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PRESS RELEASE

Siena, 8 June 2015 – On 5 June 2015, CODACONS filed a petition with the Regional Administrative Tribunal (TAR) of Lazio claiming the illegitimacy of the resolutions taken by CONSOB approving the publication of the Prospectus related to the rights offering of Euro 3 billion recently launched by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (“**BMPS**” or the “**Bank**”), and requesting the TAR to suspend the offering and to void the resolutions issued by CONSOB, due to an alleged lack of information in the Prospectus. Following a challenge of CODACONS’ claims by CONSOB and the Bank, joining the proceedings as interested party, the President of the TAR of Lazio, who had ordered the publication of a supplement to the Prospectus on 6 June 2015, today repealed that order and rejected CODACONS’ claim for precautionary measures. A hearing before the TAR has been scheduled for 17 June 2015, when the petition for the suspension of the offering filed by CODACONS will be considered. The Bank acknowledges the decree issued today by the President of the TAR, following an appropriate counterclaim made by CONSOB, upheld by BMPS, and looks forward to the hearing with the belief that CODACONS’ claims are unfounded without merit.

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