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# PRESS RELEASE

## BANCA MPS: COMPLETION OF THE EXERCISE PERIOD FOR THE OPTION RIGHTS PURCHASED DURING THE AUCTION

### POST-AUCTION OF THE UNEXERCISED RIGHTS THE PARTICIPATION TO THE SHARE CAPITAL INCREASE RISES TO 96.3%; TO THE CONSORTIUM OF BANKS AND ALGEBRIS THE REMAINING SHARES

*Siena, 3 November 2022* - Further to the press release of yesterday, 2 November 2022, Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. ("**BMPS**") announces that today ended the period for the exercise of the option rights purchased during the auction on Euronext Milan (the "**Unexercised Rights**"), as a result of which no. 29,465,590 newly issued BMPS ordinary shares were subscribed for a total amount of Euro 58,931,180.

The 96.3% quota of the capital increase was reached post the exercise of the rights purchased at the auction and corresponds to a total of no. 1,203,123,666 shares due to the Ministry of Economy and Finance ("**MEF**"), in relation to the quota already held and, to institutional and private investors.

The remaining no. 46,541,982 newly issued shares - for a countervalue of Euro 93,083,964 (equal to 3.7% of the capital increase) - will be subscribed by the banks of the underwriting syndicate, namely BofA Securities Europe S.A., Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Credit Suisse Bank (Europe) S.A., Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A., as joint global coordinators, and Banco Santander, S.A., Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Société Générale and Stifel Europe Bank AG, as joint bookrunners, as well as by Algebris.

The notice about the successful subscription of the newly issued shares from the Capital Increase will be provided to the public by BMPS through a dedicated press release by the market opening on 4 November 2022.

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