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[Chesapeake letterhead]

, 2002

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the special meeting of shareholders of Chesapeake Financial Shares, Inc. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Chesapeake Bank Operations Center, 35 School Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia.

At this important meeting, you will be asked to vote on a proposed transaction that, if approved, will result in termination of the registration of Chesapeake's common stock under the federal securities laws and thereby eliminate the significant expense required to comply with the reporting and related requirements under those laws. Commonly referred to as a "going private" transaction, the proposed transaction will reduce the number of shareholders of record to fewer than 300, as required for the deregistration of our common stock under the federal securities laws. The reduction in the number of shareholders will be accomplished by the merger of a newly-formed subsidiary of Chesapeake with and into Chesapeake on the terms set forth in the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement.

Under the terms of the merger, each share of Chesapeake common stock owned of record on the effective date of the merger:

by a shareholder of *fewer* than 500 shares will be converted into the right to receive from Chesapeake \$27.00 in cash per share, and

by a shareholder of 500 or *more* shares will remain as outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock after the merger.

Because Chesapeake has a large number of shareholders who own less than 500 shares, we expect that the number of shareholders of record will be reduced from approximately 461 to approximately 235, while the number of outstanding shares will decrease by only 5.7% a reduction of approximately 73,300 shares from the current 1,284,198 outstanding shares.

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors concluded that the costs associated with being a public company is not justified by the benefits in view of our stock's limited trading activity and consistently undervalued stock price based on our peer group comparisons.

**Accordingly, your Board of Directors believes the merger is in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders and unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the proposal.**

Consummation of the transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the shares of Chesapeake common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting. It is anticipated that the transaction will become effective before the end of this year. Details of the proposed transaction are set forth in the accompanying proxy statement, which we urge you to read carefully in its entirety.

**Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please take the time to vote by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card. If you do not vote, it will have the same effect as voting against the merger.**

We deeply appreciate your continuing loyalty and support, and we look forward to seeing you at the special meeting.

Sincerely yours,

DOUGLAS D. MONROE, JR.  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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**CHESAPEAKE FINANCIAL SHARES, INC.**

97 North Main Street  
Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD \_\_\_\_\_, 2002**

Chesapeake Financial Shares, Inc., a Virginia corporation ( Chesapeake ), will hold a special meeting of shareholders on \_\_\_\_\_, 2002 at 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, at the Chesapeake Bank Operations Center, 35 School Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia for the following purposes:

To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 30, 2002, between Chesapeake and Chesapeake Merger Corp., a Virginia corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesapeake (the merger subsidiary ), providing for the merger of the merger subsidiary with and into Chesapeake (the merger ). As a result of the merger, (a) each share of Chesapeake common stock held by a shareholder owning fewer than 500 shares at the effective date of the merger will be converted into the right to receive from Chesapeake \$27.00 in cash, without interest, per share, and (b) each share of common stock held by a shareholder owning 500 or more shares will continue to represent one share of Chesapeake common stock after the merger. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A to the accompanying proxy statement; and

To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

We have fixed the close of business on September 15, 2002 as the record date for determining those shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a broker, trust or other nominee, you will need a proxy or letter from the broker, trustee or nominee in order to vote personally at the meeting.

**The board of directors of Chesapeake has carefully considered the terms of the merger agreement and believes that the merger is fair to, and in the best interests of, Chesapeake and its shareholders. The board of directors has unanimously approved the merger agreement and unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the approval of the merger agreement.**

Each shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting has the right to dissent from the merger and seek an appraisal of the fair market value of his or her shares, provided the proper procedures of Article 15 of Title 13.1 of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act are followed. A copy of Article 15 is attached as Annex C to the proxy statement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

\_\_\_\_\_  
**John H. Hunt, II**  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_, 2002

Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please complete, date, sign, and return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope. If you attend the special meeting, you may vote in person if you wish, even if you have previously returned your proxy card.



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**SUMMARY TERM SHEET**

*This summary term sheet, together with the Questions and Answers section that follows, highlight selected information from the proxy statement about the proposed merger. This summary term sheet and the question and answer section may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more complete description of the merger, you should carefully read this proxy statement and all of its annexes before you vote. For your convenience, we have directed your attention in parentheses to the location in this proxy statement where you can find a more complete discussion of each item listed below.*

*As used in this proxy statement, Chesapeake, we, our, ours and us refer to Chesapeake Financial Shares, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries, the merger subsidiary refers to Chesapeake Merger Corp., and the merger agreement refers to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 30, 2002, between Chesapeake and the merger subsidiary.*

**The Merger Agreement (Page )**

On August 30, 2002, we signed the merger agreement that provides for the merger of the merger subsidiary, a newly-formed subsidiary of Chesapeake, with and into Chesapeake. Chesapeake will continue as the surviving corporation in the merger. Under the terms of the merger agreement, if the merger is completed:

Chesapeake shareholders holding fewer than 500 shares of Chesapeake common stock at the effective date of the merger will receive a cash payment from Chesapeake of \$27.00 per share, without interest.

Chesapeake shareholders holding 500 or more shares at the effective date of the merger will continue to hold the same number of shares of Chesapeake common stock and will *not* receive any cash payment.

the officers and directors of Chesapeake at the effective date of the merger will continue to serve as the officers and directors of Chesapeake immediately after the merger.

outstanding options held by our employees to acquire Chesapeake common stock will continue to be outstanding under their existing terms and conditions.

The merger agreement has specific provisions regarding the treatment of shares held in street name. For a description of these provisions, as well as the terms of the merger agreement generally, please see The Merger Agreement Conversion of Shares in the Merger on page of this proxy statement.

**The Parties (Page )**

Chesapeake is a Virginia corporation and registered financial holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

The merger subsidiary is a recently-formed Virginia corporation organized as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chesapeake for the sole purpose of facilitating the merger. Its existence will cease upon consummation of the merger.

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The principal executive offices of both Chesapeake and the merger subsidiary are located at 97 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482.

The telephone number for both Chesapeake and the merger subsidiary is (804) 435-1181.

### **Vote Required; Record Date (Page )**

Approval of the merger agreement requires the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock entitled to vote on the proposed merger at the special meeting. As of the close of business on September 15, 2002, there were 1,284,198 shares of our common stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting.

### **Reasons for the Merger (Page )**

The board of directors of Chesapeake has determined that, for the reasons discussed in detail in the proxy statement, the merger is in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders. Chesapeake believes the merger would:

relieve Chesapeake of the administrative burden and cost associated with filing reports and otherwise complying with the requirements of registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), by deregistering its common stock under the Exchange Act;

eliminate the expense and burden of dealing with Chesapeake's high number of shareholders holding small positions in Chesapeake's stock;

afford shareholders who own less than 500 shares of Chesapeake at the time of the merger the opportunity to receive cash for their shares at a price that represents a premium of 20.7% and 18.1% over the average 30 and 60 trading closing price before the public announcement of the proposed merger and without having to pay brokerage commissions; and

increase management's flexibility to consider and initiate actions that may produce long-term benefits and growth without the pressure and expectation to produce quarterly earnings per share growth.

### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors (Page )**

The board of directors of Chesapeake believes that the merger agreement is fair to and in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders, including both affiliated and unaffiliated shareholders, and unanimously recommends that shareholders of Chesapeake vote FOR the approval of the merger agreement. As used in this proxy statement, the term affiliated shareholder means any shareholder who is a director or executive officer of Chesapeake, and the term unaffiliated shareholder means any shareholder other than an affiliated shareholder. Chesapeake's directors and executive officers have indicated that they will vote all of their shares of Chesapeake stock in favor of the merger agreement. As of September 15, 2002, the directors and executive officers of Chesapeake beneficially owned a total of 504,164 shares of Chesapeake stock, or approximately 39.3% of the total shares entitled to vote at the special meeting. See The Parties Beneficial Ownership of Securities of Chesapeake. No other shareholders have disclosed to Chesapeake how they intend to vote on this matter.



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**Background of the Merger Proposal (Page )**

Please see Special Factors Background of the Merger on page for a discussion of the events leading up to the signing of the merger agreement.

**Effects of the Merger (Page )**

As a result of the merger, we anticipate that:

the registration of Chesapeake common stock under the Exchange Act will be terminated, and Chesapeake will no longer be a public company subject to the reporting and other requirements of the Exchange Act;

Chesapeake common stock will no longer be traded on the OTC Bulletin Board and price quotations for our common stock will no longer be available any trading in our common stock after the merger will only occur in the pink sheets or in privately negotiated transactions;

shareholders who own fewer than 500 shares at the effective date of the merger will no longer have an interest in or be a shareholder of Chesapeake and will not be able to participate in Chesapeake's future earnings and growth, if any, unless they subsequently acquire shares of our common stock;

the number of our shareholders of record will be reduced from approximately 461 to approximately 235, and the number of outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock will decrease by approximately 5.7% from 1,284,198 to approximately 1,211,000;

the percentage of ownership of Chesapeake common stock beneficially owned by the current executive officers and directors of Chesapeake as a group will increase from 40.9% to approximately 43.3%;

aggregate shareholders' equity of Chesapeake as of June 30, 2002, will be reduced from approximately \$22,454,000 on a historical basis to approximately \$20,325,000 on a pro forma basis, but Chesapeake will continue to be a well capitalized institution under the applicable bank capital guidelines;

the book value per share of common stock as of June 30, 2002, will be reduced from \$17.48 per share on a historical basis to approximately \$16.79 per share on a pro forma basis;

Chesapeake's capital will be reduced, including a decrease in Chesapeake's Tier 1 capital as of June 30, 2002, from \$21,426,000 on a historical basis to \$19,297,000 on a pro forma basis;

net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$2.12 on a historical basis to \$2.20 on a pro forma basis (\$2.07 to \$2.14 on a fully-diluted basis); and

net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the six months ended June 30, 2002, will increase from \$1.14 on a historical basis to \$1.18 on a pro forma basis (\$1.12 to \$1.16 on a fully-diluted basis).

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### **Fairness Opinion of Financial Advisor (Page )**

Scott & Stringfellow, Inc., financial advisor to Chesapeake, has delivered to the board of directors of Chesapeake its written opinion, dated August 30, 2002, to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and based upon and subject to certain matters stated in the opinion, the cash consideration to be paid in the merger is fair, from a financial point of view, to our shareholders, including shareholders who will receive cash in the merger as well as those who will remain shareholders after the merger. The full text of the written opinion of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc., which sets forth the assumptions made, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement. You should read the opinion carefully in its entirety, along with the discussion under **Special Factors** **Opinion of the Financial Advisor**.

The opinion of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. is directed to the Chesapeake board of directors, addresses only the fairness to holders of Chesapeake common stock from a financial point of view of the cash consideration to be paid in the merger and does not constitute a recommendation to any shareholder as to how such shareholder should vote at the special meeting.

### **Conditions to the Completion of the Merger (Page )**

The completion of the merger depends upon the satisfaction of a number of conditions, including:

- approval of the merger agreement by the holders of at least a majority of our outstanding shares;
- the aggregate cost of the shares converted into cash in the merger and dissenting shares does not exceed \$3.2 million;
- our receipt of adequate financing for the merger; and
- no litigation is pending regarding the merger.

### **Termination of Merger Agreement (Page )**

We may terminate the merger agreement at any time before the closing of the transaction.

### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences (Page )**

The receipt of cash in the merger will be taxable for Federal income tax purposes.

