

PRESS RELEASE

**BANCA MPS: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FABRIZIO ROSSI STEPS DOWN FROM HIS POSITION**

*Deputy CEO retires after 39 years of service and
a career dedicated to the company*

Siena, 18 September 2012 – Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena has taken the decision to step down from his position and retire.

Mr. Rossi, 63, has spent his entire career with BMps, covering a multitude of roles until 2008 when he was appointed Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.

On behalf of the company, Chief Executive Officer, Fabrizio Viola, has thanked Mr. Rossi for his contribution to the bank over his 39 years of service and the support he has provided as Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

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