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**Stock Exchange Announcement No 18/03**

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Dear Sirs

**Accounting for Sydbank's sale of shares in Totalkredit**

According to a specific decision the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority has approved the accounting treatment of the sale of shares in Totalkredit of which the Copenhagen Stock Exchange was informed on 15 December 2003. Sydbank has decided to treat the sale of shares in Totalkredit in accordance with this decision.

The Bank's sale of 282,986 shares in Totalkredit as at 10 November 2003 will generate a gain of DKK 282m in 2003.

The Bank has issued options to Nykredit on 87,592 shares with exercise date on 1 October 2004 and 117,373 shares with exercise date on 2 October 2006. Subject to the same conditions the exercise of these options will produce a gain of DKK 88m in 2004 and DKK 120m in 2006.

Option premiums totalling DKK 20m will be recognized as income on a straight-line basis for the life of the options until 2 October 2006. Finally the interest rate effect of the capitalized value of the conditional continuous payment from Nykredit will be recognized as income for the life of the options.

The aggregate tax effect has been calculated at DKK 16m to be charged as expense in 2003.

Moreover reference is made to the Stock Exchange Announcement issued by the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority dated 15 December 2003 as well as the Bank's Stock Exchange Announcements No 15/03 dated 27 October 2003 and 16/03 dated 30 October 2003.

Yours faithfully



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