



Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 2, 2014, Registrant's subsidiary, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company (FCB), issued the attached news release, regarding the completion of the merger of Hendersonville, N.C.-based 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Services Corporation and its bank subsidiary, Mountain 1<sup>st</sup> Bank & Trust Company, into FCB.

The news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed with this Report:

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description                        |
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| 99.1        | Copy of news release dated January 2, 2014 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: January 2, 2014 By:

/s/ GLENN D. McCOY  
Glenn D. McCoy, Chief Financial Officer