and will continue to closely monitor our sensitivity position going forward.

Since the rates on most of our interest-bearing liabilities can vary on a daily basis, we continue to maintain a loan portfolio priced predominately on a variable rate basis. However, in an effort to protect future earnings in a declining rate environment, we offer certain fixed rates, interest rate floors, and terms primarily associated with real estate transactions. We seek stable, long-term deposit relationships to fund our loan portfolio. Furthermore, we do not have any brokered deposits or internet deposits.

At December 31, 2014, the average maturity of the investment portfolio was four years 7.85 months with an average yield of 2.12% compared to four years 2.64 months with an average yield of 2.20% at December 31, 2013. Although there is greater market risk with maturity extension, we feel that our core deposit base minimizes the need to sell securities, and the maturity extension of the investment portfolio improves the yield on the portfolio.

We do not take foreign exchange or commodity risks. In addition, we do not own mortgage-backed securities nor do we have any exposure to the sub-prime market or any other distressed debt instruments.

The following table summarizes our interest sensitivity position as of December 31, 2014:

| Earning Assets<br>(in 000's) | <div>3 Months6 Months1 Year</div> |          |          |          |          |         | Estimated<br>Fair<br>Value |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                              | Less                              | to Less  | to Less  | to Less  |          |         |                            |           |
|                              | Than 3                            | Than 6   | Than 1   | Than 5   | 5 years  |         |                            |           |
|                              | 1 Day                             | Months   | Months   | Year     | Years    | or More |                            | Total     |
| Loans (1)                    | \$150,797                         | \$15,399 | \$12,676 | \$14,014 | \$48,018 | \$539   | \$241,443                  | \$234,204 |

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|                           |           |          |          |          |          |          |           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Investment securities (2) | —         | 4,405    | 3,749    | 170      | 43,302   | 60,395   | 112,021   | 113,994   |
| Short term investments    | 5,681     | —        | —        | —        | —        | —        | 5,681     | 5,681     |
| Total                     | \$156,478 | \$19,804 | \$16,425 | \$14,184 | \$91,320 | \$60,934 | \$359,145 | \$353,879 |

**Interest-bearing Liabilities**  
(in 000's)

|  |            |            |            |             |          |           |           |           |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CD's and other time deposits<br>100,000 and over     | \$—        | \$16,828   | \$15,637   | \$12,145    | \$1,231  | \$—       | \$45,841  | \$45,853  |
| CD's and other time deposits<br>under 100,000        | 88         | 4,642      | 4,742      | 5,388       | 1,120    | —         | 15,980    | 15,985    |
| Money market and interest<br>bearing demand accounts | 126,848    | —          | —          | —           | —        | —         | 126,848   | 126,848   |
| Savings  | 26,678     | —          | —          | —           | —        | —         | 26,678    | 26,678    |
| Securities sold under<br>agreement to repurchase     | 6,981      | —          | —          | —           | —        | —         | 6,981     | 6,981     |
| Total  | \$160,595  | \$21,470   | \$20,379   | \$17,533    | \$2,351  | \$—       | \$222,328 | \$222,345 |
| Net  | \$(4,117 ) | \$(1,666 ) | \$(3,954 ) | \$(3,349 )  | \$88,969 | \$60,934  | \$136,817 | \$131,534 |
| Cumulative   |            | \$(5,783 ) | \$(9,737 ) | \$(13,086 ) | \$75,883 | \$136,817 |           |           |

(1) Including mortgage loans to be sold and deferred fees.

(2) At amortized cost

## LIQUIDITY

Historically, we have maintained our liquidity at levels believed by management to be adequate to meet requirements of normal operations, potential deposit outflows and strong loan demand and still allow for optimal investment of funds and return on assets.

The following table summarizes future contractual obligations as of December 31, 2014:

|                                    | Payment Due by Period |                  |           |               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                                    | Total                 | Less than 1 Year | 1-5 Years | After 5 Years |
| Contractual Obligations (in 000's) |                       |                  |           |               |
| Time deposits                      | \$61,821              | \$59,470         | \$2,351   | \$—           |
| Operating leases                   | 8,972                 | 609              | 2,450     | 5,913         |
| Total contractual cash obligations | \$70,793              | \$60,079         | \$4,801   | \$5,913       |

We manage our assets and liabilities to ensure that there is sufficient liquidity to enable us to fund deposit withdrawals, loan demand, capital expenditures, reserve requirements, operating expenses, dividends and to manage daily operations on an ongoing basis. Funds are primarily provided by the Bank through customer deposits, principal and interest payments on loans, mortgage loan sales, the sale or maturity of securities, temporary investments and earnings.

Proper liquidity management is crucial to ensure that we are able to take advantage of new business opportunities as well as meet the credit needs of our existing customers. Investment securities are an important tool in our liquidity management. Our primary liquid assets are cash and due from banks, federal funds sold, investments available for sale, other short-term investments and mortgage loans held for sale. Our primary liquid assets accounted for 35.86% and 35.65% of total assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Securities classified as available for sale, which are not pledged, may be sold in response to changes in interest rates and liquidity needs. All of the securities presently owned are classified as Available for Sale. Net cash provided by operations and deposits from customers have been the primary sources of liquidity. At December 31, 2014, we had unused short-term lines of credit totaling approximately \$13 million (which can be withdrawn at the lender's option). Additional sources of funds available to us for additional liquidity needs include borrowing on a short-term basis from the Federal Reserve System, increasing deposits by raising interest rates paid and selling mortgage loans held for sale. In March 2012, we established a \$6 million REPO Line with Raymond James (formerly Morgan Keegan). There have been no borrowings under this agreement. We also established a Borrower-In-Custody arrangement with the Federal Reserve. This arrangement permits us to retain possession of assets pledged as collateral to secure advances from the Federal Reserve Discount Window. At December 31, 2014, we could borrow up to \$71 million. There have been no borrowings under this

arrangement.

Our core deposits consist of non-interest bearing accounts, NOW accounts, money market accounts, time deposits and savings accounts. We closely monitor our reliance on certificates of deposit greater than \$100,000 and other large deposits. We maintain a Contingency Funding Plan (“CFP”) that identifies liquidity needs and weighs alternate courses of action designed to address these needs in emergency situations. We perform a quarterly cash flow analysis and stress test the CFP to evaluate the expected funding needs and funding capacity during a liquidity stress event. We believe our liquidity sources are adequate to meet our operating needs and do not know of any trends, events or uncertainties that may result in a significant adverse effect on our liquidity position. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, our liquidity ratio was 29.72% and 25.22%, respectively.

Composition of Average Assets

|  | 2014          | 2013          | 2012          | 2011          | 2010          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Loans (1)                                | \$232,281,473 | \$226,267,071 | \$220,780,471 | \$212,960,987 | \$212,960,118 |
| Investment securities available for sale | 99,488,314    | 67,484,036    | 57,982,652    | 52,289,136    | 37,410,074    |
| Federal funds sold and other investments | 19,588,597    | 31,524,293    | 32,386,509    | 35,378,767    | 7,671,018     |
| Non-earning assets                       | 7,415,900     | 6,817,090     | 6,288,906     | 7,880,828     | 8,020,094     |
| Total average assets                     | \$358,774,284 | \$332,092,490 | \$317,438,538 | \$308,509,718 | \$266,061,304 |

(1) Including mortgage loans to be sold and deferred fees.

Average earning assets increased by \$26,082,984 from 2013 to 2014. This increase was primarily due to a \$6,014,402 increase in average loans and a \$32,004,278 increase in average available for sale securities, offset by a \$11,935,696 decrease in average Federal funds sold and other investments. We have seen an increase in loan demand primarily due to our business development efforts coupled with an improving economy. Meanwhile, with the continued low rates coupled with a rising yield curve, we have invested our excess cash into U.S. Treasury Securities and Federal Agency Securities.

## ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET INTEREST INCOME

The following table shows changes in interest income and expense based upon changes in volume and changes in rates:

|  | 2014 vs. 2013 |             |            | 2013 vs. 2012 |             |            | 2012 vs. 2011 |             |            |
|--|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
|  |               |             | Net Dollar |               |             | Net Dollar |               |             | Net Dollar |
|  | Volume        | Rate        | Change (1) | Volume        | Rate        | Change (1) | Volume        | Rate        | Change (1) |
| Loans (2)                                | \$294,070     | \$(219,770) | \$74,300   | \$272,159     | \$(116,338) | \$155,821  | \$394,189     | \$(248,971) | \$145,218  |
| Investment securities available for sale | 679,162       | (56,281 )   | 622,881    | 211,761       | (76,687 )   | 135,074    | 136,421       | (98,644 )   | 37,777     |
| Other short-term investments             | (30,304 )     | (415 )      | (30,719 )  | (2,200 )      | 238         | (1,962 )   | 5,275         | (3,015 )    | 2,260      |

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|   |           |             |           |             |             |             |              |              |              |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Interest Income                               | \$942,928 | \$(276,466) | \$666,462 | \$481,720   | \$(192,787) | \$288,933   | \$535,885    | \$(350,630)  | \$185,255    |
| Interest-bearing transaction accounts         | \$(203)   | ) \$68      | \$(135)   | ) \$(2,491) | ) \$(962)   | ) \$(3,453) | ) \$(11,366) | ) \$(35,318) | ) \$(46,684) |
| Savings                                       | 4,584     | 107         | 4,691     | 2,734       | 52          | 2,786       | 4,631        | (3,598)      | 1,033        |
| Time deposits                                 | 15,375    | (27,793)    | (12,418)  | 24,359      | (63,183)    | (38,824)    | (38,143)     | (238,615)    | (276,758)    |
| Securities sold under agreement to repurchase | 681       | —           | 681       | —           | —           | —           | —            | —            | —            |
| Interest expense                              | \$20,437  | \$(27,618)  | \$(7,181) | \$24,602    | \$(64,093)  | \$(39,491)  | \$(44,878)   | \$(277,531)  | \$(322,409)  |
| Increase in net interest income               |           |             | \$673,643 |             |             | \$328,424   |              |              | \$507,664    |

(1) Volume/Rate changes have been allocated to each category based on the percentage of each to the total change.

(2) Including mortgage loans to be sold.



## YIELDS ON AVERAGE EARNING ASSETS AND RATES ON AVERAGE INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES

|   | 2014          |                          |                            | 2013          |                          |                            | 2012          |                          |  |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Average       | Interest Paid/<br>Earned | Average Yield/<br>Rate (1) | Average       | Interest Paid/<br>Earned | Average Yield/<br>Rate (1) | Average       | Interest Paid/<br>Earned |  |
|   | Balance       |                          |                            | Balance       |                          |                            | Balance       |                          |  |
| <b>Interest-Earning Assets</b>                |               |                          |                            |               |                          |                            |               |                          |  |
| Loans (2)                                     | \$232,281,473 | 11,263,048               | 4.85 %                     | \$226,267,071 | 11,188,748               | 4.94 %                     | \$220,780,471 | 11,032,927               |  |
| Investment securities available for sale      | 99,488,314    | 2,105,475                | 2.12 %                     | 67,484,036    | 1,482,594                | 2.20 %                     | 57,982,652    | 1,347,520                |  |
| Other short-term investments                  | 19,588,597    | 49,731                   | 0.25 %                     | 31,524,293    | 80,450                   | 0.26 %                     | 32,386,509    | 82,412                   |  |
| Total earning assets                          | \$351,358,384 | 13,418,254               | 3.82 %                     | \$325,275,400 | 12,751,792               | 3.92 %                     | \$311,149,632 | 12,462,859               |  |
| <b>Interest-Bearing Liabilities:</b>          |               |                          |                            |               |                          |                            |               |                          |  |
| Interest-bearing transaction accounts         | \$128,932,314 | 125,247                  | 0.10 %                     | \$129,141,564 | 125,382                  | 0.10 %                     | \$131,701,874 | 128,835                  |  |
| Savings                                       | 23,189,946    | 27,709                   | 0.12 %                     | 19,353,286    | 23,018                   | 0.12 %                     | 17,054,154    | 20,232                   |  |
| Time deposits                                 | 65,289,165    | 255,310                  | 0.39 %                     | 61,613,533    | 267,728                  | 0.43 %                     | 56,816,302    | 306,552                  |  |
| Securities sold under agreement to repurchase | 2,426,044     | 681                      | 0.03 %                     | —             | —                        | 0.00 %                     | —             | —                        |  |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities            | \$219,837,469 | 408,947                  | 0.19 %                     | \$210,108,383 | 416,128                  | 0.20 %                     | \$205,572,330 | 455,619                  |  |
| Net interest spread                           |               |                          | 3.63 %                     |               |                          | 3.72 %                     |               |                          |  |
| Net interest margin                           |               |                          | 3.70 %                     |               |                          | 3.79 %                     |               |                          |  |
| Net interest income                           |               | \$13,009,307             |                            |               | \$12,335,664             |                            |               | \$12,007,240             |  |

(1) The effect of forgone interest income as a result of non-accrual loans was not considered in the above analysis.

(2) Average loan balances include non-accrual loans and mortgage loans to be sold.

# INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

The following is a schedule of our investment portfolio as of December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012:

|                                  | DECEMBER 31, 2014 |                              |                               |                            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | AMORTIZED<br>COST | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>GAINS | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>LOSSES | ESTIMATED<br>FAIR<br>VALUE |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | \$29,162,412      | \$ 105,627                   | \$ 19,758                     | \$29,248,281               |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 50,194,951        | 95,961                       | 148,263                       | 50,142,649                 |
| Municipal Securities             | 32,663,698        | 1,973,743                    | 34,259                        | 34,603,182                 |
| Total                            | \$112,021,061     | \$ 2,175,331                 | \$ 202,280                    | \$113,994,112              |

|                                  | DECEMBER 31, 2013 |                              |                               |                            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | AMORTIZED<br>COST | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>GAINS | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>LOSSES | ESTIMATED<br>FAIR<br>VALUE |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | \$15,841,901      | \$ 58,429                    | \$ 67,929                     | \$15,832,401               |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 43,582,119        | 363,981                      | 311,062                       | 43,635,038                 |
| Municipal Securities             | 33,706,898        | 1,599,638                    | 125,754                       | 35,180,782                 |
| Total                            | \$93,130,918      | \$ 2,022,048                 | \$ 504,745                    | \$94,648,221               |

|                                  | DECEMBER 31, 2012 |                              |                               |                            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | AMORTIZED<br>COST | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>GAINS | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>LOSSES | ESTIMATED<br>FAIR<br>VALUE |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | \$6,097,750       | \$ 116,000                   | \$ —                          | \$6,213,750                |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 17,822,858        | 521,174                      | —                             | 18,344,032                 |
| Municipal Securities             | 31,101,401        | 2,858,625                    | 3,592                         | 33,956,434                 |
| Total                            | \$55,022,009      | \$ 3,495,799                 | \$ 3,592                      | \$58,514,216               |

Our investment portfolio had a weighted average yield of 2.12%, 2.20%, and 2.32% for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively.

At December 31, 2014 we had two US Treasury Notes with an unrealized loss of \$19,758, seven Agency Notes with an unrealized loss of \$148,263 and three Municipal Securities with an unrealized loss of \$34,259, compared to three US Treasury Notes with an unrealized loss of \$67,929, five Agency Notes with an unrealized loss of \$311,062, and six Municipal Securities with an unrealized loss of \$125,754, at December 31, 2013, and one Municipal Security with an unrealized loss of \$3,592 at December 31, 2012. The unrealized losses on these investments were caused by interest rate increases. The contractual terms of these investments do not permit the issuer to settle the securities at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. Therefore, these investments are not considered other-than-temporarily impaired. We have the ability to hold these investments until market price recovery or maturity.

Due to the increase in deposits we were able to invest such excess cash in investment securities to improve our earnings yield.

The primary purpose of the investment portfolio is to fund loan demand, to help manage fluctuations in deposits and liquidity, to satisfy pledging requirements and, at the same time, to generate a favorable return on investment. In doing these things, our main objective is to adhere to sound investment practices. To that end, all purchases and sales of investment securities are made through reputable securities dealers that have been approved by the Board of Directors, who also review the entire investment portfolio at each regular monthly meeting. In addition, we report to the Board on a monthly basis any purchases, sales, calls, and maturities during the previous month. Furthermore, a financial underwriting review of all municipal securities and their corresponding municipalities is conducted annually by Credit Personnel and reviewed by management.

#### LOAN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

We focus our lending activities on small and middle market businesses, professionals and individuals in our geographic markets. At December 31, 2014, outstanding loans (plus deferred loan fees of \$89,441) totaled \$234,117,792, which equaled 72.61% of total deposits and 63.75% of total assets. Substantially all loans were to borrowers located in our market area of Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties of South Carolina.

The quality of our loan portfolio is contingent upon our risk selection and underwriting practices. All new credit (except for mortgage loans in the process of being sold to investors and loans secured by properly margined negotiable securities traded on an established market or other cash collateral) with over \$200,000 in exposure is summarized by our Credit Department and reviewed by the Loan Committee on a monthly basis. The Board of Directors review credits over \$500,000 monthly with annual credit analyses conducted on these borrowers upon the receipt of updated financial information. Prior to any extension of credit, every loan request goes through sound credit underwriting. The Credit Department conducts detailed cash flow analysis on each proposal using the most current financial information. Relevant trends and ratios are evaluated.

