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This filing relates to the proposed merger transaction between Horizon Bancorp, Inc. (“Horizon”) and Salin Bancshares, Inc. (“SBI”) pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of October 29, 2018 (the “Merger Agreement”) between Horizon and SBI. The Merger Agreement is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Horizon on October 30, 2018.

Set forth below are the following materials which were prepared for the benefit of the employees of SBI and its wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Salin Bank and Trust Company, in connection with the proposed merger transaction between Horizon and SBI. The materials were provided to the employees on the evening of October 29, 2018:

- Company Announcement Presentation - A Winning Business Combination, dated October 29, 2018
- Questions and Answers

#### Additional Information for Shareholders

In connection with the proposed merger, Horizon will file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a proxy or information statement, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. Shareholders and investors are urged to read the Registration Statement and the proxy or information statement regarding the merger when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information. A free copy of the proxy or information statement (when it becomes available), as well as other filings containing information about Horizon, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You will also be able to obtain these documents, free of charge, from Horizon at [www.horizonbank.com](http://www.horizonbank.com) under the tab “About Us – Investor Relations – Documents – SEC Filings.” The information available through Horizon’s website is not and shall not be deemed part of this filing or incorporated by reference into other filings Horizon makes with the SEC.

Horizon and SBI and certain of their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of SBI in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Horizon is set forth in Horizon’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2018, and in the proxy statement for Horizon’s 2018 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2018. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be obtained by reading the proxy or information statement regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This filing may contain forward-looking statements regarding the financial performance, business prospects, growth and operating strategies of Horizon. For these statements, Horizon claims the protections of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements in this filing should be considered in conjunction with the other information available about Horizon, including the information in the filings we make with the SEC. Forward-looking statements provide current expectations or forecasts of future events and are not guarantees of future performance. The forward-looking statements are based on management’s

expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. We have tried, wherever possible, to identify such statements by using words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “will” and similar expressions in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance.

Although management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially include risk factors relating to the banking industry and the other factors detailed from time to time in Horizon’s reports filed with the SEC, including those described in its Form 10-K and the following: the possibility that the merger does not close when expected or at all because required regulatory, shareholder or other approvals and other conditions to closing are not received or satisfied on a timely basis or at all; the risk that the benefits from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected, including as a result of changes in general economic and market conditions, interest and exchange rates, monetary policy, laws and regulations and their enforcement, and the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which Horizon and SBI operate; the ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of Horizon Bank and Salin Bank and Trust Company; the reaction of the companies’ customers, employees and counterparties to the transaction; and the diversion of management time on merger-related issues. Undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Horizon does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to publicly release the result of any revisions that may be made to update any forward-looking statement to reflect the events or circumstances after the date on which the forward-looking statement is made, or reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except to the extent required by law.

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Horizon's Story Steady Growth Financial Strength Consistent Performance Company Based on Values People First – Employees & Customers

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7 Solid Growth in Total Assets(in millions)

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A Company on the Move    OrganicExpans.(11) St. Joseph,S.  
Bend,Elkhart,Merrillville Kalamazoo Indianapolis Carmel Ft. Wayne,Grand  
Rapids Noblesville,Holland M&A(13) Anchor Mtg.,Alliance American Trust Heartland 1st  
Mtg.,Summit,Peoples Farmers,LaPorte,CNB Bargersville,Lafayette,Wolverine

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Highly Regarded In Our Communities Community Relations Award Urban League of Northwest Indiana,  
Inc.Nine out of Ten Customers Would Refer a FriendIndependent SurveyBest Bank - Fifteen Out of Last Sixteen  
YearsThe News Dispatch Readers PollBest Bank for Obtaining a Business LoanNorthwest Indiana Business Quarterly  
Family Friendly Work PoliciesIU Health / Clarian Award

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A Winning Business Combination

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Category	Salin Bank (in millions)	Horizon Bank (in millions)	Pro-forma (in millions)
Assets	\$893.1	\$4,076.6	\$4,969.7
Loans	\$605.1	\$2,924.5	\$3,529.6
Deposits	\$725.4	\$3,016.2	\$3,741.6
Trust Assets Under Mgmt.	\$452.1	\$2,487.3	\$2,636.3
Total Locations	20	66	80+

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Horizon's Approach to Integrations

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Team Effort, Cooperative, Non-Hostile Approach to Business Combinations  
Open, Clear and Ongoing Communications with Employees & Customers  
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\* Estimated Merger Timeline \* Timeline assumes no remonstrations or litigation and items in “red” font represent critical path.