**Tax matters are very complicated, and the tax consequences to you of the merger will depend on your own situation. To review the material tax consequences in greater detail, please read the discussion under **Special Factors** **U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences**.**

### **Dissenters' Rights (Page )**

Under Virginia law, you are entitled to dissent from the merger and to receive the fair value of your shares, regardless of the number of shares you own. To exercise your dissenters' rights, you must comply with all procedural requirements of Virginia law. A description of the relevant sections of Virginia law is provided in **Special Factors** **Dissenters' Rights** on page , and the full text of the sections is attached as Annex C to this proxy statement. **Failure to take any steps required by Virginia law may result in a termination or waiver of your dissenters' rights.**

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**Sources of Funds; Financing of the Merger (Page )**

We estimate that the total funds required to the consideration to shareholders entitled to receive cash for their Chesapeake shares and to pay fees and expenses relating to the merger will be approximately \$2,130,000. The consideration to shareholders will be paid from a credit facility Chesapeake expects to obtain from SunTrust Bank and available working capital will be used to pay fees and expenses. Our receipt of adequate financing is a condition to consummation of the merger. We do not intend to resolicit proxies with respect to the merger agreement if SunTrust Bank does not provide the financing described above on the terms outlined in this proxy statement. For a description of the proposed terms of the financing, please read the discussion under Special Factors Financing the Merger.

**Potential Conflicts of Interest of Executive Officers and Directors (Page )**

The executive officers and directors of Chesapeake may have interests in the transaction that are different from your interests as a shareholder, or relationships that may present conflicts of interest, including the following:

Each member of the board of directors and each executive officer holds of record 500 or more shares of Chesapeake common stock and will retain their shares in the merger; and

As a result of the merger, the shareholders who own of record on September 15, 2002, 500 or more shares, such as our directors and some executive officers, will increase their percentage ownership interest in Chesapeake as a result of the purchase by Chesapeake of the shares owned by the holders of less than 500 shares. For example, assuming the merger is approved, the ownership percentage of the directors and executive officers will increase from 40.9% to approximately 43.3% as a result of the reduction of the number of shares of the common stock outstanding by approximately 73,300 shares.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MEETING AND THE MERGER**

**About the Special Meeting and Voting Procedures**

**Q: Why did you send me this proxy statement?**

A: We sent you this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because our board of directors is soliciting your votes for use at our special meeting of shareholders.

This proxy statement provides information that you need to know in order to cast an informed vote at the meeting. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card.

We began sending this proxy statement, notice of special meeting and the enclosed proxy card on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2002 to all shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. The record date for shareholders entitled to vote is September 15, 2002. On that date, there were 1,284,198 shares of our common stock outstanding. Shareholders are entitled to the one vote for each share of common stock held as of the record date.

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

A: No. After the merger is completed, we will send instructions on how to receive any cash payments you may be entitled to receive.

**Q: What is the time and place of the special meeting?**

A: The special meeting will be held at the Chesapeake Bank Operations Center at 35 School Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia at 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

**Q: What am I being asked to vote on?**

A: You are being asked to vote on the approval of the merger agreement between Chesapeake and the merger subsidiary, pursuant to which merger subsidiary will merge with and into Chesapeake. As a result of the merger, shareholders who own fewer than 500 shares of Chesapeake common stock at the effective date of the merger will receive \$27.00 for each share they own. After the merger, Chesapeake will no longer be subject to the reporting and related requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and its common stock will cease to be traded on the OTC Bulletin Board. Any trading in our common stock after the merger will only occur in the pink sheets or in privately negotiated transactions.

**Q: Who may be present at the special meeting and who may vote?**

A: All holders of our common stock may attend the special meeting in person. However, only holders of our common stock of record as of September 15, 2002 may cast their votes in person or by proxy at the special meeting.

**Q: What is the vote required to approve the merger agreement?**

A: The proposal to approve the merger agreement must receive the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Chesapeake common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date. If you do not vote your shares, either in person or by proxy, or if you abstain from

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voting on this matter, it has the same effect as if you voted against the merger. In addition, if you do not instruct your broker on how to vote on the merger, your broker will not be able to vote for you. This will have the same effect as a vote against the merger proposal.

**Q: Who is soliciting my proxy?**

A: The board of directors of Chesapeake.

**Q: What is the recommendation of our board of directors regarding the proposal?**

A: Our board of directors has determined that the merger is advisable and in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders. Our board of directors has therefore unanimously approved the merger agreement and recommends that you vote FOR approval of this matter at the special meeting.

**Q: What do I need to do now?**

A: Please sign, date and complete your proxy card and promptly return it in the enclosed, self addressed, prepaid envelope so that your shares can be represented at the special meeting.

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

A: Your broker will vote your shares for you ONLY if you instruct your broker how to vote for you. Your broker should mail information to you that will explain how to give these instructions.

**Q: Can I change my vote after I have mailed my signed proxy card?**

A: Yes. Just send by mail a written revocation or a later-dated, completed and signed proxy card before the special meeting or simply attend the special meeting and vote in person. You may not change your vote by facsimile or telephone.

**Q: What if I don't send back a proxy card or vote my shares in person at the special meeting?**

A: If you don't return your proxy card or vote your shares in person at the special meeting, each of those shares will be treated as a non-vote and will have the effect described above under What is the vote required to approve the merger agreement?

**Q: What happens if I sell my Chesapeake shares before the special meeting?**

A: The record date for the special meeting is earlier than the expected date of the merger. If you own shares of Chesapeake common stock on the record date but transfer your shares after the record date, but before the merger, you will retain your right to vote at the special meeting based on the number of shares you owned on the record date. If you sell a sufficient number of shares so that you own fewer than 500 shares at the time of merger, you will receive \$27.00 cash for each share you own at the effective date of the merger.

**Q: What happens if the special meeting is postponed or adjourned?**

A: Your proxy will be good and may be voted at the postponed or adjourned meeting. You will still be able to change or revoke your proxy until it is voted.

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### **About the Merger**

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

A: If you own fewer than 500 shares of Chesapeake common stock at the effective date of the merger, you will receive \$27.00 in cash, without interest, from Chesapeake for each share you own. If you own 500 or more shares of Chesapeake common stock at the effective date of the merger, you will *not* receive any cash payment for your shares in connection with the merger and will continue to hold the same number of shares of Chesapeake common stock as you did before the merger. The merger agreement has specific provisions regarding the treatment of shares held in street name. Please read the discussion under [The Merger Agreement Conversion of Shares in the Merger](#) for a description of these provisions as well as the terms of the merger agreement generally.

#### **Q: What if I hold shares in street name?**

A: Any shares you hold in street name will be added to the number of any shares you may hold directly in record name in determining the number of shares you hold. You will be entitled to receive the cash amount payable in the merger only if you certify to Chesapeake that the total number of shares you hold (whether of record or in street name) is fewer than 500. The merger agreement has detailed provisions regarding the treatment of shares held in street name. Please read the discussion under [The Merger Agreement Conversion of Shares in the Merger](#) for a description of these provisions as well as the terms of the merger agreement generally.

#### **Q: How will Chesapeake be operated after the merger?**

A: After the merger, Chesapeake will no longer be subject to the reporting and related requirements under the federal securities laws that are applicable to public companies. Chesapeake expects its business and operations to continue as they are currently being conducted and, except as disclosed in this proxy statement, the merger is not anticipated to have any effect upon the conduct of such business. As a result of the merger, shareholders of Chesapeake who receive cash for their shares in the merger will no longer have a continuing interest as shareholders of Chesapeake and will not share in any future earnings and growth of Chesapeake. Also, Chesapeake expects that after the merger its common stock will be delisted from the OTC Bulletin Board. Any trading in our common stock will only occur in the [pink sheets](#) or in privately negotiated transactions which may adversely affect the liquidity of the common stock.

#### **Q: When do you expect the merger to be completed?**

A: We are working toward completing the merger as quickly as possible, and we expect the merger to be completed shortly after the special meeting.

#### **Q: What are the federal income tax consequences of the merger to me?**

A: The receipt of cash in the merger will be taxable for federal income tax purposes. Shareholders who do not receive cash in the merger should not be subject to taxation as a result of the merger. To review the material tax consequences in greater detail, please read the discussion under [Special Factors U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences](#).

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**Q: May I buy additional shares in order to remain a shareholder of Chesapeake?**

A: Yes. The key date is how many shares of common stock you own at the time of the merger. So long as you are able to acquire a sufficient number of shares so that you own 500 or more shares at the effective date of the merger, which we expect to occur shortly after the special meeting, your shares of Chesapeake common stock will not be cashed-out in the merger.

**Q: Who can help answer my questions?**

A: If you have any questions concerning the merger or the special meeting, or if you would like additional copies of this proxy statement or proxy card, please contact: Jeffrey M. Szyperki, or John H. Hunt, II, Chesapeake Financial Shares, Inc., 97 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482. Their telephone number is (804) 435-1181.

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The following summary of historical consolidated financial data was derived from Chesapeake's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for each of the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 and from Chesapeake's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001. The income statement data for the six months ended June 30, 2002 is not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. This financial information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of Chesapeake and other financial information, including the notes thereto, contained in Chesapeake's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2001 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, which information is incorporated by reference in this proxy statement. See "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 10 and Documents Incorporated by Reference, on page 11.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2001	2000	1999
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
<b>Consolidated Income Statement Data:</b>					
Total interest income	\$ 7,784	\$ 8,594	\$ 16,850	\$ 15,667	\$ 13,423
Total interest expense	2,691	4,160	7,524	7,871	6,174
Net interest income	5,093	4,434	9,326	7,796	7,249
Income before income taxes	2,001	1,706	3,574	2,950	2,751
Income tax expense	554	441	934	722	690
Net Income	1,447	1,265	2,640	2,228	2,061
<b>Per Share Data:</b>					
Net income, basic	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.02	\$ 2.12	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.67
Net income, diluted	1.12	1.00	2.07	1.76	1.60
Cash dividends declared	0.24	0.22	0.45	0.40	0.33
<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Total assets	\$ 266,135	\$ 234,433	\$ 245,004	\$ 224,213	\$ 197,435
Shareholders' equity	22,454	19,605	20,575	18,330	15,513
Tier 1 capital	21,426	18,878	20,060	17,776	16,134



**Table of Contents****Summary Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information**

The following summary unaudited pro forma consolidated income statement data of Chesapeake for the six months ended June 30, 2002 gives effect to the merger as if it had occurred on January 1, 2002, and the unaudited pro forma consolidated income statement data for the year ended December 31, 2001 gives effect to the merger as if it had occurred on January 1, 2001. The unaudited consolidated balance sheet data of Chesapeake at June 30, 2002 gives effect to the merger as if it had occurred on June 30, 2002. You should read the summary unaudited pro forma financial information in conjunction with the unaudited pro forma Financial information and the related assumptions and notes included in Financial Information Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Statements. As described in such assumptions, the pro forma financial data assumes that 73,299 shares of Chesapeake common stock are cashed out in connection with the merger. The pro forma information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of what Chesapeake's actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the merger been consummated as of the above referenced dates or of the financial position or results of operations that may be reported by Chesapeake in the future.

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2002</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2001</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</b>	
<b>Consolidated Income Statement Data:</b>		
Total interest income	\$ 7,784	\$ 16,850
Total interest expense	2,738	7,618
Net interest income	5,046	9,232
Income before income taxes	1,954	3,480
Income tax expense	541	909
Net Income	\$ 1,413	\$ 2,571
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>		
Total assets	\$ 265,985	\$ 244,854
Shareholders' equity	20,325	18,446
Tier 1 capital	19,297	17,931

**Table of Contents****Selected Per Share Financial Information**

The following table sets forth selected historical per share financial information for Chesapeake and unaudited pro forma per share financial information for Chesapeake giving effect to the merger as if it had been consummated as of the end of each period presented, in the case of book value information, and as of the beginning of the respective reporting periods, in the case of income statement information. The information presented below is derived from (i) the consolidated historical financial statements of Chesapeake, including the related notes thereto, and (ii) the unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Statements, including the assumptions, contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. You should read this table together with the unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Statements and the related assumptions and the Selected Historical Financial Data included elsewhere in this proxy statement and the consolidated financial statements of Chesapeake and the notes thereto included in our 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2001 and our Quarterly Report on 10-QSB for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, which information is incorporated by reference in this proxy statement. As described in the assumptions to the unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Statements, the pro forma per share information assumes that 73,299 shares of Chesapeake common stock are cashed out in connection with the merger. The pro forma information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of what Chesapeake's actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the merger been consummated as of the above referenced dates or of the financial position or results of operations that may be reported by Chesapeake in the future.