The following is a schedule of our loan portfolio, excluding both mortgage loans to be sold and deferred loan fees, as of December 31, 2014, as compared to the prior four years:

| Type   | Book Value (in 000's) |           |           |         |           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|  | As of December 31,    |           |           |         |           |
|  | 2014                  | 2013      | 2012      | 2011    | 2010      |
| Commercial and industrial loans  | \$49,643              | \$53,183  | \$54,959  | 55,836  | \$52,216  |
| Real estate loans  | 179,238               | 160,819   | 157,525   | 152,665 | 149,710   |
| Loans to individuals for household, family and other personal expenditures | 4,989                 | 4,029     | 4,365     | 4,928   | 5,868     |
| All other loans (including overdrafts)                                     | 158                   | 223       | 159       | 221     | 214       |
| Total Loans (excluding unearned income)                                    | \$234,028             | \$218,254 | \$217,008 | 213,650 | \$208,008 |

We had no foreign loans or loans to fund leveraged buyouts ("LBO's") at any time during the years ended December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

The following table presents the contractual terms to maturity for loans outstanding at December 31, 2014. Demand loans, loans having no stated schedule of repayment or stated maturity, and overdrafts are reported as due in one year or less. The table does not include an estimate of prepayments, which can significantly affect the average life of loans and may cause our actual principal experience to differ from that shown.

| Type   | SELECTED LOAN MATURITY (IN 000'S) |                                   |                 |           |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|  | AT DECEMBER 31, 2014              |                                   |                 |           |
|  | One year or less                  | Over one but less than five years | Over five years | Total     |
| Commercial and industrial loans  | \$26,436                          | \$22,461                          | \$746           | \$49,643  |
| Real estate loans  | 52,335                            | 83,806                            | 43,097          | 179,238   |
| Loans to individuals for household, family and other personal expenditures | 2,285                             | 2,571                             | 133             | 4,989     |
| All other loans (including overdrafts)                                     | 58                                | —                                 | 100             | 158       |
| Total Loans (excluding unearned income)                                    | \$81,114                          | \$108,838                         | \$44,076        | \$234,028 |

## IMPAIRED LOANS

A loan is impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. All loans placed on non-accrual status are classified as impaired. However, not all impaired loans are on non-accrual status nor do they all represent a loss.

Impairment loss is measured by:

- a. The present value of the future cash flow discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, or, alternatively,
- b. The fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent.

The following is a schedule of our impaired loans (non-accrual loans included) and non-accrual loans.

|             |             | Impaired<br>Loans<br>At December<br>31, |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| 2014        | 2013        | 2012                                    | 2011        | 2010        |
| \$7,051,127 | \$7,136,907 | \$11,498,279                            | \$7,417,892 | \$3,559,528 |
|             |             | Non-Accrual Loans<br>At December 31,    |             |             |
| 2014        | 2013        | 2012                                    | 2011        | 2010        |
| \$882,413   | \$1,575,440 | \$3,993,816                             | \$923,671   | \$945,328   |

## TROUBLED DEBT RESTRUCTURING

According to GAAP, we are required to account for certain loan modifications or restructuring as a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR"), when appropriate. In general, the modification or restructuring of a debt is considered a TDR if we, for economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties, grant a concession to the borrower that we would not otherwise consider. Three factors must always be present:

1. An existing credit must formally be renewed, extended, or modified.
2. The borrower is experiencing financial difficulties.
3. We grant a concession that we would not otherwise consider.

We had two TDR's at December 31, 2014 that totaled \$466,541, four TDR's in the amount of \$1,196,341 at December 31, 2013, five TDR's in the amount of \$1,618,278 at December 31, 2012, two TDR's in the amount of \$491,153 at December 31, 2011, and one TDR at December 31, 2010 of \$153,015. During the year ended December 31, 2014 a

loan receivable with a balance of \$496,090, was removed from TDR status. The borrower consistently paid as agreed and made substantial reductions to principal. Refinance guidance Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 310-20-35-9 allows for a loan to be removed from TDR status if the terms of the loan reflect current market rates and the loan has been performing under modified terms for an extended period of time or under certain circumstances. Although we have removed the TDR status from this loan, it will remain classified as an impaired loan and will continue to be recorded, evaluated and disclosed as such. In addition, one loan receivable with a balance of \$106,194 at December 31, 2013, was paid off during the year ended December 31, 2014.

We do not know of any potential problem loans which will not meet their contractual obligations that are not otherwise discussed herein.

## **OTHER REAL ESTATE OWNED**

Real estate acquired as a result of foreclosure or by deed-in-lieu of foreclosure is classified as other real estate owned (“OREO”) until it is sold. When the property is acquired, it is recorded at the lesser of fair value of the property less estimated selling costs or the total loan balance. It is in our best interest to determine the fair market value by engaging an independent appraisal within 30 days of property being acquired into OREO. We can’t hold the property for a period of more than five years unless we have prior approval from the Commissioner of Banking of the State Board of Financial Institutions. The Bank will pay property taxes along with insurance expenses until the property is sold. OREO at December 31, 2014 consisted of one loan in the amount of \$521,943. One loan receivable valued at \$35,473 was moved to OREO during the year ended December 31, 2014, and ultimately sold at a gain of \$2,382. We had no OREO during the years ended December 31, 2011 thru December 31, 2013. OREO at December 31, 2010 was \$659,492. This property was sold during the year ended December 31, 2011 for a loss of \$63,273.



## ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The allowance for loan losses represents our estimate of probable losses inherent in our loan portfolio. The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses (the “allowance”) is reviewed monthly by the Loan Committee and on a quarterly basis by the Board of Directors. For purposes of this analysis, adequacy is defined as a level sufficient to absorb estimated losses in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date presented. To remain GAAP compliant, the methodology employed for this analysis has been modified over the years to reflect the economic environment. This allowance is reviewed on a monthly basis by Credit Personnel (who have no lending authority nor complete the allowance). In addition, the allowance is validated on a periodic basis by an independent party. The methodology is based on a Reserve Model that is comprised of the three components listed below:

- 1) Specific reserve analysis for impaired loans based on Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) “receivables” topic ASC 310-10-35.
- 2) General reserve analysis applying historical loss rates based on FASB “contingencies” topic ASC 450-20.
- 3) Qualitative or environmental factors.

Loans are reviewed for impairment on a quarterly basis if any of the following criteria are met:

- 1) Any loan on non-accrual
- 2) Any loan that is a troubled debt restructuring
- 3) Any loan over 60 days past due
- 4) Any loan rated sub-standard, doubtful, or loss
- 5) Excessive principal extensions are executed
- 6) If we are provided information that indicates we will not collect all principal and interest as scheduled

The aforementioned methodology applies to both secured and unsecured loans, yet it does not apply to large groups of smaller balance loans that are collectively evaluated. Impairment is measured by the present value of the future cash flow discounted at the loan’s effective interest rate, or, alternatively the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. An impaired loan may not represent an expected loss.

A general reserve analysis is performed on all loans, excluding impaired loans. This analysis includes a pool of loans that are reviewed for impairment but are not found to be impaired. Historical losses are segregated into risk-similar groups and a loss ratio is determined for each group over a five-year period. The five-year average loss ratio by type is then used to calculate the estimated loss based on the current balance of each group. The five-year historical loss percentage was .172% at December 31, 2014. We used a three-year historical loss ratio at December 31, 2013, resulting in a historical loss percentage of .147%. In the second quarter of 2014, we moved from a three-year historical ratio to a five-year historical loss ratio to better reflect the economic cycle.

Qualitative and environmental factors include external risk factors that we believe are representative of our overall lending environment. We believe that the following factors create a more comprehensive system of controls in which we can monitor the quality of the loan portfolio.

- 1) Portfolio risk
  - a) Levels and trends in delinquencies and impaired loans
  - b) Trends in volume and terms of loans
  - c) Over-margined real estate lending risk
- 2) National and local economic trends and conditions
- 3) Effects of changes in risk selection and underwriting practices
- 4) Experience, ability and depth of lending management staff
- 5) Industry conditions
- 6) Effects of changes in credit concentrations
  - a) Loan concentration
  - b) Geographic concentration
  - c) Regulatory concentration

- 7) Loan and credit administration risk
  - a) Collateral documentation
  - b) Insurance risk
  - c) Maintenance of financial information risk

The sum of each component's analysis results represents the "estimated loss" within our total portfolio.

Portfolio risk includes the levels and trends in delinquencies, impaired loans and changes in the loan rating matrix, trends in volume and terms of loans and overmargined real estate lending. We are satisfied with the stability of the past due and non-performing loans and believe there has been no decline in the quality of our loan portfolio due to any trend in delinquent or adversely classified loans. Sizable unsecured principal balances on a non-amortizing basis are monitored. Although the vast majority of our real estate loans are underwritten on a cash flow basis, the secondary source of repayment is typically tied to our ability to realize on the collateral. Accordingly, we closely monitor loan to value ratios. The maximum collateral advance rate is 80% on all real estate transactions, with the exception of raw land at 65% and land development at 70%.

Occasionally, we extend credit beyond our normal collateral advance margins in real estate lending. Although infrequent, the aggregate of these loans represent a notable part of our portfolio. Accordingly, these loans are monitored and the balances reported to the Board every quarter. An excessive level of this practice (as a percentage of capital) could result in additional regulatory scrutiny, competitive disadvantages and potential losses if forced to convert the collateral. The consideration of overmargined real estate loans directly relates to the capacity of the borrower to repay. We often request additional collateral to bring the loan to value ratio within the policy guidelines and also requires a strong secondary source of repayment in addition to the primary source of repayment.

Although significantly under the threshold of 100% of capital (currently approximately \$37 million), the number of overmargined real estate loans currently totals approximately \$15,667,454 or approximately 6.49% of our loan portfolio at December 31, 2014 compared to \$20,415,979 or approximately 9.15% of the loan portfolio at December 31, 2013.

A credit rating matrix is used to rate all extensions of credit and to provide a more specified picture of the risk each loan poses to the quality of the loan portfolio. There are eight possible ratings used to determine the quality of each loan based on the following characteristics: cash flow, collateral quality, guarantor strength, financial condition, management quality, operating performance, the relevancy of the financial statements, historical loan performance, and the borrower's leverage position. The matrix is designed to meet our standards and expectations of loan quality. One hundred percent of our loans are graded.

National and local economic trends and conditions are constantly changing and result in both positive and negative impact on borrowers. Most macroeconomic conditions are not controllable by us and are incorporated into the qualitative risk factors. Natural and environmental disasters, political uncertainty, international instability, as well as problems in the traditional mortgage market are a few of the trends and conditions that are currently affecting the national and local economies. These changes have impacted borrowers' ability, in many cases, to repay loans in a timely manner. On occasion, a loan's primary source of repayment (i.e., personal income, cash flow, or lease income) may be eroded as a result of unemployment, lack of revenues, or the inability of a tenant to make rent payments.

The quality of our loan portfolio is contingent upon our risk selection and underwriting practices. Every credit with over \$200,000 in exposure is summarized by our Credit Department and reviewed by the Loan Committee on a monthly basis. The Board of Directors reviews credits over \$500,000 monthly with annual credit analyses conducted on these borrower upon the receipt of updated financial information. Prior to any extension of credit, every significant commercial loan goes through sound credit underwriting. The Credit Department conducts a detailed cash flow on each proposal using the most current financial information.

We have over 350 years of lending experience among our lending staff. In addition to the lending staff, we have an Advisory Board for each office comprised of business and community leaders from the specific office market area. An additional Advisory Board was created during the year ended December 31, 2012, to support our business efforts in the North Charleston area of South Carolina. The Bank recently announced its intention to open an office in North Charleston, South Carolina on Highway 78 and Ingleside Boulevard. As noted previously, we have signed a lease with an anticipated opening in 2016. We meet with these advisory boards quarterly to discuss the trends and conditions in each respective market. We are aware of the many challenges currently facing the banking industry. As other banks look to increase earnings in the short term, we will continue to emphasize the need to maintain safe and sound lending practices and core deposit growth.

There continues to be an influx of new banks in our geographic area. This increase has decreased the local industry's overall margins as a result of pricing competition. We believe that our borrowing base is well established and therefore unsound price competition is not necessary.

The risks associated with the effects of changes in credit concentration include loan concentration, geographic concentration and regulatory concentration.

As of December 31, 2014, there were only four Standard Industrial Code groups that comprised more than 2% of our total outstanding loans. The four groups are activities related to real estate, offices and clinics of doctors, real estate agents and managers, and legal services.

We are located along the coast and on an earthquake fault, increasing the chances that a natural disaster may impact us and our borrowers. We have a Disaster Recovery Plan in place; however, the amount of time it would take for our customers to return to normal operations is unknown. Our plan is reviewed and tested annually.

Loan and credit administration risk includes collateral documentation, insurance risk and maintaining financial information risk.

The majority of our loan portfolio is collateralized with a variety of our borrowers' assets. The execution and monitoring of the documentation to properly secure the loan is the responsibility of our lenders and Loan Department. We require insurance coverage naming us as the mortgagee or loss payee. Although insurance risk is also considered collateral documentation risk, the actual coverage, amounts of coverage and increased deductibles are important to management. Recent legislation passed by Congress addresses the need for reform to the National Flood Insurance Program. This legislation, known as the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2012, has resulted in significant unintended consequences causing dramatic increases in the cost of flood insurance coverage and

its potential unaffordability. However, on March 14, 2014 the President signed the 2014 Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act. This new law allows most properties to retain their subsidized premiums. Annual rate increases are also limited to 18% per year and the grandfather plan has been reinstated. In addition, the new law requires the Federal Management Agency ("FEMA") to refund policy holders who overpaid for premiums under the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2012.

Risk includes a function of time during which the borrower's financial condition may change; therefore, keeping financial information up to date is important to us. Our policy requires all new loans (with a credit exposure of \$10,000 or more), regardless of the customer's history with us, to have updated financial information. In addition, we monitor appraisals closely as real estate values continue to fluctuate.

Based on our allowance for loan loss model, we recorded a provision for loan loss of \$82,500 for the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to \$207,500 for the year ended December 31, 2013. At December 31, 2014 the five-year average loss ratios were: .157% Commercial, .622% Consumer, .359% 1-4 Residential, ..000% Real Estate Construction and .088% Real Estate Mortgage. The five-year historical loss ratio used at December 31, 2014 was ..172% compared to a three year historical loss ratio of .147% at December 31, 2013. During the second quarter of 2014, we moved from a three-year historical loss ratio to better reflect the economic cycle.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, charge-offs of \$113,030 and recoveries of \$73,101 were recorded to the allowance for loan losses, resulting in an allowance for loan losses of \$3,334,848 or 1.38% of total loans at December 31, 2014, compared to charge-offs of \$391,401 and recoveries of \$43,334 resulting in an allowance for loan losses of \$3,292,277 or 1.48% of total loans at December 31, 2013.

We had impaired loans totaling \$7,051,127 as of December 31, 2014 compared to \$7,136,907 at December 31, 2013. Impaired loans include non-accrual loans with balances at December 31, 2014, and 2013, of \$882,413 and \$1,575,440, respectively and TDR's with balances at December 31, 2014 and 2013 of \$466,541 and \$1,196,341, respectively. We had two restructured loans at December 31, 2014 and four restructured loans at December 31, 2013. According to GAAP, we are required to account for certain loan modifications or restructuring as a troubled debt restructuring, when appropriate. In general, the modification or restructuring of a debt is considered a TDR if we, for economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties, grant a concession to the borrower that we would not otherwise consider. During the year ended December 31, 2014, a loan receivable with a balance of \$596,125 at December 31, 2013, was removed from a TDR status. The borrower consistently paid as agreed and made substantial reductions to principal. Refinance guidance ASC 310-20-35-9 allows for a loan to be removed from the TDR status if the terms of the loan reflect current market rates. To be in compliance with its modified terms, a loan that is a TDR must not be in nonaccrual status and must be current or less than 30 days past due on its contractual principal and interest payments under the modified repayment terms. Although we have removed the TDR status from this loan, it will remain classified as an impaired loan and will continue to be recorded, evaluated and disclosed as such. The balance of this loan was \$494,933 at December 31, 2014. In addition, another loan receivable classified as a TDR with a balance of \$106,194 at December 31, 2013, was paid off during the year ended December 31, 2014. We do not know of any loans which will not meet their contractual obligations that are not otherwise discussed herein.

The accrual of interest is generally discontinued on loans, which become 90 days past due as to principal or interest. The accrual of interest on some loans, however, may continue even though they are 90 days past due if the loans are well secured or in the process of collection and we deem it appropriate. If non-accrual loans decrease their past due status to less than 30 days for a period of six to nine months, they are reviewed individually to determine if they should be returned to accrual status. There were three loans over 90 days past due still accruing interest at December 31, 2014. This resulted from unusual circumstances with two customers that have had a long-term relationship with the bank. The customers are currently working to bring the loans current with improved cash flow in their respective businesses. There were no loans over 90 days past due still accruing interest at December 31, 2013.

One loan receivable reported with a non-accrual status, in the amount of \$61,959 at December 31, 2013, was returned to accrual status during the year ended December 31, 2014. The borrower had a documented change in income and employment. In addition, the customer made payments consistently, reducing their past due status to less than 30 days for a period of over 6 months. All principal and interest are current and repayment of the remaining contractual principal and interest is expected. The balance of this loan was \$48,959 at December 31, 2014. One loan receivable was placed on non-accrual during the year ended December 31, 2014. The current balance of this loan at December 31, 2014, was \$204,414. In addition, two loan receivables in the amount of \$557,416 were moved to OREO. One of these loan receivables valued at \$35,473 was ultimately sold at a gain of \$2,382 during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Net charge-offs for the year ended December 31, 2014, were \$39,929 as compared to net charge-offs of \$348,067 for the year ended December 31, 2013. Although uncertainty in the economic outlook still exists, we believe loss exposure in the portfolio is identified, reserved against and closely monitored to ensure that changes are promptly addressed in the analysis of reserve adequacy.



The following table represents the net charge-offs by loan type.

### Net Charge-Offs

|                        | December<br>31, 2014 | December<br>31, 2013 |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial loans       | \$(83,042)           | \$(222,595)          |
| Commercial real estate | 30,166               | 15,348               |
| Consumer real estate   | —                    | —                    |
| Consumer other         | 12,947               | (140,820)            |
| Total                  | \$(39,929)           | \$(348,067)          |

We believe the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2014, is adequate to cover estimated losses in the loan portfolio; however, assessing the adequacy of the allowance is a process that requires considerable judgment. Our judgments are based on numerous assumptions about current events which we believe to be reasonable, but which may or may not be valid. Thus, there can be no assurance that loan losses in future periods will not exceed the current allowance amount or that future increases in the allowance will not be required. No assurance can be given that our ongoing evaluation of the loan portfolio in light of changing economic conditions and other relevant circumstances will not require significant future additions to the allowance, thus adversely affecting our operating results.

