

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **F.R.E.S.H. – Conversion of securities**

*Siena 30 December 2011* – With regard to the issue of convertible Floating Rate Equity-linked Subordinated Hybrid (“F.R.E.S.H.”) Preferred Securities, as provided for in the resolution of the shareholders’ meeting of 15 January 2004, Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena has received conversion applications for a total amount of EUR 289,799,998.24, against which **136,698,112** BMPS ordinary shares have been issued, at a conversion price of EUR 2.12, equal to approximately 1.26% of the pre-conversion ordinary capital. As a result, the number of ordinary shares has increased from 10,844,097,796 to 10,980,795,908 and the share capital has increased from EUR 6,654,282,746.76 to EUR 6,732,246,664.72.

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