	As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2002	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,		
		2001	2000	1999
<b>Chesapeake Historical:</b>				
Earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations:				
Basic	\$ 1.14	\$ 2.12	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.67
Diluted	1.12	2.07	1.76	1.60
Book value per common share(1)	17.48	16.39	14.90	12.65
Dividends per common share	0.24	0.45	0.40	0.33
<b>Chesapeake Pro Forma:</b>				
Earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations(2):				
Basic	\$ 1.18	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.87	\$ 1.72
Diluted	1.16	2.14	1.81	1.64
Book value per common share(3)	16.79	15.60	14.01	11.61
Dividends per common share	0.24	0.45	0.40	0.33

- (1) Historical book value per share is computed by dividing shareholders' equity by the number of common shares outstanding at the end of the respective periods excluding the dilutive effect of options.
- (2) Pro forma earnings per share from continuing operations is computed by dividing pro forma net income from continuing operations by the historical weighted average shares outstanding for the respective periods minus the 73,299 shares of Chesapeake common stock assumed to be cashed out in the merger.
- (3) Pro forma book value per share of Chesapeake is computed by dividing pro forma shareholders' equity by the number of common shares outstanding at the end of the period minus the 73,299 shares of Chesapeake common stock assumed to be cashed out in the merger.

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**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Forward looking statements are those statements that describe management's beliefs and expectations about the future. We have identified forward looking statements by using words such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, may, expect, and intend. Although we believe expectations are reasonable, our operations involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including those described in this proxy statement and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Therefore, these types of statements may prove to be incorrect.

**THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**General**

We are providing this proxy statement to Chesapeake shareholders of record as of September 15, 2002, along with a form of proxy that the Chesapeake board of directors is soliciting for use at a special meeting of shareholders of Chesapeake to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2002 at 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, at the Chesapeake Bank Operations Center, 35 School Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia. At the meeting, the shareholders of Chesapeake will vote upon a proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 30, 2002, providing for the merger of Chesapeake Merger Corp. with and into Chesapeake. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Annex A.

**Who Can Vote at the Meeting**

You are entitled to vote your Chesapeake common stock if our records show that you held your shares as of the record date, which is September 15, 2002. On the record date, there were 1,284,198 shares of Chesapeake common stock outstanding, held by approximately 461 holders of record. Each such share of Chesapeake common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted at the meeting.

**Attending the Meeting**

If you are a beneficial owner of Chesapeake common stock held by a broker, bank or other nominee (i.e., in street name), you will need proof of ownership to be admitted to the meeting. A recent brokerage statement or letter from a bank or broker are examples of proof of ownership. If you want to vote your shares of Chesapeake common stock held in street name in person at the meeting, you will have to get a written proxy in your name from the broker, bank or other nominee who holds your shares.

**Annual Report and Quarterly Report**

Chesapeake's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2001, and its Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB, as amended, for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 are incorporated by reference in this proxy statement and are available upon request from Chesapeake. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) and [Documents Incorporated by Reference](#).

**Vote Required**

Approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock entitled to vote. **If you do not vote your shares, it will have the same effect as a vote against the merger agreement.**

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The proposal to adopt the merger agreement is a non-discretionary item, meaning that brokerage firms cannot vote shares in their discretion on behalf of a client if the client has not given voting instructions. Accordingly, shares held in street name that have been designated by brokers on proxy cards as not voted with respect to that proposal ( broker non-vote shares ) will not be counted as votes cast on it. Shares with respect to which proxies have been marked as abstentions also will not be counted as votes cast on that proposal.

Action on other matters, if any, that are properly presented at the meeting for consideration of the shareholders will be approved if a quorum is present and the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action. A quorum will be present if a majority of the outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock entitled to vote is represented at the meeting in person or by proxy. Shares with respect to which proxies have been marked as abstentions and broker non-vote shares will be treated as shares present for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. The board of directors is not aware of any other business to be presented at the meeting other than matters incidental to the conduct of the meeting.

**Because approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of more than a majority of the outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock entitled to vote, abstentions and broker non-vote shares will have the same effect as votes against the merger. Accordingly, the board of directors urges you to complete, date and sign the accompanying proxy and return it promptly in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope.**

As of the record date, the directors and executive officers of Chesapeake beneficially owned a total of approximately 39.3% of the outstanding shares of Chesapeake common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting.

### **Voting and Revocation of Proxies**

The shares of Chesapeake stock represented by properly completed proxies received at or before the time for the meeting (or any adjournment) will be voted as directed by the respective shareholders unless the proxies are revoked as described below. If no instructions are given, executed proxies will be voted FOR approval of the merger agreement. Proxies marked FOR approval of the merger agreement and executed but unmarked proxies will be voted in the discretion of the proxy holders named in the proxies as to any proposed adjournment of the meeting. Proxies that are voted AGAINST approval of the merger agreement will not be voted in favor of any motion to adjourn the meeting to solicit more votes in favor of the merger. The proxies will be voted in the discretion of the proxy holders on other matters, if any, that are properly presented at the meeting and voted upon.

You may revoke your proxy at any time before the vote is taken at the meeting. To revoke your proxy, you must either: notify the Corporate Secretary of Chesapeake in writing at Chesapeake's principal executive offices; submit a later dated proxy to the Corporate Secretary of Chesapeake; or attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. Your attendance at the meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy. If you hold your shares in street name, please see the voting form provided by your broker for additional information regarding the voting of your shares.

Your broker may allow you to deliver your voting instructions via the telephone or the internet. Please see the voting instruction form from your broker. If your shares are not registered in your name, you will need additional documentation from your record holder to vote the shares in person.

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### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Directors, officers and other employees of Chesapeake or its subsidiaries may solicit proxies personally, by telephone or facsimile or otherwise. None of these people will receive any special compensation for solicitation activities. Chesapeake will arrange with brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for the forwarding of solicitation material to the beneficial owners of stock held of record by such brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries, and Chesapeake will reimburse these record holders for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The board of directors of Chesapeake has approved the merger agreement and believes that the proposed transaction is fair to and in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders. **The board of directors unanimously recommends that Chesapeake's shareholders vote *FOR* approval of the merger agreement.**

## **SPECIAL FACTORS**

### **Background of the Merger**

**Overview.** Of Chesapeake's 461 shareholders of record on September 15, approximately 227 hold fewer than 500 shares (not including beneficial owners whose shares may be registered in street name). Collectively, these 227 record holders (who comprise just under half, 49.2%, of all record holders) own an aggregate of approximately 44,159 shares, or 3.4% of our outstanding shares.

We have no direct knowledge of the number of shares of our common stock owned beneficially (but not of record) by persons who own fewer than 500 shares of our common stock and who hold the shares in street name. However, based on the number of sets of proxy materials that we are requested to provide to brokers, dealers, etc., we estimate there are at least 125 such holders owning beneficially approximately 29,140 shares of Chesapeake common stock.

Accordingly, we estimate there are approximately 73,300 shares of our common stock, representing 5.7% of our outstanding shares, held by shareholders holding fewer than 500 shares. In making the computations presented elsewhere in this proxy statement (including the preparation of the pro forma financial information included herein), we have assumed that a substantial portion of the beneficial owners of shares held in nominee name hold fewer than 500 shares and will therefore be cashed out in the merger.

As a public company, Chesapeake is required to prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), among other items, the following:

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-QSB;

Annual Reports on Form 10-KSB;

Proxy statements and annual shareholder reports as required by Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K.

The costs associated with these reports and other filing obligations comprise a significant overhead expense. These costs include professional fees for our auditors and corporate counsel, printing

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and mailing costs, internal compliance costs, and transfer agent costs. These SEC registration-related costs have been increasing over the years, and we believe that they will continue to increase, particularly as a result of the additional reporting and disclosure obligations imposed on public companies by the recently enacted Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Accordingly, the board of directors determined that the recurring expense and burden of maintaining so many small shareholder accounts, coupled with the costs associated with maintaining registration of Chesapeake's common stock under the Exchange Act, is not cost efficient for Chesapeake. Additionally, the board of directors determined, even as a publicly-traded stock, there is a very limited trading market for our shares of common stock, especially for sales of larger blocks of our shares, and that our shareholders derive little benefit from Chesapeake's status as a publicly-held corporation. The board of directors also concluded that, as a private company, management would have increased flexibility to consider and initiate actions that may produce long-term benefits and growth without the pressure and expectation to produce quarterly earnings per share growth. As a result, our management began to explore the possibility of reducing our number of shareholders of record to below 300 in order to terminate the registration of our common stock with the SEC.

**Alternatives Considered.** In making this determination, the board of directors considered other means of achieving the same result, but rejected these alternatives because the board of directors believed that the merger would be simpler and less costly. These alternatives were:

**Tender offer at a similar price per share.** The board of directors was uncertain as to whether this alternative would result in shares being tendered by a sufficient number of record shareholders so as to accomplish the going private objective and reducing recurring costs. The board found it unlikely that many holders of small numbers of shares would make the effort to tender their shares.

**Purchase of shares in the open market.** The board of directors rejected this alternative because it concluded it was unlikely that Chesapeake could acquire shares from a sufficient number of holders to accomplish the board's objectives.

**Reverse stock split.** This alternative would accomplish the objective of reducing the number of record shareholders below the 300 threshold, assuming approval of the reverse stock split by Chesapeake's shareholders. In a reverse stock split, Chesapeake would acquire the interests of the cashed-out shareholders pursuant to an amendment to Chesapeake's articles of incorporation to reduce the number of issued and outstanding shares of common stock such that the cashed-out shareholders would own less than one full share of Chesapeake common stock. Chesapeake would then distribute cash for the resulting fractional share interests. The board rejected this alternative due to the higher costs involved.

The merger proposal is being made at this time because the sooner the proposal can be implemented, the sooner Chesapeake will cease to incur the expenses and burdens and the sooner shareholders who are to receive cash in the merger will receive and be able to reinvest or otherwise make use of such cash payments.

After consideration of the various alternatives described above, the board of directors determined that the merger proposal was the best choice for the shareholders and Chesapeake. We anticipate that after the proposed merger Chesapeake will have approximately 235 shareholders of record, well below the maximum 300 shareholders of record necessary to terminate registration under the Exchange Act.

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**Board of Directors.** At its meeting in January 2001, the board of directors first discussed the ongoing costs associated with Chesapeake's status as a public company and the limited trading activity in the common stock in connection with the possibility of Chesapeake qualifying as a so-called S corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. As an S corporation, Chesapeake could take advantage of certain tax benefits by avoiding federal income taxation at the corporate level, but Chesapeake would have to reduce its number of shareholders to 75 or fewer. Based on the considerable expense and certain other factors involved, the board determined that it was not in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders to pursue qualification as an S corporation.

At its next meeting in April 2001, the board of directors discussed the possibility of listing Chesapeake common stock on the American Stock Exchange (AMEX) or the NASDAQ stock market in order to enhance the trading activity and value of the common stock. Management had meetings with representatives from both AMEX and NASDAQ in preparation for the April board meeting and had determined the costs associated with listing on either the AMEX or NASDAQ market, as well as the perceived benefits of both. The board discussed these issues in detail at the meeting and decided to table any decision on this issue.

The board discussed in detail at its August 2001 meeting the stock's historic and current price to earnings ratio as compared to a statewide peer group of other financial institutions. Based on this peer group analysis, the stock was currently undervalued with a relatively thin trading volume. The board recommended that management personally contact the various brokers who make a market in Chesapeake's stock in an effort to build more investor interest in Chesapeake and its stock.