The following tables present a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

|                        | December 31, 2014            |   |  | December 31, 2013            |   |  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|---|--|
|                        | Allowance<br>by<br>loan type | Percentage<br>of<br>loans to<br>total loans |  | Allowance<br>by<br>loan type | Percentage<br>of<br>loans to<br>total loans |  |
| Commercial Loans       | \$1,211,130                  | 21 %  |  | \$1,448,804                  | 24 %  |  |
| Commercial Real Estate | 1,112,387                    | 50 %  |  | 1,064,363                    | 49 %  |  |
| Consumer real estate   | 906,255                      | 27 %  |  | 694,950                      | 25 %  |  |
| Consumer other         | 105,076                      | 2 %   |  | 84,160                       | 2 %   |  |
| Total                  | \$3,334,848                  | 100 %                                       |  | \$3,292,277                  | 100 %                                       |  |

The allowance is also subject to examination testing 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, and other adequacy tests. In addition, such regulatory agencies could require us to adjust its allowance based on information available to them at the time of their examination.

The methodology used to determine the reserve for unfunded lending commitments, which is included in other liabilities, is inherently similar to that used to determine the allowance for loan losses described above adjusted for factors specific to binding commitments, including the probability of funding and historical loss ratio. No provision was recorded during the year ended December 31, 2014 or the year ended December 31, 2013, resulting in no change to the balance of \$20,825.

**DEPOSITS**

|   |                  | Less<br>Than 3<br>Months | 3<br>Months<br>to Less<br>Than 6<br>Months | 6<br>Months<br>to Less<br>Than 1<br>Year | 1 Year<br>to Less<br>Than 5<br>Years | 5<br>years<br>or<br>More | Total    |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| (in 000's)                                    | <u>1<br/>Day</u> | <u>Months</u>            | <u>Months</u>                              | <u>Year</u>                              | <u>Years</u>                         |                          |          |
| CD's and other time deposits 100,000 and over | \$—              | \$16,828                 | \$15,637                                   | \$12,145                                 | \$1,231                              | \$ —                     | \$45,841 |
| CD's and other time deposits under 100,000    | \$88             | \$4,642                  | \$4,742                                    | \$5,388                                  | \$1,120                              | \$ —                     | \$15,980 |

Certificates of Deposit \$100,000 and over decreased \$6,674,620 or 12.71% for the year ended December 31, 2014, from \$52,516,487 at December 31, 2013. This decrease was primarily due to the maturity of four Certificates of Deposit with an aggregate balance of \$7.5 million. The funds were withdrawn to be used for personal and business expenses by the customers.

We fund growth through core deposits and do not rely on Brokered Deposits or Internet Deposits as a source to do so.

**SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS**

At December 31, 2014, we had no outstanding federal funds purchased with the option to borrow \$13,000,000 on short term lines of credit. In March 2012, we established a \$6 million REPO line with Raymond James (formerly Morgan Keegan). There have been no borrowings under this arrangement. We also established a Borrower-In-Custody arrangement with the Federal Reserve. This arrangement permits us to retain possession of assets pledged as collateral to secure advances from the Federal Reserve Discount Window. At December 31, 2014, we could borrow up to \$71 million. There have been no borrowings under this arrangement.

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase with customers mature on demand. These borrowings were collateralized by US Treasury Notes with an amortized cost of \$8,502,891 and a fair value of \$8,553,484 at December 31, 2014. The agreements to repurchase had a weighted average interest rate of .025% at December 31, 2014. The average amount of outstanding agreements to repurchase was \$2,426,044 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The securities underlying the repurchase agreement were held in safekeeping by an authorized broker. At the maturity date of this agreement, the securities will be returned to our account.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

In the normal course of operations, we engage in a variety of financial transactions that, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, 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. We use such transactions 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 customer requests for funding.

Our off-balance sheet arrangements consist principally of commitments to extend credit described below. We estimate probable losses related to binding unfunded lending commitments and record a reserve for unfunded lending commitments in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the balance of this reserve was \$20,825. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had no interests in non-consolidated special purpose entities.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. If deemed necessary, the amount of collateral obtained upon extension of credit is based on our credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, negotiable instruments, inventory, property, plant and equipment, and real estate. Commitments to extend credit, including unused lines of credit, amounted to \$62,597,548 and \$64,830,461 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Standby letters of credit represent our obligation to a third party contingent upon the failure of our customer to perform under the terms of an underlying contract with the third party or obligates us to guarantee or stand as surety for the benefit of the third party. The underlying contract may entail either financial or nonfinancial obligations and may involve such things as the shipment of goods, performance of a contract, or repayment of an obligation. Under the terms of a standby letter, generally drafts will be drawn only when the underlying event fails to occur as intended. We can seek recovery of the amounts paid from the borrower. The majority of these standby letters of credit are unsecured. Commitments under standby letters of credit are usually for one year or less. The maximum potential amount of undiscounted future payments related to standby letters of credit at December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$577,943 and \$557,593, respectively.

We originate certain fixed rate residential loans and commit these loans for sale. The commitments to originate fixed rate residential loans and the sales commitments are freestanding derivative instruments. We had forward sales commitments, totaling \$7,325,081 at December 31, 2014, to sell loans held for sale of \$7,325,081, compared to forward sales commitments of \$4,739,343 at December 31, 2013, to sell loans held for sale of \$4,739,343. The fair value of these commitments was not significant at December 31, 2014 or 2013. We had no embedded derivative instruments requiring separate accounting treatment.

Once we sell certain fixed rate residential loans, the loans are no longer reportable on our balance sheet. With most of these sales, we have an obligation to repurchase the loan in the event of a default of principal or interest on the loan. This recourse period ranges from three to nine months. Misrepresentation or fraud carries unlimited time for recourse. The unpaid principal balance of loans sold with recourse was \$7.4 million at December 31, 2014 and \$16.3 million at December 31, 2013. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were no loans repurchased.

#### EFFECT OF INFLATION AND CHANGING PRICES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles which require the measurement of financial position and results of operations in terms of historical dollars without

consideration of changes in the relative purchasing power over time due to inflation.

Unlike most other industries, the assets and liabilities of financial institutions such as the Company are primarily monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates generally have a more significant impact on our performance than do the effects of general levels of inflation and changes 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. We strive to manage the relationship between interest-sensitive assets and liabilities in order to protect against wide interest rate fluctuations, including those resulting from inflation.

## CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our capital needs have been met to date through the \$10,600,000 in capital raised in our initial offering, the retention of earnings less dividends paid and the exercise of stock options to purchase a total shareholders' equity at December 31, 2014, of \$36,759,982. The rate of asset growth since our inception has not negatively impacted this capital base. The current risk-based capital guidelines for financial institutions are designed to highlight differences in risk profiles among financial institutions and to account for off-balance sheet risk. The current guidelines established require a minimum risk-based capital ratio of 8% for bank holding companies and banks. The risk-based capital ratio at December 31, 2014 for the Bank was 14.88% and 14.57% at December 31, 2013. We do not know of any trends, events or uncertainties that may result in our capital resources materially increasing or decreasing.

We are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory – and possibly additional discretionary – actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a material effect on the financial statements. Under current capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, we must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of our assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Our capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

Current quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require that we maintain minimum amounts and ratios of total and Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets and to average assets. We believe, as of December 31, 2014, that the Company and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company and Bank are categorized as “well capitalized” under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as “well capitalized” the Company and the Bank must maintain minimum total risk based, Tier 1 risk based and Tier 1 leverage ratios of 10%, 6% and 5%, respectively, and to be categorized as “adequately capitalized,” the Company and the Bank must maintain minimum total risk based, Tier 1 risk based and Tier 1 leverage ratios of 8%, 4% and 4%, respectively. There are no current conditions or events that we believe would change the Company’s or the Bank’s category.

On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve Board approved the final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision’s (“BCBS”) capital guidelines for US banks. Under the final rules, minimum requirements will increase our quantity and quality of the capital. The rules include a new common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 4.5% and a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. The final rule also raises the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4% to 6% and requires a minimum leverage ratio of 4%. The final rule also implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments and improves the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity.

On July 9, 2013, the FDIC also approved, as an interim final rule, the regulatory capital requirements for US banks, following the actions of the Federal Reserve Bank. The FDIC’s rule is identical in substance to the final rules issued by the Federal Reserve Bank.

The phase-in-period for the final rules began on January 1, 2015, with full compliance with all of the final rule requirements phased in over a multi-year schedule. We believe that as of December 31, 2014, the Company and the Bank would remain “well capitalized” under the new rules.

Please see “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” for the Company’s and the Bank’s various capital ratios at December 31, 2014.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

See the Market Risk section in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation” included in Item 7 of this report.



**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors

Bank of South Carolina Corporation and Subsidiary  
Charleston, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Bank of South Carolina Corporation and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bank of South Carolina Corporation and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC

Charleston, South Carolina

March 6, 2015

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**BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

|   | DECEMBER 31,  |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | 2014          | 2013          |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |               |               |
| Cash and due from banks   | \$4,698,435   | \$6,043,375   |
| Interest-bearing deposits in other banks  | 5,680,613     | 16,080,721    |
| Investment securities available for sale (amortized cost of \$112,021,061 and \$93,130,918 in 2014 and 2013, respectively)  | 113,994,112   | 94,648,221    |
| Mortgage loans to be sold   | 7,325,081     | 4,739,343     |
| Loans   | 234,117,792   | 218,320,304   |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses   | (3,334,848 )  | (3,292,277 )  |
| Net loans   | 230,782,944   | 215,028,027   |
| Premises, equipment and leasehold improvements, net   | 2,352,423     | 2,454,861     |
| Other real estate owned   | 521,943       | —             |
| Accrued interest receivable   | 1,290,380     | 1,182,272     |
| Other assets  | 579,871       | 716,883       |
| Total assets  | \$367,225,802 | \$340,893,703 |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |               |               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |               |               |
| <b>Deposits:</b>  |               |               |
| Non-interest-bearing demand   | 107,072,271   | 90,574,330    |
| Interest-bearing demand   | 79,397,647    | 78,576,851    |
| Money market accounts   | 47,450,210    | 47,190,365    |
| Certificates of deposit \$100,000 and over  | 45,841,867    | 52,516,487    |
| Other time deposits   | 15,979,468    | 15,730,187    |
| Other savings deposits  | 26,677,564    | 20,654,435    |
| Total deposits  | 322,419,027   | 305,242,655   |
| Short-term borrowings   | 6,980,681     | —             |
| Accrued interest payable and other liabilities  | 1,066,112     | 911,905       |
| Total liabilities   | 330,465,820   | 306,154,560   |
| <b>Commitments and contingencies Notes 1 and 8</b>  |               |               |
| <b>Shareholders' equity</b>   |               |               |
| Common stock-no par 12,000,000 shares authorized; Issued 4,680,839 shares at December 31, 2014 and 4,678,399 at December 31, 2013; Shares outstanding 4,461,388 at December 31, 2014 and 4,458,888 at December 31, 2013 | —             | —             |
| Additional paid in capital  | 28,779,108    | 28,678,150    |
| Retained earnings   | 8,640,291     | 7,007,532     |
| Treasury stock: 219,451 shares at December 31, 2014 and 2013  | (1,902,439 )  | (1,902,439 )  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of income taxes   | 1,243,022     | 955,900       |
| Total shareholders' equity  | 36,759,982    | 34,739,143    |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity  | \$367,225,802 | \$340,893,703 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



**BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

**2014**

**2013**

**2012**

|   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Interest and fee income                             |              |              |              |
| Interest and fees on loans                          | \$11,263,048 | \$11,188,748 | \$11,032,927 |
| Interest and dividends on investment securities     | 2,105,475    | 1,482,594    | 1,347,520    |
| Other interest income                               | 49,731       | 80,450       | 82,412       |
| Total interest and fee income                       | 13,418,254   | 12,751,792   | 12,462,859   |
| Interest expense                                    |              |              |              |
| Interest on deposits                                | 408,266      | 416,128      | 455,619      |
| Interest on short-term borrowings                   | 681          | —            | —            |
| Total interest expense                              | 408,947      | 416,128      | 455,619      |
| Net interest income                                 | 13,009,307   | 12,335,664   | 12,007,240   |
| Provision for loan losses                           | 82,500       | 207,500      | 350,000      |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 12,926,807   | 12,128,164   | 11,657,240   |
| Other income  |              |              |              |
| Service charges, fees and commissions               | 921,638      | 943,627      | 926,050      |
| Mortgage banking income                             | 1,315,020    | 1,521,670    | 1,377,888    |
| Other non-interest income                           | 29,466       | 31,120       | 41,525       |
| Gain on other real estate owned                     | 2,382        | —            | —            |
| Gain on sale of securities                          | 312,577      | —            | —            |
| Total other income                                  | 2,581,083    | 2,496,417    | 2,345,463    |
| Other expense                                       |              |              |              |
| Salaries and employee benefits                      | 5,466,446    | 5,191,215    | 5,045,413    |
| Net occupancy expense                               | 1,473,700    | 1,406,680    | 1,356,845    |
| Other operating expenses                            | 2,171,058    | 2,119,955    | 2,329,367    |
| Total other expenses                                | 9,111,204    | 8,717,850    | 8,731,625    |
| Income before income tax expense                    | 6,396,686    | 5,906,731    | 5,271,078    |
| Income tax expense                                  | 1,997,866    | 1,829,807    | 1,604,250    |
| Net income  | \$4,398,820  | \$4,076,924  | \$3,666,828  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding                 |              |              |              |
| Basic   | 4,461,388    | 4,452,642    | 4,445,738    |
| Diluted   | 4,576,065    | 4,461,953    | 4,445,738    |
| Basic income per common share                       | \$0.99       | \$0.92       | \$0.82       |
| Diluted income per common share                     | \$0.96       | \$0.91       | \$0.82       |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

|  | 2014        | 2013        | 2012        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net income   | \$4,398,820 | \$4,076,924 | \$3,666,828 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:   |             |             |             |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on securities (net of tax \$168,627, \$730,715 and \$109,467, respectively) | 484,045     | (1,244,191) | 186,390     |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains included in income (net of tax \$115,654)                    | (196,923 )  | —           | —           |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax  | 287,122     | (1,244,191) | 186,390     |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$4,685,942 | \$2,832,733 | \$3,853,218 |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013, 2012

|  | ADDITIONAL<br>PAID IN<br>CAPITAL | RETAINED<br>EARNINGS | TREASURY<br>STOCK | ACCUMULATED<br>OTHER<br>COMPREHENSIVE<br>INCOME | TOTAL        |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|
| December 31, 2011                        | \$ 28,390,929                    | \$ 3,491,678         | \$(1,902,439)     | \$ 2,013,701                                    | \$31,993,869 |
| Net income                               | —                                | 3,666,828            | —                 | —   | 3,666,828    |
| Other Comprehensive income               | —                                | —                    | —                 | 186,390   | 186,390      |
| Exercise of Stock Options                | 11,094                           | —                    | —                 | —   | 11,094       |
| Stock-based compensation expense         | 72,928                           | —                    | —                 | —   | 72,928       |
| Cash dividends (\$0.45 per common share) | —                                | (2,000,667)          | —                 | —   | (2,000,667 ) |
| December 31, 2012                        | 28,474,951                       | 5,157,839            | (1,902,439)       | 2,200,091                                       | 33,930,442   |
| Net income                               | —                                | 4,076,924            | —                 | —   | 4,076,924    |
| Other Comprehensive income               | —                                | —                    | —                 | (1,244,191 )                                    | (1,244,191 ) |
| Exercise of Stock Options                | 128,477                          | —                    | —                 | —   | 128,477      |
| Stock-based compensation expense         | 74,722                           | —                    | —                 | —   | 74,722       |
| Cash dividends (\$0.50 per common share) | —                                | (2,227,231)          | —                 | —   | (2,227,231 ) |
| December 31, 2013                        | 28,678,150                       | 7,007,532            | (1,902,439)       | 955,900   | 34,739,143   |
| Net income                               | —                                | 4,398,820            | —                 | —   | 4,398,820    |
| Other Comprehensive income               | —                                | —                    | —                 | 287,122   | 287,122      |
| Exercise of Stock Options                | 26,050                           | —                    | —                 | —   | 26,050       |
| Stock-based compensation expense         | 74,908                           | —                    | —                 | —   | 74,908       |
| Cash dividends (\$0.62 per common share) | —                                | (2,766,061)          | —                 | —   | (2,766,061 ) |
| December 31, 2014                        | \$ 28,779,108                    | \$ 8,640,291         | \$(1,902,439)     | \$ 1,243,022                                    | \$36,759,982 |



## BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

|  | YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, |              |               |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | 2014                     | 2013         | 2012          |
| Cash flows from operating activities:  |                          |              |               |
| Net income   | \$4,398,820              | \$4,076,924  | \$3,666,828   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: |                          |              |               |
| Depreciation   | 200,178                  | 192,844      | 206,603       |
| Gain on sale of securities   | (312,577 )               | —            | —             |
| Gain on sale of other real estate  | (2,382 )                 | —            | —             |
| Provision for loan losses  | 82,500                   | 207,500      | 350,000       |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 74,908                   | 74,722       | 72,928        |
| Deferred income taxes  | 134,478                  | 59,829       | (183,607 )    |
| Net amortization of unearned discounts on investment securities                          | 303,036                  | 516,746      | 390,543       |
| Origination of mortgage loans held for sale  | (71,767,800)             | (81,762,793) | (108,699,648) |
| Proceeds from sale of mortgage loans held for sale                                       | 69,182,061               | 95,503,328   | 97,798,357    |
| (Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable and other assets                      | (274,201 )               | (36,138 )    | 502,361       |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable and other liabilities                    | 153,882                  | (74,111 )    | (12,081 )     |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities   | 2,172,903                | 18,758,851   | (5,907,716 )  |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |                          |              |               |
| Proceeds from calls and maturities of investment securities available for sale           | 1,920,000                | 2,325,000    | 3,745,000     |
| Proceeds from sale of available for sale securities                                      | 37,159,363               | —            | —             |
| Proceeds from sale of other real estate  | 37,855                   | —            | —             |
| Purchase of investment securities available for sale                                     | (57,959,964)             | (40,950,656) | (2,801,741 )  |
| Net increase in loans  | (16,394,833)             | (1,539,747 ) | (3,443,553 )  |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets   | —                        | —            | 1,628         |
| Purchase of premises, equipment and leasehold improvements, net                          | (97,740 )                | (160,913 )   | (83,058 )     |
| Net cash used by investing activities  | (35,335,319)             | (40,326,316) | (2,581,724 )  |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  |                          |              |               |
| Net increase (decrease) in deposit accounts  | 17,176,372               | 14,168,812   | (10,053,672 ) |
| Net increase in short-term borrowings  | 6,980,681                | —            | —             |
| Dividends paid   | (2,765,735 )             | (1,647,576 ) | (2,489,610 )  |
| Stock options exercised  | 26,050                   | 128,477      | 11,094        |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities   | 21,417,368               | 12,649,713   | (12,532,188 ) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  | (11,745,048)             | (8,917,752 ) | (21,021,628 ) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year   | 22,124,096               | 31,041,848   | 52,063,476    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year   | \$10,379,048             | \$22,124,096 | \$31,041,848  |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow data:   |                          |              |               |
| Cash paid during the year for:   |                          |              |               |
| Interest   | \$429,758                | \$410,598    | \$534,773     |
| Income taxes   | \$1,819,000              | \$1,892,000  | \$1,717,751   |

Supplemental disclosure for non-cash investing and financing activity:

|  |           |                |              |
|--|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| Change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of income taxes | \$287,122 | \$(1,244,191 ) | \$186,390    |
| Change in dividends payable  | \$325     | \$579,655      | \$(488,944 ) |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**1.SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies used in preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

**Accounting Estimates and Assumptions:**

The preparation of the financial statements are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), which require management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported periods. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates and assumptions. Material estimates generally susceptible to significant change are related to the determination of the allowance for loan losses, impaired loans, other real estate owned, asset prepayment rates and other-than-temporary impairment of investment securities.

