

## INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS/STOCKHOLDERS OF SOUTHERN BANCSHARES (N.C.), INC.

Effective August 1, 2016, **Issuer Direct (Direct Transfer, LLC)** is the **transfer agent** for Southern BancShares.

Southern BancShares common stock is occasionally traded “over the counter” and trades under the symbol SBNC. The best way to purchase shares of BancShares stock is through an individually negotiated transaction with an existing shareholder. BancShares does not maintain a list of parties interested in purchasing or selling our stock.

Southern BancShares has 4 issues of stock outstanding to the public.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Cusip</b>	<b>Stock Symbol</b>
Common	842243107	SBNC
Series B Preferred	842243206	SBNCM.PK
Series C Preferred	842243305	SBNCN.PK
Series E Preferred	842243404	

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**Shareholders should call the phone number listed below or email Issuer Direct for assistance.**

Issuer Direct’s phone number for shareholders to call for assistance with questions about their shareholder account and to request assistance with transfers is **1.919.481.4000**.

Shareholders can also email inquiries to Issuer Direct at the following address:  
[ta@issuerdirect.com](mailto:ta@issuerdirect.com).