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The Danish Competition and Consumer Authority has approved the merger between Spar Nord and Sparbank

With reference to company announcements dated 18 September 2012 and 11 October 2012 regarding the planned merger between Spar Nord and Sparbank, it is hereby announced that the Danish Competition and Consumer Authority has approved the planned merger. As stated in the merger announced, the completion of the merger is still subject to approval by the two companies' general meetings and by approval from the Danish FSA.

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