

PRESS RELEASE

Siena, 8 November 2007 - Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena communicates that it has signed an agreement with Banco Santander for the purchase of Banca Antonveneta for an amount of Euro 9 billion. The transaction is conditioned to the approval of the relevant authorities.

Banca Antonveneta is one of the ABN Amro ABN Amro attributed to Banco Santander, that has taken part to the consortium together with Royal Bank of Scotland and Fortis for the public tender offer on ABN Amro recently concluded.

Interbanca, subsidiary of Banca Antonveneta, which operates as corporate bank, is not part of this sale.