We are not dependent on any single customer or limited number of customers, the loss of which would have a material adverse effect. No material portion of our business is seasonal.

**Principles of Consolidation:**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Bank of South Carolina Corporation (the “Company”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Bank of South Carolina (the “Bank”). In consolidation, all significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

References to “we”, “us”, “our”, “the Bank”, or “the Company” refer to the parent and its subsidiary that are consolidated for financial purposes.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and noninterest-bearing deposits, and interest-earning deposits. All amounts are readily convertible to cash and have maturities of less than 90 days.

**Investment Securities:**

We classify investments into three categories as follows: (1) Held to Maturity - debt securities that we have the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity, which are reported at amortized cost, adjusted for the amortization of any related premiums or the accretion of any related discounts into interest income using a methodology which approximates a level yield of interest over the estimated remaining period until maturity, (2) Trading - debt and equity securities that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term, which are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses included in earnings, and (3) Available for Sale - debt and equity securities that may be sold under certain conditions, which are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity, net of income taxes. Unrealized losses on securities due to fluctuations in fair value are recognized when it is determined that an other than temporary decline in value has occurred. Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments are recognized on a specific identification, trade date basis. All securities were classified as available for sale for 2014 and 2013. We do not have any mortgage-backed securities nor have we ever invested in mortgage-backed securities.

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**Mortgage Loans to be Sold:**

We originate fixed and variable rate residential mortgage loans on a service release basis in the secondary market. Loans closed but not yet settled with an investor are carried in our loans held for sale portfolio. These loans are fixed and variable rate residential mortgage loans that have been originated in our name and have closed. Virtually all of these loans have commitments to be purchased by investors and the majority of these loans were locked in by price with the investors on the same day or shortly thereafter that the loan was locked in with our customers. Therefore, these loans present very little market risk. We usually deliver to, and receive funding from, the investor within 30 to 60 days. Commitments to sell these loans to the investor are considered derivative contracts and are sold to investors on a “best efforts” basis. We are not obligated to deliver a loan or pay a penalty if a loan is not delivered to the investor. As a result of the short-term nature of these derivative contracts, the fair value of the mortgage loans held for sale in most cases is the same as the value of the loan amount at its origination.

Mortgage loans originated and intended for sale in the secondary market are carried at the lower of cost or estimated market value in the aggregate. Net unrealized losses are provided for in a valuation allowance by charges to operations as a component of mortgage banking income. At December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we had approximately \$7.3 million and \$4.7 million in mortgage loans held for sale, respectively. Gains or losses on sales of loans are recognized when control over these assets has been surrendered and are included in mortgage banking income in the consolidated statements of income.

**Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses:**

Loans are carried at principal amounts outstanding. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment to yield. Interest income on all loans is recorded on an accrual basis. The accrual of interest and the amortization of net loan fees are generally discontinued on loans which 1) are maintained on a cash basis because of deterioration in the financial condition of the borrower; 2) for which payment of full principal is not expected; or 3) upon which principal or interest has been in default for a period of 90 days or more. The accrual of interest, however, may continue on these loans if they are well secured, in the process of collection, and management deems it appropriate. Non-accrual loans are reviewed individually by management to determine if they should be returned to accrual status. We define past due loans based on contractual payment and maturity dates.

We account for nonrefundable fees and costs associated with originating or acquiring loans by requiring that loan origination fees be recognized over the life of the related loan as an adjustment on the loan’s yield. Certain direct loan origination costs shall be recognized over the life of the related loan as a reduction of the loan’s yield.

We account for impaired loans by requiring that all loans for which it is estimated that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the terms of the loan agreement be recorded at the loan's fair value. Fair value may be determined based upon the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, or the fair value of the collateral less cost to sell, if the loan is collateral dependent.

Additional accounting guidance allows us to use existing methods for recognizing interest income on an impaired loan. The guidance also requires additional disclosures about how we estimate interest income related to our impaired loans.

The accrual of interest is generally discontinued on loans that become 90 days past due as to principal or interest. The accrual of interest on some loans, however, may continue even though they are 90 days past due if the loans are well secured or in the process of collection and management deems it appropriate. If non-accrual loans decrease their past due status to less than 30 days for a period of six to nine months, they are reviewed individually by management to determine if they should be returned to accrual status.

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When the ultimate collectability of an impaired loan's principal is in doubt, wholly or partially, all cash receipts are applied to principal. Once the recorded principal balance has been reduced to zero, future cash receipts are applied to interest income, to the extent that any interest has been foregone. Further cash receipts are recorded as recoveries of any amounts previously charged off. When this doubt does not exist, cash receipts are applied under the contractual terms of the loan agreement first to interest income and then to principal.

A loan is also considered impaired if its terms are modified in a troubled debt restructuring ("TDR"). For this type of impaired loan, cash receipts are typically applied to principal and interest receivable in accordance with the terms of the restructured loan agreement. Interest income is recognized on these loans using the accrual method of accounting, provided they are performing in accordance with their restructured terms.

We believe that the allowance is adequate to absorb inherent losses in the loan portfolio; however, assessing the adequacy of the allowance is a process that requires considerable judgment. Our judgments are based on numerous assumptions about current events which we believe to be reasonable, but which may or may not be valid. Thus, there can be no assurance that loan losses in future periods will not exceed the current allowance amount or that future increases in the allowance will not be required. No assurance can be given that our ongoing evaluation of the loan portfolio, in light of changing economic conditions and other relevant circumstances, will not require significant future additions to the allowance, thus adversely affecting our operating results.

The allowance is also subject to examination 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 and other adequacy tests. In addition, such regulatory agencies could require us to adjust our allowance based on information available to us at the time of our examination.

The methodology used to determine the reserve for unfunded lending commitments, which is included in other liabilities, is inherently similar to the methodology used to determine the allowance for loan losses adjusted for factors specific to binding commitments, including the probability of funding and historical loss ratio.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:**

Our primary market consists of the counties of Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester, South Carolina. At December 31, 2014, the majority of the total loan portfolio, as well as a substantial portion of the commercial and real estate loan portfolios, were to borrowers within this region. No other areas of significant concentration of credit risk have been identified.

**Premises, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements and Depreciation:**

Buildings and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation, calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related assets - 40 years for buildings and 3 to 15 years for equipment. Amortization of leasehold improvements is recorded using the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful life of the asset or the term of the lease. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses as incurred.

**Other Real Estate Owned:**

Other real estate owned ("OREO") is carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value. Fair value is based upon independent market prices, appraised values of the collateral, or our estimation of the value of the collateral. Gains and losses on the sale of OREO and subsequent write-downs from periodic re-evaluation are charged to other operating income. We had one property valued at \$521,943 classified as OREO at December 31, 2014. Another property valued at \$35,473 classified as OREO was ultimately sold at a gain of \$2,382 during the year ended December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2013, we did not have any.



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**Income Taxes:**

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Net deferred tax assets are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

Accounting standards require the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements. These standards also prescribe a recognition threshold and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in an enterprise's tax return. We believe that we had no uncertain tax positions for the year ended December 31, 2014 or for the year ended December 31, 2013.

**Stock-Based Compensation:**

Stock options are periodically granted to employees at an exercise price not less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares at the date of the grant. All employees are eligible to participate in this plan if the Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, determines that such person has contributed or can be expected to contribute to our profits or growth. Fair value is determined using an option-pricing model that takes into account the stock price at the grant date, the exercise price, the expected life of the option, the volatility of the underlying stock and its expected dividends, and the risk-free interest rate over the expected life of the option.

**Income Per Common Share:**

Basic income per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding. Potential common shares consist of dilutive stock options determined using the treasury stock method and the average market price of common stock.

**Comprehensive Income:**

We apply accounting standards which establish guidance for the reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components in a full set of general purpose financial statements. Comprehensive income consists of net income and net unrealized gains or losses on securities.

**Segment Information:**

We report operating segments in accordance with accounting standards. Operating segments are components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President in deciding how to allocate resources and assess performance. Accounting standards require that a public enterprise report a measure of segment profit or loss, certain specific revenue and expense items, segment assets, information about the way that the operating segments were determined and other items. The Company has one reporting segment, The Bank of South Carolina.

**Derivative Instruments:**

Accounting standards require that all derivative instruments be recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. The accounting for the gain or loss due to change in fair value of the derivative instrument depends on whether the derivative instrument qualifies as a hedge. If the derivative does not qualify as a hedge, the gains or losses are reported in earnings when they occur. However, if the derivative instrument qualifies as a hedge, the accounting varies based on the type of risk being hedged.

We had no embedded derivative instruments requiring separate accounting treatment. We had freestanding derivative instruments consisting of fixed rate conforming loan commitments as interest rate locks and commitments to sell fixed rate conforming loans on a best efforts basis. We do not currently engage in hedging activities. Based on short term fair value of the mortgage loans held for sale (derivative contract), our derivative instruments were immaterial as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

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**Cash Flows:**

Cash and cash equivalents include working cash funds, due from banks, interest-bearing deposits in other banks, items in process of collection and federal funds sold. To comply with Federal Reserve regulations, we are required to maintain certain average cash reserve balances. Our daily reserve requirement in 2014 and 2013 was satisfied by vault cash.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements:**

The following is a summary of recent authoritative pronouncements that could impact the accounting, reporting and/or disclosure of financial information by the Company.

In January 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") amended the Receivables topic of the Accounting Standards Codification. The amendments are intended to resolve diversity in practice with respect to when a creditor should reclassify a collateralized consumer mortgage loan to OREO. In addition, the amendments require a creditor reclassify a collateralized consumer mortgage loan to OREO upon obtaining legal title to the real estate collateral, or the borrower voluntarily conveying all interest in the real estate property to the lender to satisfy the loan through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or similar legal agreement. The amendments became effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2014, with early implementation of the guidance permitted. In implementing this guidance, assets that are reclassified from real estate to loans are measured at the carrying value of the real estate at the date of adoption. Assets reclassified from loans to real estate are measured at the lower of the net amount of the loan receivable or the fair value of the real estate less costs to sell at the date of adoption. We will apply the amendments prospectively using a modified retrospective approach. We do not expect these amendments to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued guidance to change the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. The core principle of the new guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to reflect the transfer of goods and services to customers in an amount equal to the consideration the entity receives or expects to receive. The guidance will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We will apply the guidance using a modified retrospective approach. We do not expect these amendments to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2014, the FASB issued guidance which makes limited amendments to the guidance on accounting for certain repurchase agreements. The guidance (1) requires entities to account for repurchase-to-maturity transactions as

secured borrowings (rather than as sales with forward repurchase agreements), (2) eliminates accounting guidance on linked repurchase financing transactions, and (3) expands disclosure requirements related to certain transfers of financial assets that are accounted for as sales and certain transfers (specifically repos, securities lending transactions, and repurchase-to-maturity transactions) accounted for as secured borrowings. The amendments became effective for the Company for the first interim or annual period beginning after December 31, 2014. The Company will apply the guidance by making a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. We do not expect these amendments to have a material effect on our financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued guidance that is intended to define management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an organization's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. In connection with preparing financial statements, management will need to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued. The amendments will be effective for annual periods ending after December 31, 2016, and for annual and interim periods thereafter. We do not expect these amendments to have a material effect on our financial statements.

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In January 2015, the FASB issued guidance that eliminated the concept of extraordinary items from U.S. GAAP. Existing U.S. GAAP required that an entity separately classify, present, and disclose extraordinary events and transactions. The amendments will eliminate the requirements for reporting entities to consider whether an underlying event or transaction is extraordinary, however, the presentation and disclosure guidance for items that are unusual in nature and infrequently occurring. The amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The amendments may be applied either prospectively or retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the financial statements. Early adoption is permitted provided that the guidance is applied from the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. We do not expect these amendments to have a material effect on our financial statements.

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies are not expected to have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Reclassification**

Certain reclassifications of accounts reported for previous periods have been made in these consolidated financial statements. Such reclassifications had no effect on shareholders' equity or the net income as previously reported.

**2. INVESTMENT SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale are summarized as follows:

|                                  | DECEMBER 31, 2014 |                              |                               |                            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | AMORTIZED<br>COST | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>GAINS | GROSS<br>UNREALIZED<br>LOSSES | ESTIMATED<br>FAIR<br>VALUE |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | \$29,162,412      | \$ 105,627                   | \$ 19,758                     | \$29,248,281               |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 50,194,951        | 95,961                       | 148,263                       | 50,142,649                 |
| Municipal Securities             | 32,663,698        | 1,973,743                    | 34,259                        | 34,603,182                 |

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|       |               |              |            |               |
|-------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Total | \$112,021,061 | \$ 2,175,331 | \$ 202,280 | \$113,994,112 |
|-------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|

|                                  | DECEMBER 31, 2013 |              |            |              |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                                  | AMORTIZED         | GROSS        | GROSS      | ESTIMATED    |
|                                  | COST              | UNREALIZED   | UNREALIZED | FAIR         |
|                                  |                   | GAINS        | LOSSES     | VALUE        |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | \$15,841,901      | \$ 58,429    | \$ 67,929  | \$15,832,401 |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 43,582,119        | 363,981      | 311,062    | 43,635,038   |
| Municipal Securities             | 33,706,898        | 1,599,638    | 125,754    | 35,180,782   |
| Total                            | \$93,130,918      | \$ 2,022,048 | \$ 504,745 | \$94,648,221 |

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of investment securities available for sale at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, by contractual maturity are as follows:

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|                                | DECEMBER 31, 2014 |                            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                                | AMORTIZED<br>COST | ESTIMATED<br>FAIR<br>VALUE |
| Due in one year or less        | \$8,324,400       | \$8,362,398                |
| Due in one year to five years  | 43,301,670        | 43,851,426                 |
| Due in five years to ten years | 52,566,597        | 53,671,067                 |
| Due in ten years and over      | 7,828,394         | 8,109,221                  |
| Total                          | \$112,021,061     | \$113,994,112              |

|                                | DECEMBER 31, 2013 |                            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                                | AMORTIZED<br>COST | ESTIMATED<br>FAIR<br>VALUE |
| Due in one year or less        | \$11,048,145      | \$11,147,251               |
| Due in one year to five years  | 39,310,800        | 39,914,350                 |
| Due in five years to ten years | 31,907,109        | 32,503,090                 |
| Due in ten years and over      | 10,864,864        | 11,083,530                 |
| Total                          | \$93,130,918      | \$94,648,221               |

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we realized a gain of \$312,577 on the sale of ten investment securities with an aggregate amortized cost of \$36,846,786. There were no securities sold during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Investment securities with an aggregate amortized cost of \$48,268,706 and estimated fair value of \$50,212,002 at December 31, 2014, were pledged to secure deposits and other balances, as required or permitted by law.

