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Dear Sirs

Sydbank's 2004 Annual Report and the Bank's AGM on 7 March 2005

2004 Annual Report – Extremely satisfactory pre-tax profit of DKK 1,005m

Today the Board of Directors have reviewed and approved the attached 2004 Annual Report of Sydbank.

The 2004 Annual Report shows an extremely satisfactory pre-tax profit of DKK 1,005m, equal to a pre-tax return of 23% on shareholders' equity (Tier 1). After tax, profit for the year totals DKK 764m equalling a return on average shareholders' equity (Tier 1) of 17%.

Core earnings total DKK 758m in addition to a profit from investment portfolios of DKK 160m and an extraordinary gain on the sale of Totalkredit.

The extremely satisfactory financial results for 2004 surpasses previously announced expectations. The favourable difference can be ascribed to increased core income and reduced provisions for bad and doubtful debts. Moreover highlights include a moderate rise in costs as well as significant growth in loans and advances as well as deposits.

Shareholders' equity (Tier 1) represents DKK 4,427m at year-end 2004 and the solvency (total capital) ratio makes up 11.5% of which the core capital (Tier 1) ratio stands at 9.5%. The book value of the Sydbank share is 632 after allocated dividends.

As of 1 January 2005 the accounting policies of the Sydbank Group are modified to comply with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The change from the accounting principles applied so far ensures that Sydbank complies with the EU requirements as regards the transition to IFRS of listed undertakings. The Bank's 2004 financial statements are based on the accounting principles applied so far. On pages 57-61 of Sydbank's 2004 Annual Report, the impact of the transition to IFRS is reviewed, including impacts on the 2004 financial statements prepared under IFRS.

The Bank projects core earnings in the region of DKK 600-700m in 2005 – prepared in accordance with the accounting principles applied so far as well as IFRS.

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Annual General Meeting

The Bank's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7 March 2005 at 3.00 pm in Sønderjyllandshallen in Aabenraa.

The following proposals will be put before the AGM:

- that a dividend of DKK 30 per share of DKK 100 be distributed for 2004
- that an amount of DKK 5m be distributed to the sponsorship fund, "Sydbank Sønderjyllands Fond"
- that the Sydbank share be split and the denomination be changed from DKK 100 to DKK 10.

The notice convening the AGM including the complete agenda will be published later.

Yours faithfully



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Chairman of the Board of Directors



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