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Key Integration Dates \* Action EstimatedTime Line Integration Teams - Organizational MeetingOrganizational meeting and to meet key integration leadersEstablish communications and exchange contact informationRegular ongoing conference calls by key integration leaders October 30, 2018 Branch Consolidation Decision November 30, 2018 Employee Notices Issued December 10, 2018 Employee OrientationOffer several sessions in local markets to allow for scheduling flexibility Half of the day dedicated to company policies and benefits enrollmentHalf of day dedicated to culture/brand and new employee expectations January 2019 Install Training Equipment (mutual agreement)Installed at Horizon's expense in preparation of training – test in advance February 2019 Training Begins (mutual agreement)Branch & Loan Training – 6 to 8 weeks before DP conversion Feb / March 2019 Joint Customer Calls (mutual agreement)Key customers, to discuss transition & assist with systems conversion Feb / March / April 2019 Data Processing Conversion March / April 2019

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Redundant Positions will be Displaced Employee Notification Letters (Delivered By December 10, 2018) Severance Benefit - per Definitive Agreement Job Coaching Service Provided Employee and Family Counseling Made Available Given First Opportunity to Fill Horizon's Open Positions Reference Letters Available & Referrals to Third Parties Displaced Employees (90% plus job placement.) \*

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Employee Notification Letters (Delivered By December 10, 2018) All branch personnel retained All employees engaged directly with ITMs retained All others to reviewed with managers and executive officers Per Horizon's standard employment practices retained employees to pass basic employment screens (drug testing, background check) Credit for Years of Service and Enrollment into Horizon's Benefit Plans Training & Orientation Starts Prior to Data Processing Conversion (Approximately six weeks prior to DP conversion) Retained Employees \*

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Questions and Answers - Published Updated weekly, unless no new questions submitted Posted on intranet or employee only website Employee Only Website – (To be available in two weeks) Local Managers Encouraged to Give Team Updates Ask Questions (Manager, Email, Call, EthicsPoint) On Going Communications \*

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Press Release Issued – Public Awareness  
Customers will Express Concerns for You They will want to know if you are  
ok  
Your job continues as is, until we close the merger and / or convert data processing systems  
Customers Want to Know What Will Happen to Their Bank Accounts (Too soon to determine)  
Will my checks need to be replaced  
Will my account numbers change  
Can I still use my debit / ATM card  
Will my loan terms and conditions change  
Too soon to determine – we will keep you posted  
Customers will benefit – expanded products and services  
What to Expect Tomorrow \*

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Handouts Delivered Via Email & Included: Press Release Questions and Answers Horizon's Key Contact  
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2018 Public Announcement Press Release October 2018 File Regulatory Applications November 30,  
2018 Regulatory Approval February / March 2019 Shareholder Approval February / March 2019 Merger Effective  
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Thank You and We Look Forward to Our Partnership

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Questions & Answers about the joining of our companies. We understand there will be many questions from customers, the community and employees. Please review and keep these questions and answers handy so you are better able to address. We will update these as necessary so everyone is kept well- informed along the way.

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## Customers and Community

Q: Why are Horizon Bank and Salin Bank merging?

A: The Banks have shared philosophies when it comes to our commitment to local, service-driven banking in order to best meet the needs of our customers and our communities. We will continue to deliver community- focused banking to our customers through an expanded branch network and product offerings.

Q: How will this merger benefit Salin Bank's customers?

A: Customers will continue to receive the local, hands on service they are accustomed to with their familiar bankers. In addition, they will be provided expanded branch access to Horizon's network of over 63 offices and ATMs throughout northern and central Indiana and southwest and central Michigan along with our nation-wide surcharge free ATM access through MoneyPass. Customers will also benefit from Horizon's higher in-house lending limits enhancing the availability of credit to local business, agriculture and government entities along with a robust suite of treasury management and investment management services.

Q: When will this merger agreement be completed?

A: The purchase is expected to be complete within the first quarter of 2019 and is subject to approval by the shareholders of Salin Bank as well as bank regulators.

Q: Under what name will the bank operate?

A: Horizon Bank

Q: Will Salin Bank stay "local"?