At December 31, 2014, we had two US Treasury Notes with an unrealized loss of \$19,758, seven Agency Notes with an unrealized loss of \$148,263, and three Municipal Securities with an unrealized loss of \$34,259, compared to three US Treasury Notes with an unrealized loss of \$67,929, five Agency Notes with an unrealized loss of \$311,062, and six Municipal Securities with an unrealized loss of \$125,754 at December 31, 2013. The unrealized losses on investments were caused by interest rate increases. The contractual terms of these investments do not permit the issuer

to settle the securities at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. Therefore, these investments are not considered other-than-temporarily impaired. We have the ability to hold these investments until market price recovery or maturity. Gross unrealized losses and the estimated fair value of the related securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are as follows:

| Descriptions of Securities       | DECEMBER 31, 2014   |            |                     |            |            |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                  | Less than 12 months |            | 12 months or longer |            | Total      |            |
|                                  | Fair                | Unrealized | Fair                | Unrealized | Fair       | Unrealized |
|                                  | Value               | Losses     | Value               | Losses     | Value      | Losses     |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | 4,948,438           | 19,758     |                     |            | 4,948,438  | 19,758     |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 28,850,132          | 148,263    |                     |            | 28,850,132 | 148,263    |
| Municipal Securities             | 931,428             | 27,182     | 1,557,833           | 7,077      | 2,489,261  | 34,259     |
| Total                            | 34,729,998          | 195,203    | 1,557,833           | 7,077      | 36,287,831 | 202,280    |



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| Descriptions of Securities       | DECEMBER 31, 2013   |                   |                     |                   |            |                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Less than 12 months |                   | 12 months or longer |                   | Total      |                   |
|                                  | Fair Value          | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value          | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Unrealized Losses |
| U.S. Treasury Notes              | 9,713,619           | 67,929            |                     |                   | 9,713,619  | 67,929            |
| Government-Sponsored Enterprises | 20,027,016          | 311,062           |                     |                   | 20,027,016 | 311,062           |
| Municipal Securities             | 2,496,742           | 125,652           | 401,624             | 102               | 2,898,366  | 125,754           |
| Total                            | 32,237,377          | 504,643           | 401,624             | 102               | 32,639,001 | 504,745           |

The following table reconciles the changes in Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

## Level 3

## Municipal Securities

December 31,

|   | 2014         | 2013         |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance                             | \$ 1,525,337 | \$ 1,740,341 |
| Total gains or (losses) (realized/unrealized) |              |              |
| Included in earnings                          | —            | —            |
| Included in other comprehensive income        | 16,752       | (55,004 )    |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements          | (165,000 )   | (160,000 )   |
| Transfers in and/or out of level 3            | —            | —            |
| Ending Balance                                | \$ 1,377,089 | \$ 1,525,337 |

### 3. LOANS

Major classifications of loans (including deferred fees of \$89,441 and \$66,289) are as follows:

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2014                      2013

|                                     |               |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Commercial loans                    | \$49,899,577  | \$53,303,569  |
| Commercial real estate:             |               |               |
| Commercial real estate construction | 1,511,702     | 1,516,545     |
| Commercial real estate other        | 115,739,682   | 104,740,578   |
| Consumer:                           |               |               |
| Consumer real estate                | 62,054,983    | 54,669,359    |
| Consumer other                      | 4,911,848     | 4,090,253     |
|                                     | 234,117,792   | 218,320,304   |
| Allowance for loan losses           | (3,334,848 )  | (3,292,277 )  |
| Loans, net                          | \$230,782,944 | \$215,028,027 |

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Changes in the Allowance for Loan Losses are summarized as follows:

|                              | YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, |             |             |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | 2014                     | 2013        | 2012        |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$3,292,277              | \$3,432,844 | \$3,106,884 |
| Provision for loan losses    | 82,500                   | 207,500     | 350,000     |
| Charge offs                  | (113,030 )               | (391,401 )  | (172,288 )  |
| Recoveries                   | 73,101                   | 43,334      | 148,248     |
| Balance at end of year       | \$3,334,848              | \$3,292,277 | \$3,432,844 |

We had impaired loans totaling \$7,051,127 as of December 31, 2014 compared to \$7,136,907 at December 31, 2013. Impaired loans include non-accrual loans with balances at December 31, 2014, and 2013, of \$882,413 and \$1,575,440, respectively, and TDR's with balances at December 31, 2014 and 2013 of \$466,541 and \$1,196,341, respectively. One loan receivable reported with a non-accrual status in the amount of \$61,959 at December 31, 2013, was returned to accrual status during the year ended December 31, 2014. The borrower had a documented change in income and employment. In addition, the customer made payments consistently, reducing their past due status to less than 30 days for a period of over 6 months. All principal and interest are current and repayment of the remaining contractual principal and interest is expected. The balance of this loan was \$48,959 at December 31, 2014. One loan receivable was placed on non-accrual status during the year ended December 31, 2014. The balance of this loan receivable was \$204,414 at December 31, 2014. In addition, two loan receivables in the amount of \$557,416 at December 31, 2013, were moved to Other Real Estate Owned ("OREO") during the year ended December 31, 2014. One of these loan receivables valued at \$35,473 was ultimately sold at a gain of \$2,382 during the year ended December 31, 2014.

We had two restructured loans at December 31, 2014, and four restructured loans at December 31, 2013. According to GAAP, we are required to account for certain loan modifications or restructuring as a TDR, when appropriate. In general, the modification or restructuring of a debt is considered a TDR if we, for economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties, grant a concession to the borrower that we would not otherwise consider. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, troubled debt restructurings had an aggregate balance of \$466,541 and \$1,196,341, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2014, a loan receivable with a balance of \$596,125 at December 31, 2013, was removed from a TDR status. The borrower consistently paid as agreed and made substantial reductions to principal. Refinance guidance FASB ASC 310-20-35-9 allows for a loan to be removed from the TDR status if the terms of the loan reflect current market rates. To be in compliance with its modified terms, a loan that is a TDR must not be in nonaccrual status and must be current or less than 30 days past due on its contractual principal and interest payments under the modified repayment terms. Although we removed this loan receivable from a TDR status, it will remain classified as an impaired loan and will continue to be recorded, evaluated and disclosed as such. The balance of this loan was \$494,933 at December 31, 2014. In addition, one loan receivable with a balance of \$106,194 at

December 31, 2013, was paid off during the year ended December 31, 2014. There were no additional loans identified as a TDR during the year ended December 31, 2014. In the past 12 months, no loan identified as a TDR defaulted.

The accrual of interest is generally discontinued on loans, which become 90 days past due as to principal or interest. The accrual of interest on some loans, however, may continue even though they are 90 days past due if the loans are well secured or in the process of collection and we deem it appropriate. If non-accrual loans decrease their past due status to less than 30 days for a period of six to nine months, they are reviewed individually to determine if they should be returned to accrual status.

There were three loans over 90 days past due and still accruing interest at December 31, 2014. This resulted from unusual circumstances with two customers that have had a long-term relationship with the bank. The customers are currently working to bring the loans current with improved cash flow in their respective businesses. There were no loans over 90 days past due still accruing interest at December 31, 2013.

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The following is a summary of the non-accrual loans as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Loans Receivable on Non-Accrual       |           |
| December 31, 2014                     |           |
| Commercial                            | \$—       |
| Commercial Real Estate:               |           |
| Commercial Real Estate - Construction | —         |
| Commercial Real Estate - Other        | 882,413   |
| Consumer:                             |           |
| Consumer - Real Estate                | —         |
| Consumer - Other                      | —         |
| Total                                 | \$882,413 |

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Loans Receivable on Non-Accrual       |             |
| December 31, 2013                     |             |
| Commercial                            | \$—         |
| Commercial Real Estate:               |             |
| Commercial Real Estate - Construction | —           |
| Commercial Real Estate - Other        | 1,507,209   |
| Consumer:                             | —           |
| Consumer - Real Estate                | 68,231      |
| Consumer - Other                      | —           |
| Total                                 | \$1,575,440 |

The following is a schedule of our delinquent loans, excluding mortgage loans to be sold, as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

| December 31, 2014 |                 |                 |  | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans Receivable | Recorded Investment |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|----------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 30-59 Days Past   | 60-89 Days Past | Greater Than 90 |  |                |         |                        |                     |

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|  | Due        | Due     | Days      |           |             |             | > 90 Days<br>and<br>Accruing |
|--|------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Commercial                               | \$ 557,608 | 2,474   | —         | 560,082   | 49,339,495  | 49,899,577  | —                            |
| Commercial Real Estate:                  |            |         |           |           |             |             |                              |
| Commercial Real Estate -<br>Construction | —          | —       | —         | —         | 1,511,702   | 1,511,702   | —                            |
| Commercial Real Estate -<br>Other        | 229,607    | 589,705 | 1,665,673 | 2,484,985 | 113,254,697 | 115,739,682 | 1,274,119                    |
| Consumer:                                |            |         |           |           |             |             |                              |
| Consumer Real Estate                     | —          | —       | —         | —         | 62,054,983  | 62,054,983  | —                            |
| Consumer - Other                         | 17,468     | —       | —         | 17,468    | 4,894,380   | 4,911,848   | —                            |
| Total                                    | \$ 804,683 | 592,179 | 1,665,673 | 3,062,535 | 231,055,257 | 234,117,792 | 1,274,119                    |

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|  | December 31, 2013         |                           |                            |                   |             |                           |  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
|  | 30-59<br>Days Past<br>Due | 60-89<br>Days Past<br>Due | Greater<br>Than 90<br>Days | Total Past<br>Due | Current     | Total Loans<br>Receivable | Recorded<br>Investment<br>> 90<br>Days and<br>Accruing |
| Commercial                               | \$230,848                 | 78,200                    | —                          | 309,048           | 52,994,521  | 53,303,569                | —  |
| Commercial Real Estate:                  |                           |                           |                            |                   |             |                           |  |
| Commercial Real Estate -<br>Construction | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                 | 1,516,545   | 1,516,545                 | —  |
| Commercial Real Estate -<br>Other        | 689,859                   | 226,314                   | 754,168                    | 1,670,341         | 103,070,237 | 104,740,578               | —  |
| Consumer:                                |                           |                           |                            |                   |             |                           |  |
| Consumer Real Estate                     | —                         | —                         | —                          | —                 | 54,669,359  | 54,669,359                | —  |
| Consumer - Other                         | 24,399                    | —                         | —                          | 24,399            | 4,065,854   | 4,090,253                 | —  |
| Total                                    | \$945,106                 | 304,514                   | 754,168                    | 2,003,788         | 216,316,516 | 218,320,304               | —  |

We grant short to intermediate term commercial and consumer loans to customers throughout our primary market area of Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties of South Carolina. Our primary market area is heavily dependent on tourism and medical services. Although we have a diversified loan portfolio, a substantial portion of our debtors' ability to honor their contracts is dependent upon the stability of the economic environment in their primary market including the government, tourism and medical industries. The majority of the loan portfolio is located in our immediate market area with a concentration in Real Estate Related, Offices and Clinics of Medical Doctors, Real Estate Agents and Managers, and Legal Services.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, loans individually evaluated and considered impaired are presented in the following table:

## Impaired and Restructured Loans

As of the Year Ended December 31, 2014

| With no related allowance recorded: | Unpaid<br>Principal<br>Balance | Recorded<br>Investment | Related<br>Allowance |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial                          | \$634,865                      | \$634,865              | \$—                  |
| Commercial Real Estate              | 3,349,844                      | 3,349,844              | —                    |

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|                             |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Consumer Real Estate        | 351,140     | 351,140     | —           |
| Consumer Other              | —           | —           | —           |
| Total                       | \$4,335,849 | \$4,335,849 | \$—         |
| With an allowance recorded: |             |             |             |
| Commercial                  | \$1,157,560 | \$1,157,560 | \$784,561   |
| Commercial Real Estate      | 846,008     | 846,008     | 209,189     |
| Consumer Real Estate        | 672,163     | 672,163     | 250,590     |
| Consumer Other              | 39,547      | 39,547      | 39,547      |
| Total                       | \$2,715,278 | \$2,715,278 | \$1,283,887 |
| Grand Total                 | \$7,051,127 | \$7,051,127 | \$1,283,887 |



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## Impaired and Restructured Loans

As of the Year Ended December 31, 2014

| With no related allowance recorded: | Unpaid<br>Principal<br>Balance | Recorded<br>Investment | Related<br>Allowance |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial                          | \$471,080                      | \$634,865              | \$—                  |
| Commercial Real Estate              | 2,213,271                      | 2,213,271              | —                    |
| Consumer Real Estate                | 200,399                        | 200,399                | —                    |
| Consumer Other                      | —                              | —                      | —                    |
| Total                               | \$2,884,750                    | \$2,884,750            | \$—                  |
| With an allowance recorded:         |                                |                        |                      |
| Commercial                          | \$1,175,329                    | \$1,175,329            | \$1,175,329          |
| Commercial Real Estate              | 2,191,875                      | 2,191,875              | 535,766              |
| Consumer Real Estate                | 842,127                        | 842,127                | 423,705              |
| Consumer Other                      | 42,826                         | 42,826                 | 42,826               |
| Total                               | \$4,252,157                    | \$4,252,157            | \$2,177,626          |
| Grand Total                         | \$7,136,907                    | \$7,136,907            | \$2,177,626          |

The following table presents by class, information related to the average recorded investments and interest income recognized on impaired loans for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

## Impaired and Restructured Loans For the Year Ended

|                                     | December 31, 2014 |            | December 31, 2013 |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                     | Average           | Interest   | Average           | Interest   |
| With no related allowance recorded: | Recorded          | Income     | Recorded          | Income     |
|                                     | Investment        | Recognized | Investment        | Recognized |
| Commercial                          | 647,135           | 18,129     | 424,733           | 36,465     |
| Commercial Real Estate              | 3,515,431         | 177,416    | 2,427,681         | 152,529    |
| Consumer Real Estate                | 351,550           | 12,877     | 200,339           | 9,079      |
| Consumer-Other                      | —                 | —          | —                 | —          |
| Total                               | 4,514,116         | 208,422    | 3,052,753         | 198,073    |
| With an allowance recorded:         |                   |            |                   |            |
|                                     | 1,222,383         | 56,432     | 1,213,799         | 58,955     |

|                        |           |         |           |         |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Commercial             |           |         |           |         |
| Commercial Real Estate | 790,998   | 29,218  | 2,083,729 | 78,453  |
| Consumer Real Estate   | 688,922   | 34,154  | 866,800   | 32,633  |
| Consumer Other         | 41,631    | 1,923   | 46,697    | 2,268   |
| Total                  | 2,743,934 | 121,727 | 4,211,025 | 172,309 |
| Grand Total            | 7,258,050 | 330,149 | 7,263,778 | 370,382 |

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The following table illustrates credit risks by category and internally assigned grades at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

## December 31, 2014

|              | Commercial   | Commercial<br>Real Estate<br>Construction | Commercial<br>Real Estate<br>Other | Consumer –<br>Real Estate | Consumer –<br>Other | Total         |
|--------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Pass         | \$45,154,058 | \$ 1,062,185                              | \$108,568,274                      | \$58,744,677              | \$4,512,912         | \$218,042,106 |
| Watch        | 2,401,715    | —   | 1,697,883                          | 1,818,923                 | 276,557             | 6,195,078     |
| OAEM         | 551,380      | 449,517                                   | 1,378,436                          | 467,482                   | 82,832              | 2,929,647     |
| Sub-Standard | 1,792,424    | —   | 4,095,089                          | 1,023,901                 | 39,547              | 6,950,961     |
| Doubtful     | —            | —   | —                                  | —                         | —                   | —             |
| Loss         | —            | —   | —                                  | —                         | —                   | —             |
| Total        | \$49,899,577 | \$ 1,511,702                              | \$115,739,682                      | \$62,054,983              | \$4,911,848         | \$234,117,792 |

## December 31, 2013

|              | Commercial   | Commercial<br>Real Estate<br>Construction | Commercial<br>Real Estate<br>Other | Consumer –<br>Real Estate | Consumer –<br>Other | Total         |
|--------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Pass         | \$48,383,912 | \$ 1,516,545                              | \$95,942,918                       | \$50,846,709              | \$3,703,400         | \$200,393,484 |
| Watch        | 1,962,292    | —   | 1,902,129                          | 1,933,566                 | 191,081             | 5,989,068     |
| OAEM         | 546,938      | —   | 2,234,023                          | 654,076                   | 76,097              | 3,511,134     |
| Sub-Standard | 2,410,427    | —   | 4,661,508                          | 1,235,008                 | 119,675             | 8,426,618     |
| Doubtful     | —            | —   | —                                  | —                         | —                   | —             |
| Loss         | —            | —   | —                                  | —                         | —                   | —             |
| Total        | \$53,303,569 | \$ 1,516,545                              | \$104,740,578                      | \$54,669,359              | \$4,090,253         | \$218,320,304 |

The following table sets forth the changes in the allowance and an allocation of the allowance by loan category at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. The allocation of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged-off. The allowance consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that are individually classified as impaired. The general component covers non-impaired loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for current economic factors described above.



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December 31, 2014

|   | Commercial   | Commercial<br>Real Estate | Consumer<br>Real Estate | Consumer<br>Other | Total         |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Allowance for Loan Losses                     |              |                           |                         |                   |               |
| Beginning Balance                             | \$1,448,804  | \$1,064,363               | \$694,950               | \$84,160          | \$3,292,277   |
| Charge-offs                                   | (83,042 )    | (15,834 )                 | —                       | (14,154 )         | (113,030 )    |
| Recoveries                                    | —            | 46,000                    | —                       | 27,101            | 73,101        |
| Provisions                                    | (154,632 )   | 17,858                    | 211,305                 | 7,969             | 82,500        |
| Ending Balance                                | 1,211,130    | 1,112,387                 | 906,255                 | 105,076           | 3,334,848     |
| Allowance for Loan Losses Ending<br>Balances: |              |                           |                         |                   |               |
| Individually evaluated for impairment         | 784,561      | 209,189                   | 250,590                 | 39,547            | 1,283,887     |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment         | 426,569      | 903,198                   | 655,665                 | 65,529            | 2,050,961     |
| Investment in Loans Ending Balance            |              |                           |                         |                   |               |
| Individually evaluated for impairment         | 1,792,425    | 4,195,852                 | 1,023,303               | 39,547            | 7,051,127     |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment         | \$48,107,152 | \$113,055,532             | \$61,031,680            | \$4,872,301       | \$227,066,665 |

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|   | December 31, 2013 |                           |                         |                   |               |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|   | Commercial        | Commercial<br>Real Estate | Consumer<br>Real Estate | Consumer<br>Other | Total         |
| Allowance for Loan Losses                     |                   |                           |                         |                   |               |
| Beginning Balance                             | \$1,576,002       | \$767,170                 | \$977,859               | \$111,813         | \$3,432,844   |
| Charge-offs                                   | (245,599 )        | —                         | —                       | (145,802 )        | (391,401 )    |
| Recoveries                                    | 23,004            | 15,348                    | —                       | 4,982             | 43,334        |
| Provisions                                    | 95,397            | 281,845                   | (282,909 )              | 113,167           | 207,500       |
| Ending Balance                                | 1,448,804         | 1,064,363                 | 694,950                 | 84,160            | 3,292,277     |
| Allowance for Loan Losses Ending<br>Balances: |                   |                           |                         |                   |               |
| Individually evaluated for impairment         | 1,175,329         | 535,766                   | 423,705                 | 42,826            | 2,177,626     |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment         | 273,145           | 528,597                   | 271,245                 | 41,344            | 1,114,651     |
| Investment in Loans Ending Balance            |                   |                           |                         |                   |               |
| Individually evaluated for impairment         | 1,646,409         | 4,405,146                 | 1,042,526               | 42,826            | 7,136,907     |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment         | \$51,657,160      | \$101,851,977             | \$53,626,833            | \$4,047,427       | \$211,183,397 |

Restructured loans (loans, still accruing interest, which have been renegotiated at below-market interest rates or for which other concessions have been granted) were \$466,541 and \$1,196,341 at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, and are illustrated in the following table. The following restructured loans were renegotiated to interest only. All restructured loans were performing as agreed as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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## Modification

As of December 31, 2014

|  | Number<br>of<br>Contracts | Pre-Modification<br>Outstanding<br>Recorded<br>Investment | Post-Modification<br>Outstanding<br>Recorded<br>Investment |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| Troubled Debt Restructurings                             |                           |   |  |
| Commercial   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Commercial Real Estate                                   | 2                         | \$ 466,541  | \$ 466,541   |
| Commercial Real Estate Construction                      | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Prime                               | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Subprime                            | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Other   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Troubled Debt Restructurings That Subsequently Defaulted |                           |   |  |
| Commercial   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Commercial Real Estate                                   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Commercial Real Estate Construction                      | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Prime                               | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Subprime                            | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Other   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |

## Modification

As of December 31, 2013

|  | Number<br>of<br>Contracts | Pre-Modification<br>Outstanding<br>Recorded<br>Investment | Post-Modification<br>Outstanding<br>Recorded<br>Investment |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| Troubled Debt Restructurings                             |                           |   |  |
| Commercial   | 1                         | 106,194   | 106,194  |
| Commercial Real Estate                                   | 3                         | \$ 1,090,147  | \$ 1,090,147   |
| Commercial Real Estate Construction                      | —                         | —   | —  |
| Consumer Real Estate-Prime                               | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Subprime                            | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Other   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Troubled Debt Restructurings That Subsequently Defaulted |                           |   |  |
| Commercial   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Commercial Real Estate                                   | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Commercial Real Estate Construction                      | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Prime                               | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |
| Consumer Real Estate-Subprime                            | —                         | \$ —  | \$ —   |

Consumer Other

— \$ — \$ —

We had one property valued at \$521,943 classified as OREO at December 31, 2014. Another property valued at \$35,473 classified as OREO during 2014, was ultimately sold at a gain of \$2,382. At December 31, 2013, we did not have any OREO.



