



INVESTOR INFORMATION

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Erste Bank und NPF close Ceska sporitelna transaction

The transfer of the 52.07% state holding in Ceska sporitelna from the Czech National Property Fund (NPF) to Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG, occurred today. Erste Bank has thereby acquired control of the largest retail bank in the Czech Republic. In return, Erste Bank, as agreed, transferred EUR 280m (less the EUR 50m down payment made when the agreement was signed) to the NPF.