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VOLUNTARY PUBLIC CASH AND EXCHANGE OFFER FOR ALL BANCA MPS S.P.A. SHARES LAUNCHED BY INTESA SANPAOLO S.P.A.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BANCA MPS APPROVES THE ISSUER'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE OFFER

Siena, 21 November 2026 – With the unanimous approval of all Directors present at the vote[1], the Board of Directors of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. ("**MPS**" or the "**Issuer**"), at its meeting held on 20 November 2026, approved the statement prepared in accordance with Articles 103, paragraphs 3 and *3-bis* of Legislative Decree 58/1998 (the "**TUF**") and Article 39 of the regulations adopted by CONSOB Resolution No. 11971/1999 (the "**Issuers' Regulations**") in relation to the voluntary public takeover and exchange offer for all shares launched pursuant to Articles 102 and 106(4) of the TUF by Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. (the "**Offeror**") on the shares of Banca MPS S.p.A. (the "**ISP Offer**") (the "**Issuer's Statement**").

The conclusions set out in the Issuer's Statement are reproduced below. For comprehensive information, please refer to the full text of the Issuer's Statement, made available at the same time as this press release on the MPS website at www.gruppomps.it, under the "*Investor Relations*" section.

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The Board of Directors has carried out a careful and considered analysis of the ISP Offer on the basis of the available information, taking into account the Offer Document and the Prospectus, the assessments expressed by its financial and legal advisers, and the various factors set out in the Issuer's Statement.

As part of its analysis, the Board of Directors has taken note of and considered the improvements made to the initial terms of the ISP Offer, with particular reference to the increase in the Consideration and the greater attention paid by the Offeror to the industrial, employment and institutional role of Siena and Tuscany, as well as the initiatives proposed in this regard.

In light of the assessments expressed by the Board of Directors' financial advisers in their respective *fairness opinions*, attached to the Issuer's Statement, the Consideration was deemed fair from a financial perspective as at 18 November 2026 (the "**Reference Date**"), based on the methodologies, assumptions, qualifications and limitations set out in those *fairness opinions*.

[1] It should be noted that, during the board meeting held on 20 November 2026, Director Corrado Passera has tendered his resignation with immediate effect, leaving the meeting before the conclusion of the debate on the Issuer's Statement.

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Without prejudice to this assessment of financial fairness, the Board of Directors considers that the consideration does not fully reflect the value of the MPS Group and its prospects for growth and value creation, not least in light of the strategic initiative launched with Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. ("**Mediobanca**"), the benefits already emerging from the combination, the MPS Group's capital strength and the prospects outlined in the MPS Group's 2026-2030 Business Plan (the "**Business Plan**"). This assessment also takes into account the nature of the ISP Offer, which is aimed at acquiring control of MPS, and the significant synergies envisaged by the Offeror.

For the purposes of a comprehensive assessment of the ISP Offer, the Board of Directors therefore considers that each MPS shareholder should carefully consider, amongst other things, the following factors – set out in greater detail in the Issuer's Statement and reproduced below – for the purposes of their assessment:

1. **The MPS Group's *stand-alone* profile and prospects for value creation.** The MPS Group possesses significant distinctive features and value drivers, underpinned by the strength of *its franchise*, its brand, its extensive local presence and a comprehensive and diversified *business* model. These elements have been reinforced by the successful combination with Mediobanca, the commercial, profitability and growth benefits of which are already evident in the 2026 results. The Business Plan also envisages growth, greater diversification and efficiency, capital strength with excess capital, and high shareholder returns with a *payout ratio* of 100%, amongst the highest in the sector;

2. **Value of the Consideration relative to the market and the premium offered.** As at the Reference Date, and on average over the period following the increase in the cash component, the implied value of the Consideration is lower than the market price of MPS shares. The 15.3% premium announced by the Offeror, to be assessed in light of the transfer of control and the overall characteristics of the ISP Offer, is also lower than the average for comparable public offers in the Italian banking sector (30%), without prejudice to the specific features of individual transactions*;*

