

PRESS RELEASE

BANCA MPS: THE RIGHTS ISSUE OFFERING PERIOD IS CLOSED

Subscribed 99.59% of the offering corresponding to Euro 2,980,822,104

Unexercised rights to be offered on the Italian Stock Exchange from 16 June 2015

Siena, 12 June 2015 – Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (“**BMPS**”) announces that the rights offering period (the “**Offering Period**”) of a maximum of no. 2,558,256,930 newly issued BMPS ordinary shares (the “**New Shares**”) has been closed today.

During the Offering Period, which started on 25 May 2015, no. 254,771,120 rights were exercised for the subscription of no. 2,547,711,200 New Shares, representing 99.59% of total New Shares under the Offering, corresponding to Euro 2,980,822,104.00.

At the end of the Offering Period, no. 1,054,573 subscription rights were left unexercised over a total of no. 10,545,730 New Shares, for an overall amount of Euro 12,338,504.10.

The Rights that were not exercised during the Offering Period (the “**Unexercised Rights**” or “**Rights**”) will be offered by BMPS on the Italian Stock Exchange in accordance with art. 2441, paragraph 3, of the Italian civil code, through Equita SIM S.p.A., during the trading sessions of 16, 17, 18, 19 and 22 June 2015, except in the event of an early closing (the “**Stock Exchange Offering**”). All Unexercised Rights will be offered during the first trading session; any residual Rights will be offered in the following trading sessions.

The Rights can be used to subscribe the New Shares, at a price of Euro 1.17 per share, based on a ratio of 10 Shares for each Right.

The Rights purchased under the Stock Exchange Offering must be exercised, and – as a consequence – the New Shares subscribed, exclusively through authorized intermediaries members of the centralized management system of Monte Titoli S.p.A.. In the event the Rights are not exercised by and no later than 23 June 2015, with the same value date, except in the event of early closing of the Stock Exchange Offering, they will lapse.

Fabrizio Viola, CEO of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena, commented: *“This important result will allow Monte dei Paschi di Siena to continue to pursue with even greater vigor and determination the actions currently being executed to further strengthen the Bank and to best position us in*

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order to benefit from future strategic options. With the rights issue having been successfully completed we shall also proceed with full repayment of all the outstanding State aid, well ahead of the original 2017 deadline that had been agreed with the European Commission”.

Settlement date in the event of early closing of the Stock Exchange Offering

In case of early closing of the Stock Exchange Offering, the Rights purchased under the above offering must be exercised earlier, failing which they lapse, by and no later than the third trading day following the early closing notification, namely:

- by and no later than 19 June 2015, with the same value date, in case of early closing on 16 June 2015
- by and no later than 22 June 2015, with the same value date, in case of early closing on 17 June 2015.

In all other cases, the deadline for the New Shares subscription is 23 June 2015.

The New Shares obtained by exercising the Unexercised Rights will be deposited on the accounts held by the authorized intermediaries members of the centralized management system of Monte Titoli S.p.A. at the end of the accounting date of the last Rights exercise day, and will be made available as of the following settlement day.

The Offering has been underwritten by UBS Limited as Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Goldman Sachs International and Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. as Co-Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners and, Barclays Bank PLC, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, London Branch, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, Merrill Lynch International and Société Générale as Joint Bookrunners pursuant to an underwriting agreement entered into with BMPS on 21 May 2015. As part of the underwriting agreement, Banca IMI S.p.A., Banco Santander S.A., Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited and UniCredit Bank AG, Milan Branch act as Co-Bookrunners and Banca Akros S.p.A., Banca Profilo S.p.A., Banca Popolare di Vicenza S.C.p.A., Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A., Equita SIM S.p.A., ING Bank N.V., Jefferies International Limited and Stifel Nicolaus Europe Limited (acting as Keefe, Bruyette & Woods) act as Co-Lead Managers.

The Prospectus, together with the supplement to the Prospectus, are available at the BMPS's registered office, in Siena, Piazza Salimbeni, n. 3, and are also published on the BMPS's website www.mps.it.

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