A: The offices of Salin Bank will continue to serve the needs of their customers and communities. Horizon has a closely held belief to hire and retain local talent with similar community banking values. We hire local and retain local leadership familiar with each market we serve.

Q: Do you plan to convert data processing systems?

A: Yes. The plan is to convert all of Salin Bank's core data processing systems onto Horizon's systems, at a date to be determined after the merger is completed.

Q: Will the locations of Salin Bank remain open?

A: We will maintain a presence in all the areas currently served by Salin Bank although communities with overlap in branches served by both banks may see some consolidation. We will examine the proximity of our combined branch footprint and make a recommendation and share the final plan with everyone.



Q: Will the office / drive up hours change?

A: Prior to systems conversion, there will be no change to office hours. We will work with the Salin Bank team to determine if the office hours need to be reconsidered to better serve the community and share the final determination with everyone.

Q: Will any of Salins' products or services be eliminated?

A: Salin will adopt Horizon's product and services line-up at the time of our core data processing conversion. As we move through the process of systems integration we will keep you apprised of any changes. You can view Horizon's products by visiting our website at [www.horizonbank.com](http://www.horizonbank.com)

Q: Will the benefits and fees on Salin accounts change?

A: It is too early to determine at this time. Prior to a data processing conversion, Horizon will develop a product comparison model. This model will display any changes to fees and additional product benefits. We will notify all customers affected by changes to their accounts giving them at least 30 days prior notice.

Q: Will account numbers stay the same?

A: At this time we are unsure, yet we anticipate there to be a small percentage of Salin customers who may need to change account numbers. If changes are necessary, we will share this information and work to communicate directly with those impacted customers.

Q: Will interest rates on loans and certificates of deposits change?

A: Interest rates on contractual agreements like loans and certificates of deposit will remain the same in accordance with the terms of the original agreements.

Q: When will the name change to Horizon Bank?

A: The plan is to have all Salin Bank accounts automatically transferred to Horizon Bank when we convert data processing systems. At that time, we will also change signs, brochures, website, letterhead, etc. from Salin Bank to Horizon Bank. Detailed timeframes will be shared as we work through integration issues.

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#### Employee Questions & Answers

Horizon has a long history of retaining, hiring and promoting people from within the local community.

At Horizon, we recognize that open communication is critical to improving our business, and we therefore maintain the following approach: 1) We believe in transparency. Employees should know where they stand — as individuals, departments, and as an entire company. 2) We believe that every team member contributes to our success, and that each one's perspective is important. So we encourage each employee to offer up their own ideas, recommendations, and concerns for discussion. 3) We have a fiduciary duty to report concerns. Horizon Bank will inevitably experience challenges to our operations — including credit quality, reporting errors, and fraud attempts. As individuals, we must report potential issues to management as soon as we become aware of them.

Q: Will some of Salin Bank employees be displaced?

A: Redundant positions may be eliminated; however Horizon's goal is to retain, hire and promote people from the local community. To help ease the transition for those employees whose positions may be at risk, Horizon will offer severance payments to employees who stay through the transaction closing or data processing conversion dates. We will also provide displaced employees an opportunity to apply for current open positions at Horizon.



Q: When will Salin Bank employees know the status of their positions?

The target date is to notify all employees within 45 days of our merger announcement.

Q: Will the employees who stay with Horizon retain their years of service?

A: Yes, for the purpose of determining vesting in our retirement plans, vacations and for personal time benefits, Salin Bank employees who continue employment with Horizon will be given credit for their years of service.

Q: How do Horizon's health care plans compare to Salin Bank plans?

A: Information on Horizon's insurance will be provided to Salin Bank employees shortly after our merger announcement. More detailed discussions will take place during employee orientation meetings that will be scheduled at a later date.

Q: Will retained employees be eligible for Horizon's retirement savings plans?

A: Yes all retained employees will be eligible for enrollment into Horizon's 401(k) Thrift Plan and the Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

Q: Will we receive career counseling?

A: Yes, Horizon will provide access to career counseling services for Salin Bank employees not retained by Horizon.

Q: Will personal or emotional counseling be made available?

A: Yes, through Horizon Bank's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Under this program, each Salin Bank employee and their immediate family members may utilize the services of a professional counselor for up to six visits. Detailed information will be supplied on how employees may utilize this service.