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The following table summarizes the activity in the other real estate owned at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

|                            | December<br>31,<br>2014 | December<br>31,<br>2013 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$—                     | \$ —                    |
| Additions-foreclosure      | 557,416                 | —                       |
| Sales                      | 35,473                  | —                       |
| Write-downs                | —                       | —                       |
| Balance, end of year       | \$521,943               | \$ —                    |

**4. Premises, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements**

Premises, equipment and leasehold improvements are summarized as follows:

|                          | December 31,<br>2014 | 2013        |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Bank buildings           | \$1,824,613          | \$1,824,613 |
| Land                     | 838,075              | 838,075     |
| Leasehold purchase       | 30,000               | 30,000      |
| Lease improvements       | 684,083              | 681,168     |
| Construction in process  | 11,754               | —           |
| Equipment                | 2,940,401            | 2,857,330   |
|                          | 6,328,926            | 6,231,186   |
| Accumulated depreciation | (3,976,503)          | (3,776,325) |
| Total                    | \$2,352,423          | \$2,454,861 |

Depreciation and amortization on our bank premises and equipment charged to operating expense totaled \$200,178 in 2014, \$192,844 in 2013, and \$206,603 in 2012.

## **5. DEPOSITS**

At December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more totaled approximately \$45,841,867, \$52,516,487, and \$40,903,886, respectively. Interest expense on these deposits was \$184,900 in 2014, \$191,794 in 2013, and \$200,415 in 2012.

At December 31, 2014, the schedule maturities of certificates of deposit are as follows:

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 2015                | \$59,449,639 |
| 2016                | 1,452,840    |
| 2017                | 373,510      |
| 2018                | 178,456      |
| 2019 and thereafter | 366,890      |
|                     | \$61,821,335 |

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At December 31, 2014, deposits with a deficit balance of \$58,364 were re-classified as other loans, compared to \$64,985 at December 31, 2013.

**6. Short-Term Borrowings**

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase with customers mature on demand. These borrowings were collateralized by US Treasury Notes with an amortized cost of \$8,502,891 and a fair value of \$8,553,484 at December 31, 2014. The agreements to repurchase had a weighted average interest rate of .025% at December 31, 2014. The average amount of outstanding agreements to repurchase was \$2,426,044 during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. An authorized broker held the securities underlying the repurchase agreements in safekeeping. At the maturity date of this agreement, the securities will be returned to our account. The securities underlying the repurchase agreements were held in safekeeping by an authorized broker.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had no outstanding federal funds purchased. In March 2012, we established a \$6 million REPO Line with Raymond James (formerly Morgan Keegan). There have been no borrowings under this arrangement. In addition, we established a Borrower-In-Custody arrangement with the Federal Reserve. This arrangement permits the Company to retain possession of loans pledged as collateral to secure advances from the Federal Reserve Discount Window. Under this agreement, we may borrow up to \$71 million. We established this arrangement as an additional source of liquidity. There have been no borrowings under this arrangement.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Bank had unused short-term lines of credit totaling approximately \$13,000,000, respectively (which are withdrawable at the lender's option).

**7. Income Taxes**

Total income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

| YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, |      |      |
|--------------------------|------|------|
| 2014                     | 2013 | 2012 |

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|   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Income tax expense  | \$1,997,866 | \$1,829,807 | \$1,604,250 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on securities available for sale presented in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 168,627     | (730,715 )  | 109,467     |
| Total   | \$2,166,493 | \$1,099,092 | \$1,713,717 |

Income tax expense attributable to income before income tax expense consists of:

|                 | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,<br>2014 |          |             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
|                 | Current                         | Deferred | Total       |
| U.S. Federal    | \$1,703,444                     | \$94,061 | \$1,797,505 |
| State and local | 200,361                         | —        | 200,361     |
|                 | \$1,903,805                     | \$94,061 | \$1,997,866 |

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|                 | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,<br>2013 |           |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
|                 | Current                         | Deferred  | Total        |
| U.S. Federal    | \$ 1,584,131                    | \$ 59,829 | \$ 1,643,960 |
| State and local | 185,847                         | —         | 185,847      |
|                 | \$ 1,769,978                    | \$ 59,829 | \$ 1,829,807 |

|                 | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,<br>2012 |              |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 | Current                         | Deferred     | Total        |
| U.S. Federal    | \$ 1,619,265                    | \$ (183,607) | \$ 1,435,658 |
| State and local | 168,592                         | —            | 168,592      |
|                 | \$ 1,787,857                    | \$ (183,607) | \$ 1,604,250 |

Income tax expense attributable to income before income tax expense was \$1,997,866, \$1,829,807, and \$1,604,250 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and differed from amounts computed by applying the U.S. federal income tax rate of 34% to pretax income from continuing operations as a result of the following:

|   | YEARS ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31, |              |              |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2014                        | 2013         | 2012         |
| Computed “expected” tax expense                         | \$ 2,174,873                | \$ 2,008,289 | \$ 1,792,167 |
| Increase (reduction) in income taxes<br>Resulting from: |                             |              |              |
| Tax exempt interest income                              | (357,834 )                  | (343,189 )   | (338,592 )   |
| State income tax, net of federal<br>benefit             | 132,238                     | 122,659      | 111,271      |

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|            |             |             |             |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Other, net | 48,589      | 42,048      | 39,404      |
|            | \$1,997,866 | \$1,829,807 | \$1,604,250 |

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The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2014 and 2013 are presented below:

|   | DECEMBER 31,   |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | 2014           | 2013           |
| Deferred tax assets:  |                |                |
| State Net Operating Loss Carryforward                           | \$34,924       | \$35,673       |
| Allowance for loan losses                                       | 997,054        | 1,050,623      |
| Other   | 20,997         | 66,588         |
| <br>Total gross deferred tax assets                             | <br>1,052,975  | <br>1,152,884  |
| Less valuation allowance  | (34,924 )      | (35,673 )      |
| <br>Net deferred tax assets                                     | <br>1,018,051  | <br>1,117,211  |
| <br>Deferred tax liabilities:                                   |                |                |
| Prepaid expenses  | (7,018 )       | (15,780 )      |
| Unrealized gain on securities<br>available for sale             | (730,029 )     | (561,402 )     |
| Deferred loan fees  | (30,410 )      | (22,538 )      |
| Fixed assets, principally due to<br>differences in depreciation | (14,810 )      | (36,726 )      |
| Other bond accretion  | (48,030 )      | (30,324 )      |
| <br>Total gross deferred tax liabilities                        | <br>(830,297 ) | <br>(666,770 ) |
| <br>Net deferred tax asset                                      | <br>\$187,754  | <br>\$450,441  |

The Company analyzed the tax positions taken in its tax returns and concluded it has no liability related to uncertain tax positions.

There was a \$34,924 valuation allowance for deferred tax assets at December 31, 2014 and \$35,673 at December 31, 2013 associated with the Company's state net operating loss. In assessing the realization of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred income tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable

income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible and prior to their expiration governed by the income tax code. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Based upon the level of historical taxable income and projections for future taxable income over the periods during which the deferred income tax assets are expected to be deductible, management believes it is more likely than not the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences, net of the existing valuation allowance at December 31, 2014. The amount of the deferred income tax asset considered realizable, however, could be reduced in the near term if estimates of future taxable income during the carry forward period are reduced.

Tax returns for 2011 and subsequent years are subject to examination by taxing authorities.



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8. Commitments and Contingencies

We entered into agreements to lease equipment and office facilities under non-cancellable operating lease agreements expiring on various dates through 2039. We may, at our option, extend the lease of our office facility at 256 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, for two additional ten year periods, extend the lease of our Summerville office at 100 North Main Street for two additional ten year periods, and extend the land lease where the Mt. Pleasant office is located for six additional five year periods. In addition, we rent office space at 1071 Morrison Drive Charleston, South Carolina, to house our Mortgage Department. This lease renews every two years. Management intends to exercise its option on the lease agreements. Lease payments below include the lease renewals. Minimum rental commitments for these leases as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 2015                | \$609,074   |
| 2016                | 597,864     |
| 2017                | 615,122     |
| 2018                | 622,890     |
| 2019                | 614,103     |
| 2020 and thereafter | 5,913,403   |
| Total               | \$8,972,456 |

Total rental expense was \$572,395, \$555,646 and \$531,094 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

On January 28, 2014, we signed a lease to open a banking office located on Highway 78, North Charleston, South Carolina (Filed with 2013 10-K). The building is expected to be completed in late 2016. Rental payments do not commence until we take control of our space.

We are a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of our customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate, and liquidity risk. Our exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. We use the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for

on-balance sheet instruments.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. If deemed necessary, the amount of collateral obtained upon extension of credit is based on our credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral held varies, but may include accounts receivable, negotiable instruments, inventory, property, plant and equipment, and real estate. Commitments to extend credit, including unused lines of credit, amounted to \$62,597,548 and \$64,830,461 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Standby letters of credit represent our obligation to a third party contingent upon the failure by our customer to perform under the terms of an underlying contract with the third party or obligates us to guarantee or stand as surety for the benefit of the third party. The underlying contract may entail either financial or nonfinancial obligations and may involve such things as the shipment of goods, performance of a contract, or repayment of an obligation. Under the terms of a standby letter, generally drafts will be drawn only when the underlying event fails to occur as intended. We can seek recovery of the amounts paid from the borrower. The majority of these standby letters of credit are unsecured. Commitments under standby letters of credit are usually for one year or less. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, we have recorded no liability for the current carrying amount of the obligation to perform as a guarantor; as such amounts are not considered material. The maximum potential amount of undiscounted future payments related to standby letters of credit at December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$577,943 and \$557,593, respectively.

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We originate certain fixed rate residential loans and commit these loans for sale. The commitments to originate fixed rate residential loans and the sale commitments are freestanding derivative instruments. We had forward sales commitments, totaling \$7.3 million at December 31, 2014 to sell loans held for sale of \$7.3 million. Such forward sales commitments are to sell loans at par value and are generally funded within 60 days. The fair value of these commitments was not significant at December 31, 2014. We have no embedded derivative instruments requiring separate accounting treatment.

**9. Related Party Transactions**

In the opinion of management, loans to our officers and directors are made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those terms prevailing at the time for comparable loans with persons not related to the lender that do not involve more than the normal risk of collectability. There were no outstanding loans to our executive officers as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. Related party loans are summarized as follows:

|                              | DECEMBER 31, |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | 2014         | 2013         |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$9,196,360  | \$10,384,505 |
| New loans or advances        | 19,323,171   | 3,317,714    |
| Repayments                   | (21,543,302) | (4,505,859 ) |
| Balance at end of year       | \$6,976,229  | \$9,196,360  |

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, total deposits held by related parties were \$6,087,307 and \$6,200,370 respectively.

**10. Other Expense**

A summary of the components of other operating expense is as follows:

|                                      | YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                      | 2014                     | 2013        | 2012        |
| Advertising and business development | \$12,695                 | \$15,558    | \$21,422    |
| Supplies                             | 123,087                  | 100,359     | 118,881     |
| Telephone and postage                | 193,039                  | 177,551     | 177,899     |
| Insurance                            | 44,271                   | 40,930      | 34,575      |
| Professional fees                    | 411,742                  | 389,306     | 504,888     |
| Data processing services             | 493,977                  | 444,136     | 559,867     |
| State and FDIC insurance and fees    | 216,129                  | 202,043     | 196,263     |
| Courier service                      | 104,366                  | 101,338     | 159,943     |
| Other                                | 571,752                  | 648,734     | 555,629     |
|                                      | \$2,171,058              | \$2,119,955 | \$2,329,367 |

#### 11. Stock Incentive Plan and Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

We have a Stock Incentive Plan which was approved in 1998 with 180,000 (299,475 adjusted for two 10% stock dividends, a 10% stock distribution, and a 25% stock dividend) shares reserved and a Stock Incentive Plan which was approved in 2010 with 300,000 shares reserved. Under both Plans, options are periodically granted to employees at a price not less than the fair market value of the shares at the date of grant. Employees become 20% vested after five years and then vest 20% each year until fully vested. The right to exercise each such 20% of the options is cumulative and will not expire until the tenth anniversary of the date of the grant. All employees are eligible to participate in this plan if the Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, determines that such person has contributed or can be expected to contribute to our profits or growth.

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On July 24, 2014, the Executive Committee granted options to purchase an aggregate of 10,000 shares to twelve employees. Fair value was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 3.74%, historical volatility 31.69%, risk free interest rate of 2.52% and an expected life of 10 years.

On June 27, 2013, the Executive Committee granted options to purchase an aggregate of 5,000 shares to five employees. Fair value was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 3.98%, historical volatility 36.34%, risk free interest rate of 2.49%, and an expected life of ten years. On December 19, 2013, the Executive Committee granted options to purchase an aggregate of 2,000 shares to three employees. Fair value was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 3.98%, historical volatility 36.34%, risk free interest rate of 2.94%, and an expected life of ten years.

On June 28, 2012 the Executive Committee granted options to purchase an aggregate of 9,000 shares to five employees. Fair value was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 3.97%, historical volatility 33.94%, with an expected life of ten years, and a risk free interest rate of 1.60%. On September 24, 2012, the Board of Director's granted options to purchase 2,500 shares to one employee. Fair value was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 3.97%, historical volatility 33.94%, with an expected life of ten years, and a risk free interest rate of 1.74%.

There are currently options to purchase 24,915 shares outstanding under the 1998 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan with options to purchase 16,280 exercisable at December 31, 2014. This plan has expired, however, those shares granted before the expiration date, may still be exercised.

A summary of the activity under the 1998 and 2010 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plans for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 follows:

| December 31, |         | 2013   |          | 2012   |          |
|--------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| 2014         |         | Shares | Weighted | Shares | Weighted |
| Shares       | Average |        | Average  |        | Average  |

|                          |          | Exercise<br>Price |           | Exercise<br>Price |          | Exercise<br>Price |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Outstanding, January 1   | 159,165  | \$ 11.34          | 174,467   | \$ 11.20          | 168,266  | \$ 11.23          |
| Granted                  | 10,000   | 14.84             | 7,000     | 13.48             | 11,500   | 11.30             |
| Expired                  | (6,500 ) | 12.27             | (9,653 )  | 11.91             | (4,000 ) | 13.75             |
| Exercised                | (2,500 ) | 10.42             | (12,649 ) | 10.16             | (1,299 ) | 8.54              |
| Outstanding, December 31 | 160,165  | \$ 11.53          | 159,165   | \$ 11.34          | 174,467  | \$ 11.20          |

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| Exercise Price: | Number of Options Outstanding | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Intrinsic Value of Outstanding Options | Number of Options Exercisable | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Intrinsic Value of Exercisable Options |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| \$ 15.11        | 13,915                        | 1.4   | \$15.11                         | \$(4,453)                              | 11,000                        | \$ 15.11                        | \$(3,520)                              |
| \$ 14.54        | 5,500                         | 2.0   | \$14.54                         | \$1,375                                | 3,300                         | \$14.54                         | \$825                                  |
| \$ 13.73        | 3,300                         | 2.5   | \$13.73                         | \$3,498                                | 1,100                         | \$13.73                         | \$1,166                                |
| \$ 12.90        | 2,200                         | 3.2   | \$12.90                         | \$4,158                                | 880                           | \$12.90                         | \$1,663                                |
| \$ 10.77        | 16,250                        | 5.7   | \$10.77                         | \$65,325                               | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 11.67        | 5,000                         | 6.2   | \$11.67                         | \$15,600                               | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 10.42        | 91,000                        | 6.5   | \$10.42                         | \$397,600                              | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 11.11        | 8,250                         | 7.6   | \$11.11                         | \$30,360                               | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 12.00        | 2,500                         | 7.9   | \$12.00                         | \$6,975                                | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 12.84        | 1,000                         | 8.6   | \$12.84                         | \$1,950                                | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 15.00        | 2,000                         | 8.9   | 15.00                           | \$(420)                                | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
| \$ 14.84        | 9,250                         | 9.6   | \$14.84                         | \$(463)                                | -                             | \$-                             | \$-                                    |
|                 | 160,165                       | 5.98  | \$11.53                         | \$521,505                              | 16,280                        | \$14.91                         | \$134                                  |

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted is presented below:

| Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value |                    |  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Date of Grant                          | Outstanding Shares | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
| 2006                                   | 13,915             | \$ 4.48                                |
| 2007                                   | 5,500              | \$ 4.45                                |
| 2007                                   | 3,300              | \$ 4.45                                |
| 2008                                   | 2,200              | \$ 3.43                                |
| 2010                                   | 16,250             | \$ 6.13                                |
| 2011                                   | 5,000              | \$ 4.62                                |
| 2011                                   | 91,000             | \$ 4.03                                |
| 2012                                   | 8,250              | \$ 2.55                                |

|      |       |         |
|------|-------|---------|
| 2012 | 2,500 | \$ 2.76 |
| 2013 | 1,000 | \$ 3.47 |
| 2013 | 2,000 | \$ 4.09 |
| 2014 | 9,250 | \$ 3.47 |

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012, were \$12,775, \$43,156, and \$2,845, respectively.



