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Finalisation of purchase by Gruppo Banca Carige of 22 branches of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena

Genoa, Siena, 28 May 2010 – Banca Carige and its Group companies, Cassa di Risparmio di Carrara and Banca del Monte di Lucca, have signed today the final agreements for the purchase of 22 branches of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena for a total consideration of EUR 130 mln, calculated on the basis of total customer deposits as at 30/09/2009.

As at 30 September 2009, the branches covered by the agreements had approximately EUR 1,537 million in total customer deposits and around € 840 million in loans to customers.

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