

PRESS RELEASE

**MODIFICATION OF ACCOMPANYING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BANCA MPS AND HOLMO**

Siena - Bologna, October 13th 2005 - Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA and Holmo SpA, as regards the accompanying agreement concerning, in particular, the respective equity interests owned in Finsoe SpA, and due to expire on February 6th 2006, advise that, following the changes agreed upon today, the said agreement is considered to be renewed until April 15th 2006, saving notice of termination to be notified at least one month before the original expiry date.

BANCA MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA SpA

HOLMO SpA

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