3. **Synergies and associated risks of realisation.** The projected synergies, amounting to approximately Euro 2.9 billion per annum before tax once fully implemented, appear high, given the limited disclosure regarding the underlying assumptions, even when compared with precedents observed in the Italian banking sector, including the transaction referred to by the Offeror itself with UBI Banca S.p.A. Integration costs appear to be lower than in recent transactions and dis-synergies could prove to be greater than anticipated. The realisation of synergies also depends on the final structure of the transaction, the levels of acceptance and the related corporate, organisational, operational and technological changes;

4. **Comparison between the premium and synergies.** The premium implied by the ISP Offer, amounting to approximately Euro 4.2 billion, represents around 27% of the estimated value of the synergies projected by the Offeror. A comparison between the premium implied by the ISP Offer, as calculated above, and the illustrative value of the synergies therefore shows that only a small proportion of that value is reflected in the premium offered to MPS shareholders under the ISP Offer. This comparison takes on further significance in the context of a transaction involving the transfer of control of MPS and also presents additional capital benefits linked to the prudential treatment of the stake in Assicurazioni Generali and the potential use of MPS's DTAs*;*

5. **The predominantly equity-based nature of the Consideration.** Approximately 88% of the Consideration consists of ISP shares, thus requiring a careful assessment of the Offeror's characteristics and risk factors. In particular, the value of the investment resulting from

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acceptance of the ISP Offer would depend, amongst other things, on *the* future *performance* of the ISP Group, as expanded as a result of the transaction, on the implementation of the Offeror's prospective plans, on the actual configuration of the resulting scope of operations, and on the realisation of the synergies and the projected earnings and capital objectives;

6. **A transaction aimed at acquiring control and characterized by complexity and execution risk.** The ISP Offer is aimed at acquiring control of MPS and subsequently provides for the separation of the MPS Group into the business units allocated to the Offeror and those allocated to Unipol. This structure could require a number of corporate steps and organisational, operational and technological measures, including those taking place after the completion of the ISP Offer, with risks to operational and commercial continuity and to the realisation of the proposed synergies. The execution risk also depends on the final configuration of the business scopes, the outcome of the *competition law* proceedings, the level of acceptance, the completion of the merger of MPS into the Offeror, and the authorisations and decisions required for the transfer of the business to Unipol;

7. **Delisting, merger and acceptance levels.** The various acceptance levels may determine different corporate pathways and methods for carrying out the *delisting*, the separation of the two business units and the merger of MPS into the Offeror. In particular, below the 66.67% threshold, the Offeror would not be certain of being able to secure approval for the merger of MPS on its own, with possible implications for the timing and methods of integration, the realisation of synergies, the transfer of the business to Unipol and the capital ratios of the combined entity;

8. **Shareholder returns**. The estimated cumulative returns for MPS shareholders for the period 2026-2029, excluding the cash component of the Consideration, are broadly in line across the two scenarios, *stand-alone* and in the event of a successful ISP Offer, but with a greater weighting of the cash dividend component for *the stand-alone* MPS scenario. Furthermore, for MPS, the Business Plan envisages significant excess capital over the plan period. Should the so-called *'Danish Compromise'* be achieved in a *stand-alone* scenario – which could be triggered by the potential acquisition of control over the insurance *joint ventures* (whose agreements are due to expire in 2027) – this excess capital would increase by an estimated amount equivalent to approximately 4 percentage points of the CET1 ratio.

9. **Impact on Siena and the local area.** Whilst the Offeror's proposed initiatives for Siena and Tuscany are viewed positively, their content, associated responsibilities and resources have not yet been fully defined and therefore do not allow for a comprehensive assessment of Siena's future industrial and decision-making role, nor of the effects on customers, employees and local communities.

The Board of Directors specifies, in any event, that: (i) the financial merits of accepting the ISP Offer must be assessed independently by each MPS shareholder, taking into account the information set out in this Issuer's Statement and the information contained in the offer document and the Prospectus; and (ii) the Issuer's Statement does not in any way constitute, nor may it be construed as, a recommendation to accept or reject the ISP Offer.

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