At its October 2001 meeting, management reported to the board that the response from the brokerage community was that an AMEX or NASDAQ listing would not significantly increase the stock's trading volume or improve its price range. With a relatively small shareholder base in the 600 to 700 shareholder range (including shareholders owning shares in street name), and a market capitalization of less than \$28 million at the time, the general conclusion was there was an inadequate supply of shares in the market to support an active and liquid trading market for the stock. The directors and executive officers of Chesapeake currently own in the aggregate 39.3% of the outstanding shares, which results in a relatively small public float (shares held by persons other than directors, officers, their immediate families and other holders of 10% or more of the shares) of approximately 730,000 shares, or \$16.6 million based on Chesapeake's August 30th closing price of \$22.75 (the last business day before the merger was publicly announced).

On October 26 and 27 of 2001, Chesapeake held a strategic planning session that included the directors of Chesapeake and Chesapeake Bank, as well as the advisory board members, and senior management. A major item of discussion during this planning session was the stock's lack of liquidity and low valuation based on a peer group analysis. The small shareholder base and public float again emerged as the principal impediments to obtaining a more active and liquid market for the stock. Considerable concern was expressed during the planning session whether Chesapeake would be able to increase its shareholder base to a size that would support such an active market for the stock and bring the stock's price range more in line with Chesapeake's peer group. As an agenda item coming out of that planning session, management added to the 2002 Strategic Plan an evaluation of the viability of engaging in a going private transaction.

The board's determination to evaluate going private transaction was based, among other things, on:

our small public float and market capitalization;

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our low trading volume;

the board's concern that there was little likelihood that the liquidity of our common stock will improve in the future;

the lack of research attention from market analysts being given to Chesapeake; and

the performance of our stock price which, in management's opinion, was undervalued.

At its January 2002 meeting, the board concluded that listing the common stock for trading on either the AMEX or Nasdaq market was not advisable due to its relatively small shareholder base and public float. At its next meeting in April 2002, the board directed management to prepare a cost/benefit analysis of going private before any further steps were taken on this initiative.

At the July 2002 meeting, management presented its report on the costs and benefits of proceeding with a going private transaction. This was done after considerable advice of outside counsel and consultants. Representatives from LeClair Ryan, corporate counsel to Chesapeake, attended and participated in management's presentation to the board. The board considered the three alternative structures described above, but determined that the merger proposal was the best choice for Chesapeake and its shareholders. At that meeting, the board authorized management to proceed with any additional steps necessary to bring this proposal to the point where it could be considered and voted upon. Specifically, the board authorized management to engage an independent financial advisor to advise the board on the financial terms of the proposed transaction and to render a fairness opinion on the terms of the proposed merger from a financial point of view of both the cashed-out and remaining shareholders. Chesapeake retained Scott & Stringfellow, Inc., a regional investment banking firm based in Richmond, Virginia, to serve as its financial advisor.

At a special meeting held on August 30, 2002, Scott & Stringfellow delivered to the board of directors its report on the valuation of Chesapeake common stock. Scott & Stringfellow's valuation indicated that the fair value of Chesapeake's common stock ranged from \$22.75 to \$28.78 per share. Scott & Stringfellow provided the board with a detailed explanation of the financial analyses supporting the range of values. Counsel from LeClair Ryan was also present at the meeting to discuss the structure of the proposed merger and the related legal issues, including a form of the merger agreement.

After considerable discussion, the board of directors unanimously agreed that \$27.00 was a fair value for the shares of common stock to be purchased by Chesapeake in the proposed merger and that the merger transaction was fair to all shareholders. Scott & Stringfellow verbally advised the board at the meeting that \$27.00 was fair from a financial point of view to all shareholders and indicated it would prepare a written fairness opinion for delivery to the board of directors.

The board selected 500 shares as the ownership minimum because it represented a logical breakpoint among shareholders in order to insure that, after completion of the merger, the number of record shareholders would be less than the 300 shareholder limit necessary to terminate registration with the SEC, while at the same time involving a relatively small number of shares (estimated at approximately 73,300, or 5.7% of Chesapeake's outstanding shares) that would be cashed-out in the proposed merger.

The board determined that the merger proposal was fair to all shareholders (including non-affiliated shareholders) generally, and specifically with respect to shareholders receiving cash in the merger. In making this determination, the board did not utilize the following procedural safeguards:



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the merger transaction was not structured to require separate approval by a majority of those shareholders who are not executive officers or directors of Chesapeake; and

the board of directors did not retain any unaffiliated representative to act solely on behalf of shareholders who are not officers or directors for purposes of negotiating the terms of the merger transaction or to prepare a report regarding the fairness of the transaction.

The board did not consider a possible sale of Chesapeake. No offers were presented to the board, and no offers were solicited in keeping with the board of directors strategic determination to maintain Chesapeake's independence.

Chesapeake publicly announced the proposed merger on September 3, 2002.

### **Purpose and Reasons for the Merger**

The directors and executive officers of Chesapeake have historically owned, in the aggregate, a significant block of our outstanding shares of common stock. As of our record date (September 15, 2002), the directors and executive officers of Chesapeake owned a total of 535,943 shares, or 40.9% of the outstanding shares. Because this group has tended not to sell their shares, and because of the relatively low number of outstanding shares and small shareholder base, the trading volume in our stock has been, and continues to be, limited. During the 12 months prior to the public announcement of the proposed merger, the stock traded infrequently with reported trades occurring on only 54 days with an average trading volume on those days of approximately 1,500 shares per day. Because the stock is so thinly traded, there is not sufficient liquidity in the market for our stock to absorb larger transactions without a significant impact on the market price of our stock.

In recent years, Chesapeake believes, the public marketplace has had less interest in public companies with a small market capitalization and a limited amount of securities available for trading in the public marketplace. The board of directors believes it is highly speculative whether our common stock would ever achieve significant market value with an active and liquid market. The realization that our common stock might not in the foreseeable future achieve significant market value as a public company is one of the reasons that ultimately caused the board of directors to conclude that Chesapeake no longer is benefiting from being a public company, and that it would be in the best interest of Chesapeake and its shareholders for Chesapeake to be privately held.

In addition, the board of directors noted that its relatively large number of shareholders who hold fewer than 500 shares own in the aggregate only 5.7% of Chesapeake's outstanding shares. As a result, the board concluded the costs associated with reducing the number of shareholders of record below 300 was reasonable in view of the anticipated benefits of being privately held.

The purpose of the proposed merger is to cash-out the equity interests in Chesapeake of the approximately 227 record holders of common stock that at the time of the merger own fewer than 500 shares of common stock at a price determined to be fair by the entire board of directors. The merger will allow Chesapeake to reduce the number of shareholders of record to fewer than 300 so as

to permit cashed-out shareholders to receive cash for their shares without having to pay brokerage commissions at a price that represents a premium of 20.7% and 18.1% over the average 30 and 60 trading day closing price before the public announcement of the proposed merger. If the merger is implemented, the officers and directors of Chesapeake (and other holders of 500 or more shares) will benefit by an increase in their percentage ownership of

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Chesapeake's common stock, although the net book value of their holdings will decrease. Further, following the deregistration of Chesapeake's common stock under the Exchange Act and its delisting from the OTC Bulletin Board, there will be no public market for transactions in the Chesapeake stock any trading in our common stock will only occur in the pink sheets or in privately negotiated transactions;

to relieve Chesapeake of the administrative burden and cost associated with filing reports and otherwise complying with the requirements of registration under the Exchange Act, by deregistering its common stock under the Exchange Act;

to decrease the expense and burden of dealing with Chesapeake's high number of shareholders holding small positions in Chesapeake's stock; and

to increase management's flexibility to consider and initiate actions that may produce long-term benefits and growth without the pressure and expectation to produce quarterly earnings per share growth.

The board believes that the disadvantages of having Chesapeake continue to be a public company outweigh any advantages. The board has no present intention to raise capital through sales of securities in a public offering in the future or to acquire other business entities using stock as the consideration for any such acquisition. Accordingly, Chesapeake is not likely to make use of any advantage (for raising capital, effecting acquisitions or other purposes) that Chesapeake's status as a public company may offer.

Chesapeake incurs direct and indirect costs associated with compliance with the SEC's filing and reporting requirements imposed on public companies. Chesapeake also incurs substantial indirect costs as a result of, among other things, the executive time spent to prepare and review such filings. Since Chesapeake has relatively few executive personnel, these indirect costs can be substantial. Chesapeake's direct and indirect costs related to being a public company are estimated to approximate \$75,600 specially as follows:

Independent auditors	\$	6,000
SEC counsel		12,000
Printing and mailing		13,500
Internal compliance costs		39,000
Transfer agent		2,100
Miscellaneous costs		3,000
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Total	\$	75,600

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors; Fairness of the Merger Proposal**

The board of directors unanimously determined that the merger is fair to, and in the best interests of, Chesapeake and its shareholders, including shareholders who will receive cash in the merger as well as those who will retain their shares of common stock after the merger. The board of directors also believes that the process by which the transaction is to be approved is fair. The board of directors unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote for approval of the merger. Each member of the board of directors and each executive officer of Chesapeake has advised Chesapeake that he or she intends to vote their shares in favor of the merger. As of September 15, 2002, the directors and executive officers of Chesapeake beneficially owned a total of 504,164 shares of Chesapeake common stock, or approximately 40.9% of the total shares entitled to vote at the special meeting.

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The board has the authority to reject (and not implement) the merger (even after approval thereof by shareholders) if it determines subsequently that the merger is not then in the best interests of Chesapeake and its shareholders.

The board considered several alternative transactions to accomplish the proposed going private transaction but ultimately approved the merger. Please read the discussion under [Background of the Merger](#) for a description of these alternatives considered by the board.

The board considered numerous factors, discussed below, in reaching its conclusion as to the fairness of the merger to our shareholders, including both affiliated and unaffiliated shareholders. The board did not assign any specific weights to the factors listed below. Moreover, in their considerations individual directors may have given differing weights to different factors.

**Historical Market Prices of Chesapeake's Common Stock.** Chesapeake's common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board. The common stock is thinly traded. During the 12 months prior to the public announcement of the proposed merger, the stock traded infrequently with reported trades occurring on only 54 days with an average trading volume on those days of approximately 1,500 shares per day.

The board also reviewed high and low sales prices for the common stock from January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, which ranged from \$23.50 to \$13.50 per share. You should read the discussion under [Financial Information Market Prices and Dividend Information](#) for more information about our stock prices. The last sale price of Chesapeake's common stock on August 30, 2002, the day before we announced the merger, was \$22.75.

**Net Book Value.** As of June 30, 2002, the book value per share was \$17.48. Although book value was a factor that was considered by the board among others in determining the consideration to be paid to cashed-out shareholders in the merger, the board determined that it was not directly relevant. However, the board noted that the per share cash price of \$27.00 payable in the merger reflected a multiple of 1.54 on Chesapeake's June 30, 2002, book value per share.

**Going Concern Value.** In determining the cash amount to be paid to cashed-out shareholders in the merger, the board valued Chesapeake's shares on the basis of a going concern, without giving effect to any anticipated effects of the merger. Also, the board did not consider the amount per share that might be realized in a sale of 100% of the stock of Chesapeake, as the board determined that consideration of such an amount was inappropriate in the context of a transaction that would not result in a change of control of Chesapeake. In determining the going concern value of Chesapeake's shares, the board adopted the analyses and conclusions of its financial advisor, which are described under [Opinion of the Financial Advisor](#).

**Earnings.** The board reviewed the earnings of Chesapeake for the previous three years and for the first two quarters of 2002. For the three years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, Chesapeake reported net income of \$2,061,269, \$2,227,972 and \$2,640,429, respectively. For the quarter ended June 30, 2002, Chesapeake reported net income of \$1,446,988.

**Opinion of the Financial Advisor.** The board considered the opinion of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. rendered to the board on August 30, 2002 to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and based upon and subject to certain matters stated therein, the cash

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consideration to be paid in the merger is fair, from a financial point of view, to Chesapeake's shareholders, including unaffiliated shareholders and shareholders who will receive cash in the merger as well as those who will retain their shares after the merger. The board also reviewed and considered the financial analyses supporting the opinion of the financial advisor. You should read the discussion under "Opinion of the Financial Advisor" and a copy of the opinion of Scott & Stringfellow attached as Annex B to this proxy statement.

