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MeritaNordbanken offer to acquire all shares in Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse prolonged at NOK 44 per share

MeritaNordbanken Abp prolongs the offer to acquire all shares of Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse ASA. The offer price is NOK 44 per share. The offer period now will end on 9 October 2000, at 17.00 hours CET.

The offer is subject to the full terms and conditions set out in the offer document issued on 19 June 2000.

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