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A summary of the status of our nonvested shares as of December 31, 2014 is presented below:

| Nonvested Shares:              | Shares   | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant-Date<br>Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|----------|---|
| Nonvested at beginning of year | 148,440  | \$ 4.29   |
| Granted                        | 10,000   | 3.47  |
| Vested                         | (8,055 ) | 4.27  |
| Forfeited                      | (6,500 ) | 4.49  |
| Nonvested at end of year       | 143,885  | \$ 4.23   |

We recognized compensation cost for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 in the amount of \$74,908, \$74,722, and \$72,928, respectively, related to the granted options.

As of December 31, 2014, there was a total of \$437,452 in unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 5.98 years.

We established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”) effective January 1, 1989. Each employee who has attained age twenty-one and has completed at least 1,000 hours of service in a Plan year is eligible to participate in the ESOP. Contributions are determined annually by the Board of Directors and amounts allocable to individual participants may be limited pursuant to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 415. The Company recognizes expense when the contribution is approved by the Board of Directors. The total expenses amounted to \$280,000, in the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$285,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

## 12. DIVIDENDS

The Bank’s ability to pay dividends to the Company is restricted by the laws and regulations of the State of South Carolina. Generally, these restrictions allow the Bank to pay dividends from current earnings without the prior written

consent of the South Carolina Commissioner of Banking, if it received a satisfactory rating at its most recent examination. Cash dividends when declared, are paid by the Bank to the Company for distribution to shareholders of the Company. The Bank paid dividends of \$2,865,000, \$2,245,000 and \$2,160,000 to the Company during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

### **13. Income Per Common Share**

Basic income per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted income per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding. Potential common shares consist of dilutive stock options determined using the treasury stock method and the average market price of common stock

Options to purchase 146,250 shares were used in the computation of diluted income per share at December 31, 2014. All options outstanding, (options to purchase 159,165) at December 31, 2013, were used in the computation of diluted earnings per share at December 31, 2013. Options to purchase 34,675 shares of common stock with prices ranging from \$11.67 to \$15.11 per share were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for 2012 because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of common shares.

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The following is a summary of the reconciliation of average shares outstanding for the years ended December 31:

|                                     | 2014      |           | 2013      |           | 2012      |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                     | Basic     | Diluted   | Basic     | Diluted   | Basic     | Diluted   |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 4,461,388 | 4,461,388 | 4,452,642 | 4,452,642 | 4,445,738 | 4,445,738 |
| Effect of dilutive shares:          |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Stock options                       | —         | 114,677   | —         | 9,311     | —         | —         |
| Average shares outstanding          | 4,461,388 | 4,576,065 | 4,452,642 | 4,461,953 | 4,445,738 | 4,445,738 |

**14. Regulatory Capital Requirements**

Current quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require that we maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulation) to risk-weighted assets (as defined) and to average assets. We believe, as of December 31, 2014, that the Company and the Bank meet all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company and the Bank were categorized as “well capitalized” under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as “well capitalized” the Company and the Bank must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based and Tier 1 leverage ratios of 10%, 6% and 5%, respectively, and to be categorized as “adequately capitalized,” the Company and the Bank must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based and Tier 1 leverage ratios of 8%, 4%, and 4%, respectively. There are no current conditions or events that management believes would change the Company’s or the Bank’s category.

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| Actual                 |        | For Capital Adequacy Purposes |        | To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions |        |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--|--------|
| (Dollars in Thousands) | Amount | Ratio                         | Amount | Ratio  | Amount |
|                        |        |                               |        |  | Ratio  |

Total capital  
to  
risk-weighted  
assets:

|         |          |         |          |        |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| Company | \$38,752 | 14.98 % | \$20,694 | 8.00 % | \$ N/A   | N/A     |
| Bank    | \$8,459  | 14.88 % | \$20,676 | 8.00 % | \$25,845 | 10.00 % |

Tier 1 capital  
to  
risk-weighted  
assets:

|         |          |         |          |        |          |        |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Company | \$25,517 | 13.73 % | \$10,347 | 4.00 % | \$ N/A   | N/A    |
| Bank    | \$5,227  | 13.63 % | \$10,338 | 4.00 % | \$15,507 | 6.00 % |

Tier  
1  
capital  
to  
average  
assets:

|         |          |        |          |        |          |        |
|---------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Company | \$25,517 | 9.44 % | \$15,042 | 4.00 % | \$ N/A   | N/A    |
| Bank    | \$5,227  | 9.37 % | \$15,033 | 4.00 % | \$18,792 | 5.00 % |

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| Actual                                  |          | For Capital Adequacy Purposes |          |       | To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions |        |  |
|---|----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|--|--------|--|
| (Dollars in Thousands)                  | Amount   | Ratio                         | Amount   | Ratio | Amount   | Ratio  |  |
| Total capital to risk-weighted assets:  |          |                               |          |       |  |        |  |
| Company                                 | \$36,032 | 14.67%                        | \$20,140 | 8.00% | \$N/A  | N/A    |  |
| Bank                                    | \$6,653  | 14.57%                        | \$20,126 | 8.00% | \$25,157   | 10.00% |  |
| Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets: |          |                               |          |       |  |        |  |
| Company                                 | \$33,783 | 13.42%                        | \$10,070 | 4.00% | \$N/A  | N/A    |  |
| Bank                                    | \$3,506  | 13.32%                        | \$10,063 | 4.00% | \$15,094   | 6.00%  |  |
| Tier 1 capital to average assets:       |          |                               |          |       |  |        |  |
| Company                                 | \$33,783 | 9.81%                         | \$13,799 | 4.00% | \$N/A  | N/A    |  |
| Bank                                    | \$3,506  | 9.73%                         | \$13,772 | 4.00% | \$17,215   | 5.00%  |  |

On July 2, 2013, the Federal Reserve Board approved the final rules implementing the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's ("BCBS") capital guidelines for US banks. Under the final rules, minimum requirements will increase for our quantity and quality of the capital. The rules include a new common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 4.5% and a common equity Tier 1 capital conservation buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. The final rule also raises the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets from 4% to 6% and requires a minimum leverage ratio of 4%. The final rule also implements strict eligibility criteria for regulatory capital instruments and improves the methodology for calculating risk-weighted assets to enhance risk sensitivity.

On July 9, 2013 the FDIC also approved, as an interim final rule, the regulatory capital requirements for US banks, following the actions of the Federal Reserve Bank. The FDIC's rule is identical in substance to the final rules issued by the Federal Reserve Bank.

The phase-in-period for the final rules will begin on January 1, 2015, with full compliance with all of the final rule requirements phased in over a multi-year schedule. Management believes that as of December 31, 2014, the Company and the Bank would remain "well capitalized" under the new rules.

#### 15. Disclosures Regarding Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair Value Measurements: Fair value measurements apply whenever GAAP requires or permits assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value either on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for an asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is based on the assumptions that we believe market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability. Fair value measurement and disclosure guidance establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the use of inputs used in valuation methodologies.

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The three levels of input that may be used to measure fair value are the following:

- Level 1** Valuation is based upon quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that we have the ability to access. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as US Treasuries and money market funds.
- Level 2** Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the asset or liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals. Level 2 assets and liabilities include debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments, mortgage-backed securities, municipal bonds, corporate debt securities and derivative contracts whose value is determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. This category generally includes certain derivative contracts and impaired loans.
- Level 3** Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

The guidance requires disclosures about the fair value of assets and liabilities recognized in the balance sheet in periods subsequent to initial recognition, whether the measurements are made on a recurring basis (for example, available for sale investment securities) or on a nonrecurring basis (for example, impaired loans). Fair value estimates, methods, and assumptions are set forth below.

### Investment Securities Available for Sale

Securities available for sale are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis and are based upon quoted prices if available. If quoted prices are not available, fair values are measured using independent pricing models or other model-based valuation techniques such as the present value of future cash flows, adjusted for the security's credit rating, prepayment assumptions and other factors such as credit loss assumptions. Level 1 securities include those traded on an active exchange such as the New York Stock Exchange, or by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets. Level 2 securities include mortgage backed securities issued by government sponsored entities, municipal bonds and corporate debt securities. Securities classified as Level 3 include asset-backed securities in less liquid markets.





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Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are as follows:

|                                  | Balance<br>at<br>December 31, 2014                          |   |  |               |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------|
|                                  | Quoted<br>Market Price<br>in active<br>markets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |               |
| US Treasury Notes                | \$29,248,281  | \$—   | \$—  | \$29,248,281  |
| Government Sponsored Enterprises | \$—   | \$50,142,649  | \$—  | \$50,142,649  |
| Municipal Securities             | \$—   | \$33,226,093  | \$1,377,089  | \$34,603,182  |
| Total                            | \$29,248,281  | \$83,368,742  | \$1,377,089  | \$113,994,112 |

|                                  | Balance<br>at<br>December 31, 2013                          |   |  |              |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|
|                                  | Quoted<br>Market Price<br>in active<br>markets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |              |
| US Treasury Notes                | \$15,832,401  | \$—   | \$—  | \$15,832,401 |
| Government Sponsored Enterprises | \$—   | \$43,635,038  | \$—  | \$43,635,038 |
| Municipal Securities             | \$—   | \$33,655,445  | \$1,525,337  | \$35,180,782 |
| Total                            | \$15,832,401  | \$77,290,483  | \$1,525,337  | \$94,648,221 |

Other Real Estate Owned (OREO)

Loans, secured by real estate, are adjusted to fair value upon transfer to Other Real Estate Owned (“OREO”). Subsequently, OREO is carried at the lower of carrying value or fair value. Fair value is based upon independent market prices, appraised values of the collateral or our estimation of the value of the collateral. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraisal, we record the asset as nonrecurring Level 2. When an appraised value is not available or we determine the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value and there is no observable market price, we record the asset as nonrecurring Level 3. We had one property valued at \$521,943 classified as OREO at December 31, 2014 with no OREO at December 31, 2013. One property valued at \$35,473 was classified as OREO and was ultimately sold at a gain of \$2,382 during the year ended December 31, 2014.

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Impaired Loans

We do not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. However, from time to time, a loan is considered impaired and an allowance for loan losses is established. Loans are reviewed for impairment on a quarterly basis if any of the following criteria are met:

- 1) Any loan on non-accrual
- 2) Any loan that is a troubled debt restructuring
- 3) Any loan over 60 days past due
- 4) Any loan rated sub-standard, doubtful, or loss
- 5) Excessive principal extensions are executed
- 6) If we are provided information that indicates that we will not collect all principal and interest as scheduled

Once a loan is identified as individually impaired, we measure the impairment in accordance with ASC 310-10, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan".

In accordance with this standard, the fair value is estimated using one of the following methods: fair value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell, discounted cash flows, or market value of the loan based on similar debt. The fair value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell is the most frequently used method. Typically, we review the most recent appraisal and if it is over 12 to 18 months old we may request a new third party appraisal. Depending on the particular circumstances surrounding the loan, including the location of the collateral, the date of the most recent appraisal and the value of the collateral relative to the recorded investment in the loan, we may order an independent appraisal immediately or, in some instances, may elect to perform an internal analysis. Specifically as an example, in situations where the collateral on a nonperforming commercial real estate loan is out of our primary market area, we would typically order an independent appraisal immediately, at the earlier of the date the loan becomes nonperforming

or immediately following the determination that the loan is impaired. However, as a second example, on a nonperforming commercial real estate loan where we are familiar with the property and surrounding areas and where the original appraisal value far exceeds the recorded investment in the loan, we may perform an internal analysis whereby the previous appraisal value would be reviewed considering recent current conditions, and known recent sales or listings of similar properties in the area, and any other relevant economic trends. This analysis may result in the call for a new appraisal. These valuations are reviewed and updated on a quarterly basis.

Those impaired loans not requiring an allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the expected repayments or collateral exceed the recorded investments in such loans. At December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, substantially all of the total impaired loans were evaluated based on the fair value of the collateral. In accordance with ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurement", impaired loans, where an allowance is established based on the fair value of collateral, require classification in the fair value hierarchy. We record the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 3.

#### Mortgage Loans To Be Sold

We originate fixed and variable rate residential mortgage loans on a service release basis in the secondary market. Loans closed but not yet settled with an investor are carried in our loans held for sale portfolio. These loans are fixed and variable rate residential mortgage loans that have been originated in our name and have closed. Virtually all of these loans have commitments to be purchased by investors and the majority of these loans were locked in by price with the investors on the same day or shortly thereafter that the loan was locked in with our customers. Therefore, these loans present very little market risk. We usually deliver to, and receive funding from, the investor within 30 to 60 days. Commitments to sell these loans to the investor are considered derivative contracts and are sold to investors on a "best efforts" basis. We are not obligated to deliver a loan or pay a penalty if a loan is not delivered to the investor. As a result of the short-term nature of these derivative contracts, the fair value of the mortgage loans held for sale in most cases is the same as the value of the loan amount at its origination. These loans are classified as Level 2.

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Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; that is, the instruments are not measured at fair value on an on going basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). The following table presents the assets and liabilities carried on the balance sheet by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy (as described above) as of December 31, 2014, and 2013, for which a nonrecurring change in fair value has been recorded during the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, and 2013.

|                           | December 31, 2014   |   |  |              |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|
|                           | Quoted<br>Market<br>Price in<br>active<br>markets<br>(Level<br>1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total        |
| Impaired loans            | \$ —  | \$—   | \$ 5,767,240                                       | \$5,767,240  |
| Mortgage loans to be sold | —   | 7,325,081   | —  | 7,325,081    |
| Other real estate owned   | —   | 521,943   | —  | 521,943      |
| Total                     | \$ —  | \$7,847,024   | \$ 5,767,240                                       | \$13,614,264 |

|                           | December 31, 2013   |   |  |             |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|-------------|
|                           | Quoted<br>Market<br>Price in<br>active<br>markets<br>(Level<br>1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total       |
| Impaired loans            | \$ —  | \$—   | \$ 4,959,281                                       | \$4,959,281 |
| Mortgage loans to be sold | —   | 4,739,343   | —  | 4,739,343   |
| Other real estate owned   | —   | —   | —  | —           |
| Total                     | \$ —  | \$4,739,343   | \$ 4,959,281                                       | \$9,698,624 |

**Inputs**

|                     |                    |                         |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Valuation Technique | Unobservable Input | General Range of Inputs |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|

Nonrecurring  
measurements:

|                            |   |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|
| Impaired Loans             | Discounted Appraisals                                   | Collateral Discounts                                | 0 – 25%  |
| Other Real Estate<br>Owned | Appraisal Value/<br>Comparison Sales/Other<br>Estimates | Appraisals and or Sales of<br>Comparable Properties | Appraisals Discounted 10% to 20% for<br>Sales Commissions and Other Holding<br>Costs |

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Accounting standards require disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments whether or not recognized on the balance sheet, for which it is practicable to estimate fair value. Fair value estimates are made as of a specific point in time based on the characteristics of the financial instruments and the relevant market information. When available, quoted market prices are used. In other cases, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. These techniques involve uncertainties and are significantly affected by the assumptions used and the judgments made regarding risk characteristics of various financial instruments, discount rates, prepayments, and estimates of future cash flows, future expected loss experience and other factors. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. Derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases, may or may not be realized in an immediate sale of the instrument.

Under the accounting standard, fair value estimates are based on existing financial instruments without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business and the value of the assets and liabilities that are not financial instruments. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts of existing financial instruments do not represent the underlying value of those instruments on our books.

The following describes the methods and assumptions we use in estimating the fair values of financial instruments:

a. Cash and due from banks, interest-bearing deposits in other banks

The carrying value approximates fair value. All mature within 90 days and do not present unanticipated credit concerns.

b. Investment securities available for sale

The fair value of investment securities is derived from quoted market prices.

c. Loans

The carrying values of variable rate consumer and commercial loans and consumer and commercial loans with remaining maturities of three months or less, approximate fair value. The fair values of fixed rate consumer and commercial loans with maturities greater than three months are determined using a discounted cash flow analysis and

assume the rate being offered on these types of loans at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, approximate market.

The carrying value of mortgage loans held for sale approximates fair value.

For lines of credit, the carrying value approximates fair value.

d. Deposits

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity is equal to the carrying amount. The fair value of time deposits is estimated by discounting contractual cash flows, by applying interest rates currently being offered on the deposit products. The fair value estimates for deposits do not include the benefit that results from the low cost funding provided by the deposit liabilities as compared to the cost of alternative forms of funding (deposit base intangibles).

e. Short-term borrowings

The carrying amount approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

The following presents the carrying amount, fair value, and placement in the fair value hierarchy of our financial instruments as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. This table excludes financial instruments for which the carrying amount approximates fair value. For short-term financial assets such as cash and cash equivalents, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value due to the relatively short time between the origination of the instrument and its expected realization.



