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Dear Sirs

Capital reduction in Sydbank and holding of own shares

On 4 March 2004, the Annual General Meeting of Sydbank passed a resolution to the effect of reducing the Bank's share capital by DKK 25.0m nominal to DKK 725.0m nominal. The capital reduction will be implemented as of today, subject to:

- the expiry on 10 June 2004 of the statutory notice of three months,
- the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 15 June 2004 at which the resolution made by the Annual General Meeting was upheld,
- the registration with the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency as at today.

On 7 June 2004, Sydbank announced that the Bank's holding of own shares constituted 538,722 shares, equal to 7.18% of the then share capital of DKK 750.0m.

As a consequence of the above capital reduction, an amount of DKK 25.0m (250,000 shares) of Sydbank's holding of own shares has been cancelled. The holding of own shares amounts to 287,502 shares, equal to 3.97% of the share capital of DKK 725.0m.

Yours faithfully



Mogens Asmund
General Manager