**Opportunity to Liquidate Shares of Common Stock.** The board considered the opportunity the merger presents for shareholders owning fewer than 500 shares to liquidate their holdings without incurring brokerage costs, particularly given the relatively illiquid market for shares of Chesapeake's common stock at a price that represents a premium of 20.7% and 18.1% over the average 30 and 60 trading day closing price before the public announcement of the proposed merger.

The board also considered the fact that, in addition to the deregistration of Chesapeake's common stock under the Exchange Act as a result of the merger, Chesapeake stock would cease to be traded on the OTC Bulletin Board. However, the board determined that the limited market for the shares of Chesapeake common stock provides little benefit to Chesapeake shareholders. The board also recognized that the merger consideration to be paid to the cashed-out shareholders in the merger reflected a substantial premium over recent trading prices for the Chesapeake stock, which trading prices the board did not find to accurately reflect the fair value of such stock.

In connection with its deliberations, the board did not consider, and did not request that its financial advisor evaluate, Chesapeake's liquidation value. The board did not view Chesapeake's liquidation value to be a relevant measure of valuation given that the merger consideration significantly exceeded the book value per share of Chesapeake, and it was the board's view that Chesapeake is far more valuable as a going concern than its net book value per share of \$17.48 as of June 30, 2002. However, book value per share is a historical accounting number, and an evaluation of liquidation value could produce a higher valuation than book value per share. Additionally, Chesapeake can give no assurance that the liquidation value would not produce a higher valuation of Chesapeake than its value as a going concern.

Since January 1, 2002, Chesapeake has not purchased any of its shares. In 2001, Chesapeake purchased 600 of its shares at an average price of \$15.25 per share. In 2000, Chesapeake bought 15,476 of its shares at an average price of \$18.34 per share. Given the infrequency of the purchases, the board did not consider historical prices paid by Chesapeake for its shares. See "Financial Information - Chesapeake Common Stock Purchase Information."

No firm offers have been made by an unaffiliated person during the preceding two years for (i) the merger or consolidation of Chesapeake into or with such person, (ii) the sale or other transfer of all or any substantial part of the assets of Chesapeake, or (iii) the purchase of a number of shares of common stock that would enable the holder thereof to exercise control of Chesapeake.

After consideration of all this information, the board determined that \$27.00 per share is a fair price to be paid in the merger to shareholders owning fewer than 500 shares at the time of the merger.

The transaction is not structured so that approval of at least a majority of unaffiliated shareholders is required. The board determined that any such voting requirement would usurp the power of the holders of a majority of Chesapeake's outstanding shares to consider and approve the merger agreement as provided under Virginia law, Chesapeake's charter documents and the terms of the merger agreement.

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The board also considered such a provision unnecessary in light of the right of shareholders, whether affiliated or unaffiliated and regardless of the number of shares they own, to dissent from the merger.

No independent committee of the board has reviewed the fairness of the merger proposal. No unaffiliated representative acting solely on behalf of the shareholders for the purpose of negotiating the terms of the merger proposal or preparing a report covering the fairness of the merger proposal was retained by Chesapeake or by a majority of directors who are not employees of Chesapeake.

Chesapeake has not made any provision in connection with the merger to grant unaffiliated shareholders access to Chesapeake's corporate files or to obtain counsel or appraisal services at Chesapeake's expense. With respect to unaffiliated shareholders' access to Chesapeake's corporate files, the board determined that this proxy statement, together with Chesapeake's other filings with the SEC, provide adequate information for unaffiliated shareholders to make an informed decision with respect to the merger. The board also considered the fact that under Virginia corporate law, and subject to certain conditions set forth under Virginia law, shareholders have the right to review Chesapeake's relevant books and records of account. The board did not consider these steps necessary to ensure the fairness of the merger proposal. The board determined that such steps would be costly and would not provide any meaningful additional benefits. The board noted the fact that the financial advisor engaged by Chesapeake considered and rendered its opinion as to the fairness of the consideration payable in the merger, from a financial point of view, to Chesapeake's shareholders, including shareholders who will receive cash in the merger and those who will retain their shares after the merger.

After consideration of the factors described above, the board believes that the transaction is fair, notwithstanding the absence of such an unaffiliated shareholder approval requirement, independent committee or unaffiliated representative. The board believes that the transaction is procedurally fair because after consideration of all aspects of the proposed transaction as described above, all of the directors, including the directors who are not employees of Chesapeake, approved the merger proposal.

### **Opinion of the Financial Advisor**

We retained Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. ( Scott & Stringfellow ) as our financial advisor to render an opinion to our board of directors concerning the fairness, from a financial point of view, to Chesapeake shareholders of the cash consideration to be paid in connection with the proposed merger. On August 30, 2002, at a meeting in which the board of directors considered and approved the merger agreement, Scott & Stringfellow delivered to the board of directors both its oral and written opinion, that as of such date, the consideration to be paid in the merger is fair, from a financial point of view, to Chesapeake shareholders, including those shareholders who will receive cash in the merger and those shareholders who will remain shareholders after the merger.

Scott & Stringfellow is a regional investment banking firm and was selected by Chesapeake based on the firm's reputation and experience in investment banking, its extensive experience and knowledge of the Virginia banking market, its recognized expertise in the valuation of commercial banking businesses and because of its familiarity with and prior work for Chesapeake. Scott & Stringfellow, through its investment banking business and specifically through its Financial Institutions Group, specializes in commercial banking institutions and is continually engaged in the valuation of such businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, competitive biddings and other corporate transactions.

The full text of Scott & Stringfellow's opinion, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limits on the review undertaken, is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement. The description of the Scott & Stringfellow opinion set forth herein is qualified in

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its entirety by reference to Annex B. The Scott & Stringfellow opinion is provided for the information of Chesapeake shareholders because it was provided to the board of directors of Chesapeake in connection with its consideration of the merger.

In developing its opinion, Scott & Stringfellow reviewed and analyzed:

Chesapeake's audited financial statements for the three years ended December 31, 2001;

Chesapeake's unaudited financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, and other internal information relating to Chesapeake prepared by Chesapeake's management;

information regarding the trading market for Chesapeake's common stock and the price range within which the stock has traded;

certain publicly available business and financial information relating to Chesapeake as well as certain financial forecasts and other information on Chesapeake provided by management;

the consideration to be paid as set forth in the merger in relation to, among other things, current and historical market prices of Chesapeake common stock;

Scott & Stringfellow also conducted such other studies, analysis and investigations particularly of the banking industry, and considered such other information as it deemed appropriate, the material portion of which is described below;

Scott & Stringfellow also took into account its assessment of general economic, market and financial conditions and its experience in other transactions, as well as its experience in securities valuations and knowledge of the commercial banking industry generally; and

Scott & Stringfellow also has discussed with members of Chesapeake's management past and current business operations, the background of the merger, the reasons and basis for the merger, results of regulatory examinations, and the business and future prospects of Chesapeake, as well as other matters relevant to its inquiry.

Scott & Stringfellow relied without independent verification upon the accuracy and completeness of all of the financial and other information reviewed by it and discussed with it for purposes of its opinion. With respect to financial forecasts reviewed by Scott & Stringfellow in rendering its opinion, Scott & Stringfellow assumed that such financial forecasts were reasonably prepared on the basis reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgment of the management of Chesapeake as to the future financial performance of Chesapeake. Scott & Stringfellow did not make an independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities of Chesapeake.

In connection with rendering its August 30, 2002 opinion, Scott & Stringfellow performed a variety of financial analyses. Scott & Stringfellow evaluated the financial terms of the merger using standard valuation methods, including stock trading history and implied premium analysis, dividend discount analysis, comparable company analysis and pro forma tender offer analysis. The following is a summary of the material analyses presented by Scott & Stringfellow to the board of directors on August 30, 2002, in connection with its fairness opinion dated as of such date.

***Summary of Transaction Analysis.*** Scott & Stringfellow reviewed the terms of the proposed merger, including the consideration to be paid pursuant to the merger agreement. The implied aggregate

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transaction value is approximately \$2.0 million, based on the conversion into cash at the rate of \$27.00 per share, pursuant to the merger agreement, of the shares held by all shareholders holding less than 500 shares. The price of \$27.00 per share represents 12.3x Chesapeake's earnings per share for the twelve months ended June 30, 2002 and 1.5x book value at June 30, 2002.

**Implied Premium.** Scott & Stringfellow reviewed the implied premium offered over the various closing prices of Chesapeake common stock based upon a price per share of \$27.00, which is the price to be paid pursuant to the merger. This indicates an implied premium range from 14.9% to 35.3% over the closing price of Chesapeake common stock at intervals of one day, one week, two weeks, one month, three months and one year prior to August 30, 2002. Additionally, an arithmetic average of the closing price of Chesapeake common stock for the 20 trading days in which Chesapeake's stock traded preceding August 30, 2002 was calculated, producing an implied premium of 19.7%.

<b>Time Prior to August 30, 2002</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Closing Price</b>	<b>Repurchase Price</b>	<b>Repurchase Premium</b>
1 day	08/29/02	\$ 22.75	\$ 27.00	18.7%
1 week	08/22/02	\$ 22.20	\$ 27.00	21.6%
2 weeks	08/15/02	\$ 22.15	\$ 27.00	21.9%
1 month	07/29/02	\$ 22.50	\$ 27.00	20.0%
3 months	05/29/02	\$ 23.50	\$ 27.00	14.9%
1 year	08/29/01	\$ 19.95	\$ 27.00	35.3%
20 day average	nm	\$ 22.56	\$ 27.00	19.7%

\* Average closing price of Chesapeake common stock for the 20 actual trading days prior to August 30, 2002.

**Dividend Discount Analysis.** Scott & Stringfellow performed a dividend discount analysis to determine a range of present values per share of Chesapeake common stock. To determine a projected dividend stream, Scott & Stringfellow assumed a dividend payout equal to 22% of Chesapeake's projected net income. The net income projections were grown using an earnings growth rate of 11.1% for 2002 and 11% annually for years 2003 to 2006. The terminal value of Chesapeake common stock at the end of the period was determined by applying a range of price-to-earnings multiples (11.5x to 13.5x) to year 2006 projected earnings. The dividend stream and terminal values were discounted to present value using discount rates of 10% to 11%, which Scott & Stringfellow viewed as the appropriate discount rate range for a commercial bank with Chesapeake's risk characteristics. Based upon the above assumptions, the stand-alone value of Chesapeake common stock ranged from approximately \$26.09 to \$31.59 per share.

**Terminal Price / Earnings Multiple**

<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>11.5x</b>	<b>12.0x</b>	<b>12.5x</b>	<b>13.0x</b>	<b>13.5x</b>
10.00%	\$ 27.25	\$ 28.34	\$ 29.42	\$ 30.50	\$ 31.59
10.50%	\$ 26.66	\$ 27.72	\$ 28.78	\$ 29.84	\$ 30.90
12.00%	\$ 26.09	\$ 27.12	\$ 28.16	\$ 29.19	\$ 30.23

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**Comparable Company Analysis.** Scott & Stringfellow analyzed the performance and financial condition of Chesapeake relative to a group of 10 community commercial banks followed by Scott & Stringfellow's Research Department (the S&S Research Peer Group) and 14 commercial banks in the Southeast with assets between \$200 and \$500 million, an equity to asset ratio of 7 to 10%, core latest twelve months return on average assets greater than 1%, which were also non-merger targets (the Regional Bank Peer Group). The financial ratios shown in the table below are as of June 30, 2002 and the market price multiples are based on market prices as of August 29, 2002.

