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## SUBJECT: Global Payments s.r.o. to take over Erste Card Club d.d.

ERSTE&STEIERMÄRKISCHE BANK d.d. with its headquarters in Rijeka, Jadranski trg 3/a (hereinafter: the Bank) announces that the agreement with Global Payments s.r.o., Czech Republic (hereinafter: GP s.r.o.) for GP s.r.o. to acquire 100% ownership in Erste Card Club d.o.o. (hereinafter: ECC) has been signed. The transaction is expected to be closed by the end of 2025, subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

ECC operations have consisted of two key segments - card issuing and card acceptance segment (merchant acquiring). In October 2024, card issuing segment has been carved out from ECC and transferred to the Bank while ECC continued its operations in the card acceptance segment which is now being acquired by GP s.r.o..

Following the completion of the transaction, GP s.r.o. and the Bank will continue their collaboration in the card acceptance segment and formalize a strategic partnership. The partnership will focus on driving card acceptance services and expanding the overall footprint in the Croatian market.

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