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Pricing Supplement, dated September 24, 2003 to Prospectus dated November 19, 2001

Medium-Term Notes, Series 5 Due From Nine Months to 30 Years From Date of Issue

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$10,000,000.00 **ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE September 30, 2003 September 30, 2005** MATURITY DATE **GLOBAL NOTE** Yes **INITIAL INTEREST RATE** 2.40% **INTEREST RATE BASIS** Fixed INDEX MATURITY N/A **SPREAD** N/A CUSIP 73317PAE9 INTEREST RATE RESET PERIOD N/A **INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD** The notes will pay interest on each March 31 and September 30, commencing on March 31, 2004, and at maturity

The proceeds from the issuance of the Note to which this Pricing Supplement relates will used for:

general corporate purposes, including investments in, or extensions of credit to, existing and future subsidiaries

repayment of outstanding borrowings.