	<u>Chesapeake*</u>	<u>S&amp;S Research Peer Average</u>	<u>Regional Peer Average</u>
Last 12 months Net Interest Margin	5.09%	4.24%	4.21%
Last 12 Months Efficiency Ratio	64.56%	59.88%	58.54%
Last 12 Months Return on Core Average Assets	1.14%	1.18%	1.17%
Last 12 Months Return on Core Average Equity	13.55%	12.99%	13.42%
Equity/Assets	8.44%	9.18%	8.40%
Nonperforming Assets/Assets	0.02%	0.21%	0.17%
Reserves/Nonperforming Assets	NM	406.25%	292.74%
Market Price/Last 12 Months Core Earnings	12.33x	13.17x	12.61x
Market Price/2002 Estimated Earnings	11.75x	12.37x	NA
Market Price/Book Value	1.54x	1.60x	1.59x

\* Market price multiples based on a transaction price of \$27.00 per share.

**Pro Forma Tender Analysis.** Scott & Stringfellow analyzed certain pro forma effects of the proposed merger as shown below. This analysis indicated that the merger would be accretive to Chesapeake's 2003 estimated earnings per share and return on average equity and would be dilutive to book value per share and Chesapeake's total risk based capital ratio. Scott & Stringfellow noted that the actual results achieved by Chesapeake may vary from projected results.

	<u>No Tender</u>	<u>\$27.00 Tender</u>	<u>Accretion/ (Dilution)</u>
2003 Estimated Earnings Per Share	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.65	3.92%
2003 Estimated Return on Average Equity	13.16%	14.17%	7.76%
2002 Estimated Book Value per Share	\$ 18.39	\$ 17.81	-3.15%
2002 Estimated Total Risk Based Capital Ratio	11.41%	10.48%	-8.15%

The summary set forth above includes all the material factors considered by Scott & Stringfellow in developing its opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion involves various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of these methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, such an opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description. Accordingly, notwithstanding the separate factors discussed above, Scott & Stringfellow believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analysis and of the factors considered by it, without considering all analyses and factors, could create an incomplete view of the evaluation process underlying its opinion. As a whole, these various analyses contributed to Scott &



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Stringfellow's opinion that the Transaction is fair from a financial point of view to Chesapeake's shareholders.

Pursuant to an engagement letter between Chesapeake and Scott & Stringfellow, in exchange for its services, Scott & Stringfellow will receive a fee of \$40,000 for its services. Chesapeake has also agreed to reimburse Scott & Stringfellow for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. In the ordinary course of its business, Scott & Stringfellow may actively trade the equity securities of Chesapeake for its own account or the account of its customers, and accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities.

### **Certain Effects of the Merger**

The merger will have various effects on Chesapeake, as described below.

**Reduction in the Number of Shareholders and the Number of Outstanding Shares.** We believe that the merger will reduce the number of record shareholders from approximately 461 to approximately 235. As noted earlier, in addition to the approximately 44,160 shares held by shareholders of record with fewer than 500 shares in their account, Chesapeake assumes that beneficial owners of approximately 29,140 additional shares will receive cash for their shares in the merger. Accordingly, the number of outstanding shares of common stock will decrease from 1,284,198 to approximately 1,211,000.

**Transfer of Book Value.** Because (i) the price to be paid to holders of fewer than 500 shares of common stock will be \$27.00 per share, (ii) the number of shares of common stock expected to be cashed out as a result of the merger is estimated to be approximately 73,300, (iii) the total cost to Chesapeake (including expenses) of effecting the merger is expected to be approximately \$2,129,000, and (iv) at June 30, 2002, aggregate shareholders' equity in Chesapeake was approximately \$22,454,100, or \$17.48 per share, we expect that, as a result of the merger:

aggregate shareholders' equity of Chesapeake as of June 30, 2002, will be reduced from approximately \$22,454,000 on a historical basis to approximately \$20,325,000 on a pro forma basis;

the book value per share of common stock as of June 30, 2002, will be reduced from \$17.48 per share on a historical basis to approximately \$16.79 per share on a pro forma basis;

net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$2.12 on a historical basis to approximately \$2.20 on a pro forma basis (\$2.07 to \$2.14 on a fully-diluted basis); and

net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the six months ended June 30, 2002, will increase from \$1.14 on a historical basis to approximately \$1.18 on a pro forma basis (\$1.12 and \$1.16 on a fully-diluted basis).

**Decrease in Capital.** As a result of the merger, Chesapeake's capital will be reduced, although we anticipate that Chesapeake will remain well capitalized for bank regulatory purposes. For instance, we expect our Tier 1 capital as of June 30, 2002, will decrease from approximately \$21,426,000 on a historical basis to approximately \$19,297,000 on a pro forma basis.

**Termination of Exchange Act Registration.** Our common stock is currently registered under the Exchange Act. We plan to terminate this registration if our common stock is no longer held by 300 or more shareholders of record. Termination of registration of our common stock under the Exchange Act

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would substantially reduce the information we are required to furnish to our shareholders and to the SEC. It would also make certain provisions of the Exchange Act, such as the short-swing profit recovery provisions of Section 16(b), proxy statement disclosure in connection with shareholder meetings and the related requirement of an annual report to shareholders, no longer applicable to Chesapeake. Accordingly, we estimate it will eliminate costs and expenses associated with continuance of the Exchange Act registration, estimated at approximately \$75,600 a year. We intend to apply for such termination as soon as practicable following completion of the merger.

In the event the registration of our common stock is terminated under the Exchange Act, executive officers, directors and other affiliates would no longer be subject to many of the reporting requirements and restrictions of the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting and short-swing profit provisions of Section 16.

**Effect on Market for Shares.** Our common stock is currently traded on the OTC Bulletin Board. We expect that after the merger our common stock will be delisted from the OTC Bulletin Board. This delisting, together with the reduction in public information concerning Chesapeake as a result of its no longer being required to file reports under the Exchange Act, will further reduce the liquidity of the common stock. Any trading in our common stock after the merger will only occur in the pink sheets or in privately negotiated transactions. The pink sheets are maintained by Pink Sheets LLC (formerly, the National Quotation Bureau, Inc.). Pink sheets is a quotation service that collects and publishes market maker quotes for over-the-counter securities. The pink sheets is not a stock exchange or a regulated entity. Price quotations are provided by over-the-counter market makers and company information is provided by the over-the-counter companies.

**Effect on Dividends.** Given the relatively small percentage of shares of common stock being repurchased in the merger, we do not anticipate that the transaction will have a material effect on its dividend policy.

**Financial Effects of the Merger; Financing of the Merger.** We expect that the merger and the use of approximately \$2,129,000 cash to complete the merger, which includes approximately \$150,000 in professional fees and other expenses related to the transaction, will not have any material adverse effect on our capital adequacy, liquidity, results of operations or cash flow. Because we do not currently know the actual number of shares which will be cashed out in the merger, we can only estimate the total amount of cash to be paid to shareholders in the merger. We estimate that amount to be approximately \$1,979,000. You should read the discussion under Special Factors Fees and Expenses for a description of the fees and expenses we expect to incur in connection with the merger.

We plan to finance the cash amount to be paid to shareholders in the merger (other than in payment of related costs and expenses, all of which will be paid out of Chesapeake's working capital) through borrowings under a credit arrangement expected to be entered into with SunTrust Bank. We have received a commitment letter from SunTrust Bank, dated September 30, 2002 (the Commitment), outlining the proposed terms of the credit arrangement. Under the Commitment, SunTrust Bank offered to make available to Chesapeake a loan in an amount of up to \$3.5 million subject to the limitations set forth in the Commitment. The loan would be repaid over a period not to exceed three years and amounts outstanding under the credit arrangement shall accrue interest at the rate of SunTrust Prime minus 50 basis points. There will also be an annual unused commitment fee of 12.5 basis points. There is no penalty for prepayment and the credit facility will be secured by 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of Chesapeake Bank.

SunTrust Bank's making of the loan is subject to, among other things, the negotiation and execution of loan documentation satisfactory to SunTrust Bank and Chesapeake.

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Chesapeake can give no assurances that the loan described above will be made by SunTrust Bank or that the terms of any loan made by SunTrust Bank will be on the terms described above. Given that the merger agreement will terminate if the aggregate amount paid to shareholders receiving cash in the transaction exceeds \$3.2 million, Chesapeake anticipates that this credit facility will be sufficient to finance the merger.

**Increased Share Ownership of Officers and Directors.** As a result of the merger, we expect that (a) the percentage of ownership of common stock of Chesapeake held by executive officers and directors of Chesapeake as a group will increase from 40.9% to approximately 43.3% on a fully diluted basis, (b) the collective book value as of June 30, 2002, of the shares of Chesapeake common stock held by Chesapeake's executive officers and directors, as a group, will decrease from \$9,016,254 on a historical basis to approximately \$8,660,300 on a pro forma basis, and (c) the collective pro rata interest of Chesapeake's executive officers and directors, as a group, in the net income of Chesapeake for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$1,067,714 on a historical basis (based on the number of shares beneficially owned by such officers and directors as of the record date) to approximately \$1,103,000 on a pro forma basis (based on the number of shares Chesapeake anticipates such officers and directors to beneficially own immediately after the merger). For a description of the assumptions used in determining the numbers of shares and related percentages that we expect to be held by executive officers and directors immediately after the merger, please see footnote (2) under "The Parties' Beneficial Ownership of Securities of Chesapeake."

**Effect of the Merger on Shareholders**

**General.** If approved at the special meeting, the merger will affect Chesapeake shareholders as follows after completion (except to the extent you elect to exercise your dissenters' rights):

<u>Before the Merger</u>	<u>Net Effect After Merger</u>
Shareholders holding 500 or more shares of Chesapeake common stock	Your shares of common stock will continue to be outstanding, and you will receive no cash.
Shareholders holding fewer than 500 shares of Chesapeake common stock	<p>You will receive \$27.00 cash, without interest, for each share you own at the time of the merger.</p> <p>You will not have to pay any brokerage commissions or other service charges in connection with the merger.</p> <p>All amounts owed to you will be subject to applicable federal and state income taxes.</p> <p>You will have no further interest in Chesapeake with respect to your cashed-out shares. Your only right will be to receive cash for these shares.</p> <p>You will receive a letter of transmittal from Chesapeake as soon as practicable after the merger with instructions on how to surrender your existing certificate(s) in exchange for your cash payment.</p>

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**NOTE:** If you want to continue to hold Chesapeake stock after the merger, you may do so by purchasing a sufficient number of shares of Chesapeake common stock on the open market prior to the effective date of the merger so that you hold at least 500 shares at the time of the merger.

As described in the section **The Merger Agreement Conversion of Shares in the Merger**, the merger agreement contains specific provisions regarding the treatment of shares held in nominee form, or street name. In determining the number of shares held beneficially in street name by any shareholder, Chesapeake may, in its discretion, rely on no objection lists provided by any nominee holder. Further, after the merger, Chesapeake will deliver to each shareholder who would appear to be entitled to receive cash in the merger in consideration for his or her shares a letter of transmittal requesting certain information from such shareholder and requiring the shareholder to certify as to the number of shares actually held, whether in registered form, or in street name. Letters of transmittal will be delivered to any shareholder who (a) holds of record fewer than 500 shares, (b) according to records made available to Chesapeake from the nominee holder for any shares held in street name, holds fewer than 500 shares in street name or (c) holds shares in street name and with respect to which Chesapeake is not provided by the nominee holder the number of shares so held.

**Effects on Affiliates as Shareholders.** The merger will have various effects on shareholders who are affiliates of Chesapeake, as described below. As used in this proxy statement, the term **affiliated shareholder** means any shareholder who is a director or executive officer of Chesapeake, and the term **unaffiliated shareholder** means any shareholder other than an affiliated shareholder. The effects of the merger to an affiliated shareholder will vary based on whether or not all or any portion of the affiliated shareholder's shares will be cashed out in the merger. The determination of whether or not any particular shares of Chesapeake common stock will be cashed out in the merger will be based on whether the holder of those shares holds either fewer than 500 shares or 500 or more shares. Since an affiliated shareholder may beneficially own shares held by more than one holder of shares, an affiliate may beneficially own both shares that will be cashed out in the merger and shares that will remain outstanding in the merger. We expect that our executive officers and directors will continue to beneficially own a total of approximately 544,244 shares immediately after the merger.

