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PRESS RELEASE

BANCA MPS: END OF THE OPTION PERIOD OF THE SHARE CAPITAL INCREASE WITH 2.5 BILLION EURO FULLY GUARANTEED

Approximately the 93% of the Capital Increase already subscribed or subject to binding subscription commitments by institutional investors, prior to the start of the auction of the unexercised rights, of which:

- (i) exercise of option rights for 74% of the Capital Increase, corresponding to no. 923,658,076 newly issued shares, amounting to Euro 1,847,316,152;***
- (ii) sub-underwriting commitments by third-party investors for 19% of the Capital Increase - from the rights that shall eventually remain unexercised at the end of the auction - corresponding to a maximum amount of Euro 475 million.***

This percentage could increase as a result of the additional subscriptions, if any, from the unexercised rights that could be purchased during the auction to be held on 1 November and 2 November 2022.

Siena, 31 October 2022 - Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. ("**BMPS**") hereby announces that today ended the option period (the "**Option Period**") to BMPS shareholders of up to no. 1,249,665,648 newly issued BMPS ordinary shares (the "**New Shares**"), as part of the share capital increase approved by the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of BMPS held on 15 September 2022 (the "**Capital Increase**").

At the end of the Option Period no. 7,409,022 option rights have been exercised for the subscription of no. 923,658,076 New Shares, amounting to 74% of the total New Shares offered, for a total countervalue of Euro 1,847,316,152 and there are no. 2,615,034 unexercised option rights (the "**Unexercised Rights**") entitling to the subscription of a total of no. 326,007,572 New Shares, for a total countervalue of Euro 652,015,144, amounting approximately to 26% of the Capital Increase.

This number does not take into account the sub-underwriting commitments for an amount equal to Euro 475 million (of which Euro 20 million undertaken today), corresponding to 19% of the Capital Increase and approximately 73% of the Unexercised Rights, in respect of the New Shares remaining unexercised at the end of the Auction of Unexercised Right (as defined below).

Therefore, taking into account the results at the end of the Option Period and the commitments mentioned above, as of the date of this press release approximately the 93% of the Capital Increase has already been subscribed or subject to binding commitments. This percentage shall, moreover, increase as a result of any additional subscriptions, based on the of Unexercised Rights, that may be acquired during the auction to be held on 1 November and 2 November 2022 (unless early closure in the event of full sale of the Unexercised Rights).

Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. in the sessions of 1 November 2022 and 2 November 2022, will coordinate the offering of the Unexercised Rights that will be offered on the Stock Exchange, on the regulated market Euronext Milan, with the ISIN code IT0005509010, pursuant to Article 2441, paragraph 3, of the Italian Civil Code (the "**Auction of Unexercised Right**").

The Unexercised Rights can be used for the subscription of the New Shares, at a price of Euro 2.00 per New Share, on the basis of a *ratio* of 374 (three hundred seventy-four) New Shares for every 3 (three) Unexercised Rights held.

The exercise of the Unexercised Rights and, consequently, the subscription of the New Shares will have to be carried out through authorized intermediaries participating in the centralized management system of Monte Titoli S.p.A., under penalty of forfeiture, no later than 2:00 p.m. (Italian Time) on 3 November 2022.

With reference to the results at the end of the Option Period, it should also be noted that for no. 551,352 exercised option rights, corresponding to no. 68,735,216 New Shares, with a total countervalue of Euro 137,470,432, the delivery of New Shares was requested according to the so-called rolling mode.

In particular, the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance ("**MEF**") fully exercised its option rights equal to 64.23% of the New Shares and, therefore:

- (i) subscribed, opting for the so-called rolling mode: no. 44,150,326 New Shares, for a total amount of Euro 88,300,652, and
- (ii) subscribed for, opting for delivery on the settlement date of the Capital Increase, the remaining no. 758,541,190 New Shares, for a total amount equal to Euro 1,517,082,380.

Please note that BMPS on 13 October 2022 signed a guarantee agreement (so-called "underwriting agreement") related to the Capital Increase with 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 (the "**Joint Global Coordinators**") and Banco Santander S.A, Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Société Générale and Stifel Europe Bank AG, as joint bookrunners (the "**Joint Bookrunners**" and jointly with the Joint Global Coordinators, the "**Guarantors**"), which have undertaken to subscribe, severally among themselves and without any solidarity obligation, according to the terms and conditions set forth in the guarantee agreement, the New Shares not subscribed at the end of the Auction of Unexercised Right, up to a maximum total amount of Euro 807 million. It should also be noted that Algebris is participating in the Capital Increase as a guarantor with a total amount of Euro 50 million, of which Euro 30 million *pari passu* with the Guarantors and Euro 20 million as sub-underwriter.

Please note that the Registration Document, Securities Note and Summary Note (which together constitute the "**Prospectus**") are available at BMPS's registered office in Siena, Piazza Salimbeni, No. 3, as well as on the website www.gruppomps.it.

Finally, it should be noted that on 1 November 2022, a notice, similar to this press release, will be published, pursuant to Article 89 of the Regulations approved by Consob Resolution No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented, in the daily newspaper "*Il Sole-24 Ore*", containing an indication of the number of Unexercised Rights to be offered on the Stock Exchange and the dates of the meetings at which the Auction of Unexercised Rights will be held.

The notice on the final outcome of the Capital Increase will be provided to the public by BMPS through a special press release by the market opening on 4 November 2022.

This press release is available at www.gruppomps.it

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Solely for the purposes of the product governance obligations provided for: (a) in Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("**MiFID II**"); (b) in Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) by national transposition measures (together the "**MiFID II Product Governance Obligations**"), and disclaiming all and any liability that may arise in contract, tort or otherwise to any "producer" (within the meaning of the MiFID II Product Governance Obligations) in connection with such obligations, the option rights and New Shares have been subject to a product approval process, which has identified the option rights and New Shares as: (i) compatible with an ultimate target market of retail investors and investors who meet the requirements of "professional clients" and "eligible counterparties" as respectively defined under MiFID II; and (ii) reserved for distribution through all distribution channels as permitted under MiFID II (the "**Reference Market Assessment**"). Notwithstanding the Reference Market Assessment, distributors should take into consideration that: the price of the option rights and New Shares (as defined in the materials relating to the Offering) could fall and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the option rights and New Shares do not guarantee any return or any protection of the invested capital; and an investment in the option rights and the New Shares is compatible only with investors who do not require a guarantee of return or protection of invested capital who (whether on their own or with the support of a financial or other adviser) are capable of assessing the merits and risks involved in such an investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss that may result. The Reference Market Assessment is without prejudice to any restrictions, contractual, legal or regulatory, provided in connection with the Offering. Furthermore, it should be noted that, notwithstanding the Reference Market Assessment, the Guarantors will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties. In particular, the Reference Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or eligibility for MiFID II purposes; or (b) a recommendation addressed to any investor or group of investors to invest in or purchase, or engage in any transaction with respect to, the option rights and the New Shares. Each distributor is responsible for making its own assessment of the relevant market in relation to the option rights and the New Shares and determining the appropriate channels of distribution.

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