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A/S Skjern Bank endorses the new government guarantee scheme

The Danish government has issued a two-year guarantee for all deposits with and unsecured claims against Danish financial institutions.

A/S Skjern Bank decided today to endorse the new guarantee scheme which is administered by the Danish banking sector's contingency association, Det Private Beredskab.

As a consequence of the endorsement of the scheme, A/S Skjern Bank's net fee earnings over the next two years will be negatively impacted by approximately DKK 20-22 million per year from today's date. Additional costs may be incurred if a claim for payment of excess and guarantee commission is put forward, cf. the terms of the scheme.

In 2008, A/S Skjern Bank's participation in the scheme is expected to influence the bank's pretax profit negatively by DKK 5-6 million.

In line with the intentions of the new scheme, A/S Skjern Bank's board of directors further decided that no dividends will be distributed over the next two years.

Yours sincerely Skjern Bank

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Chairman of the Board of Directors

Per Munck Director