**Cashed-Out Affiliated Shareholders.** Affiliated shareholders owning fewer than 500 shares immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will, upon consummation of the merger:

- .. receive \$27.00 in cash, without interest, per share;
- .. no longer have any equity interest in Chesapeake and therefore will not participate in its future potential earnings or growth, if any;
- .. other than upon the exercise of stock options that have previously been or may in the future be granted by Chesapeake, not be able to re-acquire an equity interest in Chesapeake unless they purchase shares from the remaining shareholders, although Chesapeake does not anticipate that the remaining shareholders will transfer their shares to third parties;
- .. be required to pay federal and, if applicable, state and local income taxes on the cash amount received in the merger.

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**Remaining Affiliated Shareholders.** Potential effects on affiliated shareholders who remain as shareholders after the merger include:

- “ Reduced reporting requirements for officers and directors. The directors and executive officers will no longer be subject to the reporting and short-swing profit provisions under the Exchange Act with respect to changes in their beneficial ownership of Chesapeake common stock.
- “ *Reduced capital.* Chesapeake’s capital will be reduced, including a decrease in Chesapeake’s Tier 1 capital as of June 30, 2002, from approximately \$21,426,000 on a historical basis to approximately \$19,297,000 on a pro forma basis.
- “ *Reduced book value per share.* The book value per share of common stock as of June 30, 2002, will be reduced from \$17.48 per share on a historical basis to approximately \$16.79 per share on a pro forma basis.
- “ *Effect on net income per share.* Net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$2.12 on a historical basis to approximately \$2.20 on a pro forma basis (\$2.07 to \$2.14 on a fully-diluted basis). Net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the six months ended June 30, 2002, will increase from \$1.14 on a historical basis to approximately \$1.18 on a pro forma basis (\$1.12 and \$1.16 on a fully-diluted basis).
- “ *Decreased liquidity.* The liquidity of the shares of common stock held by shareholders may be further reduced by the merger due to the termination of the registration of the common stock under the Exchange Act and the delisting of the common stock from the OTC Bulletin Board. Any trading in our common stock after the merger will only occur in the pink sheets or in privately negotiated transactions.

**Effects On Unaffiliated Shareholders.** The merger will have various effects on shareholders who are not affiliates of Chesapeake, as described below. The effects of the merger to an unaffiliated shareholder will vary based on whether or not the unaffiliated shareholder’s shares will be cashed out in the merger.

**Cashed-Out Unaffiliated Shareholders.** Unaffiliated shareholders owning fewer than 500 shares immediately prior to the effective time of the merger will, upon consummation of the merger:

- “ receive \$27.00 in cash, without interest, per share;
- “ no longer have any equity interest in Chesapeake and therefore will not participate in its future potential earnings or growth, if any;
- “ not be able to re-acquire an equity interest in Chesapeake unless they purchase shares from the remaining shareholders, although Chesapeake does not anticipate that the remaining shareholders will transfer their shares to third parties;
- “ be required to pay federal and, if applicable, state and local income taxes on the cash amount received in the merger.

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**Remaining Unaffiliated Shareholders.** Potential effects on unaffiliated Chesapeake shareholders who remain as shareholders after the merger include:

- .. *Decreased Access to Information.* If the merger is effected, we intend to terminate the registration of our common stock under the Exchange Act. As a result, Chesapeake will no longer be subject to the periodic reporting requirements and the proxy rules of the Exchange Act. Similarly, executive officers, directors and other affiliates would no longer be subject to many of the reporting requirements and restrictions of the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting and short-swing profit provisions of Section 16.
- .. *Decreased Liquidity.* The liquidity of the shares of common stock held by unaffiliated shareholders may be further reduced by the merger due to the termination of the registration of the common stock under the Exchange Act and the delisting of the common stock from the OTC Bulletin Board. Any trading in our common stock after the merger will only occur in the pink sheets or in privately negotiated transactions.
- .. *Reduced Capital.* Chesapeake's capital will be reduced, including a decrease in Chesapeake's Tier 1 capital as of June 30, 2002, from approximately \$21,426,000 on a historical basis to approximately \$19,297,000 on a pro forma basis.
- .. *Reduced Book Value Per Share.* The book value per share of common stock as of June 30, 2002, will be reduced from \$17.48 per share on a historical basis to approximately \$16.79 per share on a pro forma basis.
- .. *Effect On Net Income Per Share.* Net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$2.12 on a historical basis to approximately \$2.20 on a pro forma basis (\$2.07 to \$2.14 on a fully-diluted basis). Net income per share of common stock (including non-recurring income and expenses) for the six months ended June 30, 2002, will increase from \$1.14 on a historical basis to approximately \$1.18 on a pro forma basis (\$1.12 and \$1.16 on a fully-diluted basis).
- .. *Increased Share Ownership of Officers and Directors.* As a result of the merger, we expect that (a) the percentage of ownership of common stock of Chesapeake held by executive officers and directors of Chesapeake as a group will increase from 40.9% to approximately 43.3%, (b) the collective book value as of June 30, 2002, of the shares of Chesapeake common stock held by Chesapeake's current officers and directors, as a group, will decrease from \$9,016,254 on a historical basis to approximately \$8,660,300 on a pro forma basis, and (c) the collective pro rata interest of Chesapeake's current officers and directors, as a group, in the net income of Chesapeake for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$1,067,714 on a historical basis (based on the number of shares beneficially owned by such officers and directors as of the record date) to approximately \$1,103,800 on a pro forma basis (based on the number of shares Chesapeake anticipates such officers and directors to beneficially own immediately after the merger).

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**Examples.** In general, the merger can be illustrated by the following examples:

<u>Hypothetical Scenario</u>	<u>Result</u>
<p>Ms. Smith is a registered shareholder who holds 250 shares of Chesapeake stock in her record account at the time of the merger. Ms. Smith holds no other shares.</p>	<p>Ms. Smith's 250 shares will be canceled and converted into the right to receive cash in the amount of \$27.00 per share. (Note: If Ms. Smith wants to continue her investment in Chesapeake, she can buy at least 250 more shares of Chesapeake stock (preferably in her record account so as to make it more readily apparent that she holds 500 or more shares). Ms. Smith would have to act far enough in advance of the effective date of the merger so that the purchase is complete and registered on the books of Chesapeake before the merger.)</p>
<p>Mr. Brown holds 300 shares of Chesapeake stock in a brokerage account at the Time of the merger. Mr. Brown holds no other shares.</p>	<p>Mr. Brown's 300 shares will be converted into the right to receive cash in an amount equal to \$27 per share. Mr. Brown holds no other shares.</p>
<p>Mr. Jones holds 400 shares of Chesapeake stock in registered form and 400 shares in a brokerage account at the Time of the merger. Mr. Jones holds no other shares.</p>	<p>If either Chesapeake or Mr. Jones can establish to Chesapeake's satisfaction that he in fact holds greater than 500 shares, Mr. Jones 800 shares will remain outstanding after the merger. Otherwise, Chesapeake will presume that all of the shares are held by a holder of fewer than 500 shares and were therefore canceled in the merger and converted into the right to receive cash in an amount equal to \$27.00 per share. However, Mr. Jones would not be entitled to receive any cash for his shares in the merger, because he can not certify to Chesapeake that he holds fewer than 500 shares as required by the merger agreement. Mr. Jones will be able to rebut the presumption that his shares were cashed out in the merger by certifying in the letter of transmittal sent to him after the merger that he holds greater than 500 shares and providing Chesapeake such other information as it may request to verify that fact.</p>

**Interests of Officers and Directors in the Merger**

We refer you to the information under the heading "The Parties' Beneficial Ownership of Securities of Chesapeake" for information regarding our current officers and directors and their stock ownership in Chesapeake. As a result of the merger, Chesapeake expects that (a) the beneficial ownership of common stock of Chesapeake held by current officers and directors of Chesapeake as a group will increase from 40.9% to approximately 43.3%, (b) the collective book value as of June 30, 2002, of the shares of Chesapeake common stock held by Chesapeake's current officers and directors, as a group, will decrease from \$9,016,254 (non beneficial) on a historical basis to approximately \$8,660,349 on a pro forma basis, and (c) the collective pro rata interest of Chesapeake's current officers and directors, as a group, in the net income of Chesapeake for the year ended December 31, 2001, will increase from \$1,067,714 on a historical basis (based on the number of shares beneficially owned by such officers and

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directors as of the record date) to approximately \$1,103,821 on a pro forma basis (based on the number of shares Chesapeake anticipates such officers and directors to beneficially own immediately after the merger). For a description of the assumptions Chesapeake used in determining the numbers of shares and related percentages that Chesapeake expects to be held by current officers and directors immediately after the merger, please see footnotes (1) and (2) under "The Parties' Beneficial Ownership of Securities of Chesapeake."

### **Conduct of Chesapeake's Business After the Merger**

Following the merger, Chesapeake and its subsidiaries, including Chesapeake Bank, will continue to conduct their existing operations in the same manner as now conducted. The executive officers and directors immediately prior to the merger will be the executive officers and directors of Chesapeake after the merger. The articles of incorporation and bylaws of Chesapeake will remain in effect and unchanged by the merger. The deposits of Chesapeake Bank will continue to be insured by the FDIC, and Chesapeake and Chesapeake Bank will continue to be regulated by the same bank regulatory agencies as before the merger.

Chesapeake believes that there are significant advantages in becoming a private company, and Chesapeake plans to avail itself of any opportunities it may have as a private company, including, but not limited to, making any public or private offering for its shares, or entering into any other arrangement or transaction as it may deem appropriate. Although management does not presently have an intent to enter into any such transaction nor is management currently in negotiations with respect to any such transaction, there exists the possibility that Chesapeake may enter into such an arrangement or transaction in the future and the remaining shareholders of Chesapeake may receive payment for their shares in any such transaction lower than, equal to or in excess of the amount paid to cashed-out shareholders in the merger.

Other than as described in this proxy statement, neither Chesapeake nor its management has any current plans or proposals to effect any extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation; to sell or transfer any material amount of its assets; to change its board of directors or management; to change materially its indebtedness or capitalization; or otherwise to effect any material change in its corporate structure or business.

The shares of Chesapeake common stock converted in the merger into the right to receive \$27.00 cash will, after the merger, be included in Chesapeake's authorized but unissued shares and would be available for issuance in the future.

### **Fees and Expenses**

Chesapeake estimates that merger related fees and expenses, consisting primarily of financial advisory fees, SEC filing fees, fees and expenses of attorneys and accountants and other related charges, will total approximately \$150,000, assuming the merger is completed. This amount consists of the following estimated fees:



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<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advisory fees and expenses	\$ 45,000
Legal fees and expenses	70,000
Accounting fees and expenses	10,000
SEC filing fee	182
Printing, solicitation and mailing costs	7,000
Miscellaneous expenses	17,818
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>

**Anticipated Accounting Treatment**

Chesapeake anticipates that it will account for the purchase of outstanding Chesapeake common stock in the merger from shareholders as a treasury stock transaction.

**U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences**

Summarized below are the material federal income tax consequences to Chesapeake and its shareholders resulting from the merger. This summary is based on existing U.S. federal income tax law, which may change, even retroactively. This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation which may be important to you in light of your individual circumstances. Many shareholders (such as financial institutions, insurance companies, broker-dealers, tax-exempt organizations, and foreign persons) may be subject to special tax rules. Other shareholders may also be subject to special tax rules, including but not limited to shareholders who received Chesapeake common stock as compensation for services or pursuant to the exercise of an employee stock option, or shareholders who have held, or will hold, stock as part of a straddle, hedging, or conversion transaction for federal income tax purposes. In addition, this summary does not discuss any state, local, foreign, or other tax considerations.

