



PRESS RELEASE

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary and ordinary meeting of the shareholders of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. has been convened for Wednesday, **3 December 2003** at **10,00 a.m.** at the Bank's offices in Viale Mazzini 23, Siena. Should a second session of the meeting be necessary, it will be held on **4 December 2003**, at the same time and place. The meeting has been convened for the purpose of deliberating on the following

A G E N D A

Extraordinary meeting

- Changes to Articles 7, 16, 18, 19, 26 e 32 of the Bank's by-laws.

Ordinary meeting

- Purchase of Bank's shares for free assignment to Bank's employees (stock granting); relative measures.

It is finally noted that:

- the notices of the meeting will be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy (second part), as well as in Italian newspapers;
- the documentation required by prevailing law in relation to the matters on the agenda will be filed, within the terms required by law, at the Bank's registered office and Borsa Italiana S.p.A..

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