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### **Erste Bank holds 99.99% equity stake in Erste Bank a.d. Novi Sad, Serbia**

Having increased its stake in Erste Bank a.d. Novi Sad from 83.3% to 95.6 % in autumn 2005, Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen has now purchased a further 17,740 shares, or 4.41 % of the share capital, from the remaining minority shareholders on the same terms (EUR 218.98 per share).

Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen now owns 99.99% of the share capital of Erste Bank a.d. Novi Sad.

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