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| December 31, 2014<br>Fair Value Measurement |                    |               |   |   |  |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---|---|--|
|   | Carrying<br>Amount | Fair Value    | Quoted<br>Prices in<br>Active<br>Markets<br>for<br>Identical<br>Assets or<br>Liabilities<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| Financial Instruments-Assets                |                    |               |   |   |  |
| Loans                                       | \$234,117,792      | \$234,204,303 | \$ —  | \$—   | \$234,204,303                                      |
| Financial Instruments- Liabilities          |                    |               |   |   |  |
| Deposits                                    | \$322,419,027      | \$322,435,308 | \$ —  | \$322,435,308   | \$—  |

| December 31, 2013<br>Fair Value Measurement |                    |               |   |   |  |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---|---|--|
|   | Carrying<br>Amount | Fair Value    | Quoted<br>Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets<br>for<br>Identical<br>Assets or<br>Liabilities<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| Financial Instruments-Assets                |                    |               |   |   |  |
| Loans                                       | \$218,320,304      | \$218,406,792 | \$ —  | \$—   | \$218,406,792                                      |
| Financial Instruments- Liabilities          |                    |               |   |   |  |
| Deposits                                    | \$305,242,655      | \$305,269,155 | \$ —  | \$305,269,155   | \$—  |

December 31, 2014  
Notional  
Amount      Fair  
Value

Off-Balance Sheet Financial

Instruments:

|                              |              |    |   |
|------------------------------|--------------|----|---|
| Commitments to extend credit | \$62,597,548 | \$ | — |
| Standby letters of credit    | 577,943      |    | — |

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|   | December 31, 2013  |               |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
|   | Notional<br>Amount | Fair<br>Value |
| Off-Balance Sheet Financial<br>Instruments: |                    |               |
| Commitments to extend credit                | \$64,830,461       | \$ —          |
| Standby letters of credit                   | 557,593            | —             |

The following table is a summary of the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

|   | 2014<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Estimated<br>Fair Value | Level 1     | Level 2     | Level 3     |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Financial Assets:                           |                            |                         |             |             |             |
| Cash and due from banks                     | \$4,698,435                | \$4,698,435             | \$4,698,435 | \$—         | \$—         |
| Interest-bearing deposits in other<br>banks | 5,680,613                  | 5,680,613               | 5,680,613   | —           | —           |
| Investments available for sale              | 113,994,112                | 113,994,112             | 29,248,281  | 83,368,742  | 1,377,089   |
| Mortgage loans to be sold                   | 7,325,081                  | 7,325,081               | —           | 7,325,081   | —           |
| Loans                                       | 234,117,792                | 234,204,303             | —           | —           | 234,204,303 |
| Financial Liabilities:                      |                            |                         |             |             |             |
| Deposits                                    | 322,419,027                | 322,435,308             | —           | 322,435,308 | —           |
|   | <b>Notional<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Fair<br/>Value</b>   |             |             |             |
| Off-Balance Sheet Financial<br>Instruments: |                            |                         |             |             |             |
| Commitments to extend credit                | \$62,597,548               | \$—                     | \$—         | \$—         | \$—         |
| Standby letters of credit                   | 577,943                    | —                       | —           | —           | —           |

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|   | 2013<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Estimated<br>Fair Value | Level 1     | Level 2     | Level 3     |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Financial Assets:                           |                            |                         |             |             |             |
| Cash and due from banks                     | \$6,043,375                | \$6,043,375             | \$6,043,375 | \$—         | \$—         |
| Interest-bearing deposits in other banks    | 16,080,721                 | 16,080,721              | 16,080,721  | —           | —           |
| Investments available for sale              | 94,648,221                 | 94,648,221              | 15,832,401  | 77,290,483  | 1,525,337   |
| Mortgage loans to be sold                   | 4,739,343                  | 4,739,343               | —           | 4,739,343   | —           |
| Loans                                       | 218,320,304                | 218,406,792             | —           | —           | 218,406,792 |
| Financial Liabilities:                      |                            |                         |             |             |             |
| Deposits                                    | 305,242,655                | 305,269,155             | —           | 305,269,155 | —           |
|   | <b>Notional<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Fair<br/>Value</b>   |             |             |             |
| Off-Balance Sheet Financial<br>Instruments: |                            |                         |             |             |             |
| Commitments to extend credit                | \$64,830,461               | —                       | \$—         | \$—         | \$—         |
| Standby letters of credit                   | 557,593                    | —                       | —           | —           | —           |

16. Bank of South Carolina Corporation - Parent Company

The Company's principal source of income is dividends from the Bank. Certain regulatory requirements restrict the amount of dividends which the Bank can pay to the Company. The Company's principal asset is its investment in its Bank subsidiary. The Company's condensed statements of financial condition as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related condensed statements of operations and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, are as follows:

**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF Financial Condition**

|  | 2014       | 2013       |
|--|------------|------------|
| Assets                                     |            |            |
| Cash                                       | \$648,194  | \$675,367  |
| Investment in wholly-owned bank subsidiary | 36,469,571 | 34,461,652 |

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|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Other assets                               | 222,197      | 181,779      |
| Total assets                               | \$37,339,962 | \$35,318,798 |
|  |              |              |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity       |              |              |
| Other Liabilities                          | 579,980      | 579,655      |
| Shareholders' equity                       | 36,759,982   | 34,739,143   |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$37,339,962 | \$35,318,798 |

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**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF Operations**

|  | 2014        | 2013        | 2012        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Interest income                                | \$ 306      | \$ 220      | \$ 257      |
| Net operating expenses                         | (187,284 )  | (169,887 )  | (213,254 )  |
| Dividends received from bank                   | 2,865,000   | 2,245,000   | 2,160,000   |
| Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiary | 1,720,798   | 2,001,591   | 1,719,825   |
| Net income                                     | \$4,398,820 | \$4,076,924 | \$3,666,828 |

**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF Cash FlowS**

|  | 2014        | 2013        | 2012         |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities:          |             |             |              |
| Net income                                     | \$4,398,820 | \$4,076,924 | \$3,666,828  |
| Stock-based compensation expense               | 74,908      | 74,722      | 72,928       |
| Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiary | (1,720,798) | (2,001,591) | (1,719,825)  |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets            | (40,092 )   | (41,895 )   | 3,390        |
| Net cash provided by operating activities      | 2,712,838   | 2,108,160   | 2,023,321    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:          |             |             |              |
| Dividends paid                                 | (2,766,061) | (1,647,576) | (2,489,610)  |
| Stock options exercised                        | 26,050      | 128,477     | 11,094       |
| Net cash used by financing activities          | (2,740,011) | (1,519,098) | (2,478,516)  |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash                | (27,173 )   | 589,062     | (455,195 )   |
| Cash at beginning of year                      | 675,367     | 86,305      | 541,500      |
| Cash at end of year                            | \$648,194   | \$675,367   | \$86,305     |
| Change in dividend payable                     | \$325       | \$579,655   | \$(488,944 ) |



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17. Quarterly Results of Operations (unaudited)

The tables below represent the quarterly results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively:

|  | 2014        |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | FOURTH      | THIRD       | SECOND      | FIRST       |
| Total interest and fee income                        | \$3,475,648 | \$3,419,865 | 3,315,756   | \$3,206,985 |
| Total interest expense                               | 100,047     | 104,253     | 103,024     | 101,623     |
| Net interest income                                  | 3,375,601   | 3,315,612   | 3,212,732   | 3,105,362   |
| Provision for loan losses                            | 20,000      | 12,500      | 20,000      | 30,000      |
| Net interest income after provisions for loan losses | 3,355,601   | 3,303,112   | 3,192,732   | 3,075,362   |
| Other income   | 741,128     | 617,385     | 683,235     | 539,335     |
| Other expense  | 2,375,787   | 2,241,978   | 2,252,940   | 2,240,499   |
| Income before income tax expense                     | 1,720,942   | 1,678,519   | 1,623,027   | 1,374,198   |
| Income tax expense                                   | 529,560     | 536,806     | 513,100     | 418,400     |
| Net income   | \$1,191,382 | \$1,141,713 | \$1,109,927 | \$955,798   |
| Basic income per common share                        | \$0.27      | \$0.26      | \$0.25      | \$0.21      |
| Diluted income per common share                      | \$0.26      | \$0.25      | \$0.24      | \$0.21      |

|  | 2013        |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | FOURTH      | THIRD       | SECOND      | FIRST       |
| Total interest and fee income                        | \$3,220,590 | \$3,213,868 | 3,255,248   | \$3,062,086 |
| Total interest expense                               | 107,682     | 102,850     | 104,169     | 101,427     |
| Net interest income                                  | 3,112,908   | 3,111,018   | 3,151,079   | 2,960,659   |
| Provision for loan losses                            | 12,500      | 25,000      | 95,000      | 75,000      |
| Net interest income after provisions for loan losses | 3,100,408   | 3,086,018   | 3,056,079   | 2,885,659   |
| Other income   | 516,393     | 624,447     | 624,158     | 731,419     |
| Other expense  | 2,227,178   | 2,162,238   | 2,161,678   | 2,166,756   |
| Income before income tax expense                     | 1,389,623   | 1,548,227   | 1,518,559   | 1,450,322   |
| Income tax expense                                   | 419,755     | 484,050     | 474,485     | 451,517     |
| Net income   | \$969,868   | \$1,064,177 | \$1,044,074 | \$998,805   |
| Basic income per common share                        | \$0.23      | \$0.24      | \$0.23      | \$0.22      |
| Diluted income per common share                      | \$0.22      | \$0.24      | \$0.23      | \$0.22      |





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18. **Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements. Nonrecognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose after that date. We have reviewed events occurring through the date the financial statements were available to be issued and no subsequent events occurred requiring accrual or disclosure.

**Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the "Act") was carried out as of December 31, 2014 under the supervision and with the participation of the Bank of South Carolina Corporation's management, including its President/Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President and several other members of the Company's senior management. Based upon that evaluation, Bank of South Carolina Corporation's management, including the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President concluded that, as of December 31, 2014, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that the information the Company is required to disclose in the reports filed or submitted under the Act has been (i) accumulated and communicated to management (including the President/Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President) to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and (ii) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

**Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of published financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the President/Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President, the Company's management has evaluated the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on the 2013 framework established in a report entitled "*Internal Control-Integrated Framework*" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. Based on this assessment, management believes that as of December 31, 2014, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2014, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report is not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to the final ruling by the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in its annual report.

The Audit and Compliance Committee, composed entirely of independent Directors, meets periodically with management, the Company's Compliance Officer, Risk Management Officer and Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC (separately and jointly) to discuss audit, financial and related matters. Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC., the Compliance Officer, and the Risk Management Officer have direct access to the Audit and Compliance Committee.

#### **Item 9B. Other Information**

There is no information required to be disclosed in a report on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of 2014 that was not reported.

### **PART III**

#### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters and Corporate Governance**

The information required by this item contained under the sections captioned "Proposal 1-To Elect Eighteen Directors of Bank of South Carolina Corporation to Serve Until the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders" and

“Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance Matters” included on pages 8-20 in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for its annual meeting of shareholders to be held on April 7, 2015, a copy of which has been filed with the SEC, the “Proxy Statement”, is incorporated in this document by reference.

**Executive Officers** The information concerning the Company’s executive officers is contained under the section captioned -”Proposal 1-To Elect Eighteen Directors of Bank of South Carolina Corporation to Serve until the Company’s 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders,” included on pages 8-16 of the Company’s Proxy Statement, and is incorporated in this document by reference.

**Audit and Compliance Committee Financial Expert** The Audit and Compliance Committee of the Company is composed of Directors Linda J. Bradley McKee, PhD., CPA., (Chairman), David W. Bunch, Katherine M. Huger, David R. Schools and Steve D. Swanson. The Board has selected the Audit and Compliance Committee members based on its determination that they are qualified to oversee the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and audits of the Company’s financial statements. Each member of the Audit and Compliance Committee is “independent” as defined in the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards for audit committee members.

The Board of Directors has determined that Linda J. Bradley McKee, PhD., CPA, qualifies as a financial expert within the meaning of SEC rules and regulations and has designated Dr. Bradley McKee as the Audit and Compliance Committee financial expert. Director McKee is independent as that term is used in Schedule 14A promulgated under the Exchange Act.

**Code of Ethics** The Company has adopted a “Code of Ethics”, applicable to the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President and the Executive Vice President and “Code of Conduct” for Directors, officers and employees. A copy of these policies may be obtained at the Company’s internet website: [www.banksc.com](http://www.banksc.com).

**Compliance with Insider Reporting** The information contained under the section captioned “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” is included on page 22 of the Company’s Proxy Statement and is incorporated in this document by reference.

## Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the Section captioned “Directors Compensation” and “Executive Compensation-Compensation Discussion and Analysis” included on pages 22-29 of the Proxy Statement.

### Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table summarizes share and exercise price of information about the Stock Incentive Plan of the Company as of December 31, 2014:

| Plan Category   | Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options Warrants and Rights | Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights | Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans <sup>1</sup> |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1998 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan approved by Shareholders <sup>2</sup> | 24,915   | \$ 14.61  | —   |
| 2010 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan approved by Shareholders <sup>3</sup> | 135,250  | \$ 10.97  | 155,750   |
| Total   | 160,165  | \$ 11.53  | 155,750   |

In accordance with the 1998 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, no options may be granted under this Plan after April 14, 2008, due to its expiration. Options granted before this date shall remain valid in accordance with their terms.

The number of securities to be issued upon exercise of the outstanding options represents the total outstanding options under the 1998 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. As per the agreement, the referenced options shall remain valid in accordance with their terms. During the year ended December 31, 2014, no options were exercised or forfeited under the 1998 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan.

The 2010 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan was approved by the Shareholders at the 2010 Annual Meeting. There were 300,000 shares reserved under this Plan. On September 24, 2010, options to purchase 33,000 shares were granted to 21 employees (other than Executive Officers) with options to purchase 750 shares forfeited with the resignation of one employee in 2010. On March 24, 2011, options to purchase 5,000 shares were granted to 1 employee and on June 23, 2011, options to purchase 96,000 shares were granted to 22 employees including Sheryl G. Sharry and Fleetwood S. Hassell, both Executive Officers who each received options to purchase 10,000 shares. Douglas H. Sass, Executive Vice President, also received options on June 23, 2011 to purchase 5,000 shares. During the year ended December 31, 2011, options to purchase 5,750 shares were forfeited with the resignation of two employees.<sup>3</sup> On June 28, 2012 the Executive Committee granted options to purchase 9,000 shares to 5 employees including Douglas H. Sass, Executive Vice President, who received options to purchase 5,000 shares. In addition, the Board of Directors granted options to purchase 2,500 shares to 1 employee on September 24, 2012. There were options to purchase 4,000 shares forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2012. On June 27, 2013 options to purchase 5,000 shares were granted to 5 employees. Options to purchase 2,000 shares were granted to 3 employees on December 19, 2013. Options to purchase 9,653 shares were forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2013. On July 24, 2014, options to purchase an aggregate of 10,000 shares were granted to twelve employees. Options to purchase 6,500 shares were forfeited with the resignation of 4 employees during the year ended December 31, 2014.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

**Security Ownership and Certain Beneficial Owners**

Information required by this item is incorporated in this document by reference to the Section captioned “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management”, included on page 4 of the Proxy Statement.

**Security Ownership of Management**

Information required by this item is incorporated in this document by reference to the Sections captioned “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management”, included on pages 4-7 of the Proxy Statement.

**Changes in Control**

Management is not aware of any arrangements, including any pledge by any shareholder of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change of control of the Company.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**



The information required by this item is incorporated in this document by reference to the Sections captioned “Proposal 1-To Elect Eighteen Directors of Bank of South Carolina Corporation to Serve Until the Company’s 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders” and “Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance Matters”, included on pages 8-27 of the Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this item is incorporated in this document by reference to “Proposal 2 “ to ratify the appointment of Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC as independent public accountant for the year ending December 31, 2015 and “Auditing and Related Fees”, included on page 29 of the Proxy Statement.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

1. The Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Auditors are included in this Form 10-K and listed on pages as indicated.

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### 2. Exhibits.

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| 2.0  | Plan of Reorganization (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)  |
| 3.0  | Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)                               |
| 3.1  | By-laws of the Registrant (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)   |
| 3.2  | Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (Filed with Form S on June 23, 2011) |
| 4.0  | 2015 Proxy Statement (Filed with 2014 10-K)  |
| 10   | Lease Agreement for 256 Meeting Street (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)                                    |
| 10.1 | Sublease Agreement for Parking Facilities at 256 Meeting Street (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)           |
| 10.2 | Lease Agreement for 100 N. Main Street, Summerville, SC (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)                   |
| 10.3 | Lease Agreement for 1337 Chuck Dawley Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)             |
| 10.4 | Lease Agreement for 1071 Morrison Drive, Charleston, SC (Filed with 2010 10-K)                     |
|      | Lease Agreement for 1071 Morrison Drive, Charleston, SC (Filed with March 31, 2013 10-Q)           |
| 10.5 | 1998 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (Filed with 2008 10-K/A)   |
| 10.6 | Employee Stock Ownership Plan (Filed with 2008 10-K/A)   |
|      | Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Restated (Filed with 2011 Proxy Statement)                          |
| 10.7 | 2010 Omnibus Incentive Stock Option Plan (Filed with 2010 Proxy Statement)                         |
| 10.8 | Lease Agreement for Highway 78 Ingleside Boulevard North Charleston, SC (Filed with 2013 10-K)     |
| 13.0 | 2014 10-K (Incorporated herein)  |
| 14.0 | Code of Ethics (Filed with 2004 10-KSB)  |
| 21.0 | List of Subsidiaries of the Registrant (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)                                    |
|      | The Registrant's only subsidiary is The Bank of South Carolina (Filed with 1995 10-KSB)            |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) by the Principal Executive Officer</u>       |

- 31.2 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) by the Principal Financial Officer
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to Section 1350
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to Section 1350
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 26, 2015 BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION

By: /s/Fleetwood S. Hassell  
Fleetwood S. Hassell  
President/Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/Sheryl G. Sharry  
Sheryl G. Sharry  
Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

February 26, 2015 /s/David W. Bunch  
David W. Bunch, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Graham M. Eubank, Jr.  
Graham M. Eubank, Jr., Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Elizabeth M. Hagood  
Elizabeth M. Hagood, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Fleetwood S. Hassell  
Fleetwood S. Hassell, President/Chief  
Executive Office, Director

February 26, 2015  
Glen B. Haynes, DVM, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/William L. Hiott, Jr.  
William L. Hiott, Jr., Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Katherine M. Huger  
Katherine M. Huger, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Richard W. Hutson, Jr.  
Richard W. Hutson, Jr., Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Charles G. Lane  
Charles G. Lane, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Hugh C. Lane, Jr.  
Hugh C. Lane, Jr., Chairman of  
the Board, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Linda J. Bradley McKee, PhD, CPA  
Linda J. Bradley McKee, PHD, CPA, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Alan I. Nussbaum, MD  
Alan I. Nussbaum, MD, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Edmund Rhett, Jr., MD  
Edmund Rhett, Jr., MD, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Malcolm M. Rhodes, MD

Malcolm M. Rhodes, MD, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Douglas H. Sass

Douglas H. Sass

Executive Vice President, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/David R. Schools  
David R. Schools, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Sheryl G. Sharry  
Sheryl G. Sharry  
Chief Financial Officer/Executive Vice  
President, Director

February 26, 2015 /s/Steve D. Swanson  
Steve D. Swanson, Director