This summary assumes that you are one of the following: (1) a citizen or resident of the United States; (2) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation created or organized under U.S. law (federal or state); (3) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its sources; (4) a trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; or (5) any other person whose worldwide income and gain is otherwise subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net basis. This summary also assumes that you have held and will continue to hold your shares as capital assets for investment purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

For federal income tax purposes, it is intended that neither Chesapeake nor merger subsidiary will recognize gain or loss for federal or state income tax purposes as a result of the merger.

**Shareholders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisor as to the particular federal, state, local, foreign, and other tax consequences, in light of their specific circumstances.**

***Federal income tax consequences to shareholders who are not cashed out in the merger.*** If you (1) continue to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger, and (2) you receive no cash as a result of the merger, you will not recognize any gain or loss in the merger and you will have the same adjusted tax basis and holding period in your Chesapeake common stock as you had in such stock immediately prior to the merger.

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***Federal income tax consequences to shareholders who both receive cash and are considered to continue to own Chesapeake common stock after the merger for federal income tax purposes.*** In some instances you may be entitled to receive cash in the merger for shares you hold in one capacity but continue to hold shares you hold in another capacity. For instance, if you own shares in your own name and hold other shares jointly with another person, the joint holdings would not be combined with your individual holdings for purposes of the merger. As a result, in some instances the shares you hold in one capacity might be cashed out in the merger while the shares you hold in another capacity remain outstanding. However, in that situation you would be deemed for federal income tax purposes both to have received cash in the merger and to continue to hold shares after the merger.

If you both receive cash as a result of the merger and are considered to continue to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger for Federal income tax purposes, you generally will recognize gain, but not loss, in an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the excess of the sum of aggregate fair market value of your shares of Chesapeake common stock plus the cash received over your adjusted tax basis in the shares, or (2) the amount of cash received in the merger. In determining whether you continue to hold stock immediately after the merger, you will be treated as owning shares actually or constructively owned by certain individuals and entities related to you. Your aggregate adjusted tax basis in your shares of Chesapeake common stock held immediately after the merger will be equal to your aggregate adjusted tax basis in your shares of Chesapeake common stock held immediately prior to the merger, increased by any gain recognized in the merger, and decreased by the amount of cash received in the merger.

Any gain recognized in the merger will be treated, for federal income tax purposes, as capital gain, provided that your receipt of cash either (1) is not essentially equivalent to a dividend with respect to you as determined under Section 302(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) is a substantially disproportionate redemption of stock with respect to you as determined under Section 302(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. If your gain is not treated as capital gain under any of these tests, the gain will be treated as ordinary dividend income to you to the extent of your ratable share of Chesapeake's undistributed earnings and profits, then as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of your aggregate adjusted tax basis in your shares, and any remaining gain will be treated as a capital gain. If you or, a person or entity related to you, continues to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger you are urged to consult your tax advisor as to the particular federal, state, local, foreign, and other tax consequences of the transaction, in light of your specific circumstances.

***Federal income tax consequences to cashed-out shareholders who do not continue to own Chesapeake common stock after the merger.*** If you receive cash as a result of the merger but do not continue to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger, your tax consequences will depend on whether, in addition to receiving cash, a person or entity related to you (as determined by the Internal Revenue Code) continues to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger, as explained below.

If you (1) receive cash in exchange for Chesapeake common stock as a result of the merger but do not continue to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger, and (2) you are not related to any person or entity which holds Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger, you will recognize capital gain or loss. The amount of capital gain or loss you recognize will equal the difference between the cash you receive for your cashed-out stock and your aggregate adjusted tax basis in such stock.

If you are related to a person or entity who continues to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger (as determined by the Internal Revenue Code) you will be treated as owning shares actually or constructively owned by such individuals or entities which may cause your receipt of

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cash in exchange for Chesapeake common stock to be treated first as ordinary dividend income to the extent of your ratable share of Chesapeake's undistributed earnings and profits, then as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of your aggregate adjusted tax basis in your shares, and any remaining amount will be treated as capital gain. If you are related to a person or entity who continues to hold Chesapeake common stock immediately after the merger you are urged to consult your tax advisor as to the particular federal, state, local, foreign, and other tax consequences of the transaction, in light of your specific circumstances.

**Capital Gain And Loss.** For individuals, net capital gain (defined generally as your total capital gains in excess of capital losses for the year) recognized upon the sale of capital assets that have been held for more than 12 months generally will be subject to tax at a rate not to exceed 20%. Net capital gain recognized from the sale of capital assets that have been held for 12 months or less will continue to be subject to tax at ordinary income tax rates. In addition, capital gain recognized by a corporate taxpayer will continue to be subject to tax at the ordinary income tax rates applicable to corporations. There are limitations on the deductibility of capital losses.

**Backup Withholding.** Shareholders will be required to provide their social security or other taxpayer identification numbers (or, in some instances, additional information) in connection with the merger to avoid backup withholding requirements that might otherwise apply. The letter of transmittal will require each stockholder to deliver such information when the common stock certificates are surrendered following the effective date of the merger. Failure to provide such information may result in backup withholding.

**As explained above, the amounts paid to you as a result of the merger may result in dividend income, capital gain income, or some combination of dividend and capital gain income to you depending on your individual circumstances. The U.S. Federal income tax discussion set forth above is based upon present law, which is subject to change possibly with retroactive effect. You should consult your tax advisor as to the particular federal, state, local, foreign, and other tax consequences of the transaction, in light of your specific circumstances.**

## **Regulatory Requirements**

In connection with the merger, Chesapeake will be required to make a number of filings with and obtain a number of approvals from various federal and state governmental agencies, including:

    filing of articles of merger with the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with the Virginia Stock Corporation Act after the approval of the merger agreement by Chesapeake's shareholders; and

    complying with federal and state securities laws, including Chesapeake's and merger subsidiary's filing, prior to the date of this proxy statement, of a Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **Dissenters' Rights**

Shareholders of record have the right to dissent from this merger and demand their fair value for shares.

The following summarizes the Virginia law of dissenters' rights. Chapter 9, Article 15 of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act governs dissenters' rights and applies to this merger only with regard to Virginia Financial shareholders. A copy of Article 15 is attached as Annex C to this proxy statement.

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Where appropriate, shareholders are urged to consult with their legal counsel to determine the appropriate procedures for the making of a notice of intent (as described below).

A shareholder entitled to vote on approval of this merger will be entitled to have the fair value of their shares immediately prior to the consummation of the merger, paid in cash, together with accrued interest, if any, by complying with the provisions of Article 15 of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act. Under Article 15, the determination of the fair value of a dissenter's shares would exclude any appreciation or depreciation in the value of such shares in anticipation of the merger, unless the exclusion would be inequitable.

**A shareholder who desires to exercise their dissenter's rights must deliver a written notice and cannot vote for this merger.** Voting for approval of this merger will amount to a waiver of such shareholder's dissenter's rights and will nullify any written notice of an intent to demand payment. A written notice of such dissenting shareholder's intent to demand payment for their shares must be delivered to Chesapeake before the taking of the vote on approval of this merger. This written notice must be in addition to and separate from voting against, abstaining from voting, or failing to vote on approval of this merger. Voting against, abstaining from voting, or failing to vote on approval of this merger will not constitute written notice of intent to demand payment.

A record shareholder may assert dissenter's rights as to less than all of the shares registered in the holder's name only if the holder dissents with respect to all shares beneficially owned by any one person and notifies Chesapeake in writing of the name and address of each person on whose behalf the holder is asserting dissenter's rights. The rights of a partial dissenter under Article 15 are determined as if the dissenting shares and the holder's other shares were registered in the names of different shareholders.

A beneficial shareholder may assert dissenter's rights as to shares held by such holder's behalf only if such holder:

Delivers to Chesapeake's board of directors the record holder's written consent to the dissent not later than the time the beneficial holder asserts dissenter's rights; and

Makes such delivery with respect to all shares of which such holder is the beneficial holder or over which such holder has the power to direct the vote.

After the merger, Chesapeake will, within ten (10) days after the effective date, deliver a dissenters' notice to all holders who satisfied the foregoing requirements. This notice will:

State where payment demand is to be sent and where and when certificates for dissenting shares are to be deposited;

Supply a form for demanding payment that includes the date of the first announcement to news media of this merger, September 3, 2002, and requires that the person asserting dissenters' rights certify whether or not such person acquired beneficial ownership of such person's dissenting shares before or after such date;

Set a date by which Chesapeake must receive the payment demand, which date may not be less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after the date of delivery of the dissenters' notice; and

Be accompanied by a copy of Article 15.

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A shareholder sent a dissenters' notice must demand payment, certify that such holder acquired beneficial ownership of such holder's dissenting shares before, on or after September 3, 2002, and deposit the certificates representing such holder's dissenting shares per the dissenters' notice. A shareholder who deposits such holder's shares as described in the dissenters' notice retains all other rights as a holder except to the extent such rights are cancelled or modified by the consummation of this merger. A shareholder who does not demand payment and deposit their share certificates where required, each by the date set forth in the dissenters' notice, is not entitled to payment for such holder's shares under Article 15.

Except as provided below with respect to after-acquired shares, within thirty (30) days after receipt of a payment demand, Chesapeake must pay the dissenter the amount that Chesapeake estimates to be the fair value of the dissenter's shares, plus interest, if any. The obligation of Chesapeake to make such payment may be enforced by the Circuit Court for the County of Lancaster, Virginia, or, at the election of any dissenter residing or having its principal office in Virginia, by the circuit court in the city or county where the dissenter resides or has the office. The payment by Chesapeake will be accompanied by the following:

Chesapeake's balance sheet as of the end of a fiscal year ended not more than sixteen months before the Effective Date, an income statement for that year, a statement of changes in shareholders' equity for that year, and the latest available interim financial statements, if any;

An explanation of how Chesapeake estimated the fair value of the dissenting shares and how the interest, if any, was calculated;

A statement of the dissenter's right to demand payment as described below; and

A copy of Article 15.

Chesapeake may elect to withhold payment from a dissenter who was not the beneficial owner of the dissenting shares on September 3, 2002, in which case Chesapeake will estimate the fair value of such after-acquired shares, plus interest, if any, and will offer to pay such amount to each dissenter who agrees to accept it in full satisfaction of such dissenter's demand. Chesapeake will send with such offer an explanation of how it estimated the fair value of the shares and of how the interest, if any, was calculated, and a statement of the dissenter's right to demand payment as described below.

Within thirty (30) days after Chesapeake makes or offers payment as described above, a dissenter may notify Chesapeake in writing of the dissenter's own estimate of the fair value of the dissenting shares and the amount of interest due, if any, and demand payment of such estimate, less any payment by Chesapeake, or reject Chesapeake's offer and demand payment of such estimate.

If any such demand for payment remains unsettled, within sixty (60) days after receiving the payment demand, Chesapeake will petition the Circuit Court for the County of Lancaster, Virginia, to determine the fair value of the shares and the interest, if any, and make all dissenters whose demands remain unsettled parties to such proceeding, or pay each dissenter whose demand remains unsettled the amount demanded. Each dissenter made a party to such proceeding is entitled to a judgment for:

The amount, if any, by which the court finds that the fair value of the dissenting shares, plus interest, if any, exceeds the amount paid by Chesapeake; or

The fair value, plus interest, if any, of the dissenter's after-acquired shares for which Chesapeake elected to withhold payment.

The court will determine all costs of the proceeding, including the reasonable compensation and expenses of appraisers appointed by the court, and assess the costs against Chesapeake or against any dissenters the court finds did not act in good faith in demanding payment.

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Selected Historical Financial Information**

The following summary of historical consolidated financial data was derived from Chesapeake's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for each of the years ended December 31, 2001, 2000 and 1999 and from Chesapeake's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001. The income statement data for the six months ended June 30, 2002 is not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. This financial information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of Chesapeake and other financial information, including the notes thereto, contained in Chesapeake's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2001 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, which information is incorporated by reference in this proxy statement. See "Where You can Find More Information" on page and "Documents Incorporated by Reference," on page .

**Six Months Ended  
June 30,**