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**VOLUNTARY PUBLIC EXCHANGE OFFER (THE “OFFER”) LAUNCHED BY BANCA
MPS ON THE ORDINARY SHARES OF MEDIOBANCA - BANCA DI CREDITO
FINANZIARIO SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI**

**OBTAINMENT OF THE AUTHORIZATION FROM IVASS FOR THE ACQUISITION BY
BANCA MPS OF A QUALIFIED INTEREST THROUGH MEDIOBANCA - BANCA DI
CREDITO FINANZIARIO SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI IN ASSICURAZIONI GENERALI S.P.A.
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OFFER**

Siena, 20 May 2025 - Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (“**BMPS**”) announces that today it has received the prior authorization from the Insurance Supervisory Authority (“**IVASS**”) pursuant to Article 68 of Legislative Decree No. 209 of 7 September 2005, for the acquisition by BMPS of an indirect qualified interest, through Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni in Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A., in the context of the Offer launched by BMPS on the shares of Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

This press release will be available on the website at www.gruppomps.it/en/

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The voluntary public exchange offer referred to in this press release shall be promoted by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. on all the ordinary shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

This press release does not constitute an offer to buy or sell the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

Prior to the commencement of the acceptance period, as required under applicable regulations, the Offeror shall publish an offer document and an exemption document, which the shareholders of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni shall carefully examine.

The Offer will be made in Italy and will be addressed, on equal terms, to all holders of shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni.

The Offer will be made in Italy as the shares of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni are listed on Euronext Milan, a regulated market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and, without prejudice to the following, the Offer is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law.

The Offer is not being made or disseminated in Canada, Japan and Australia, or any other country in which such Offer is not authorized, or to any person to whom such offer or solicitation is not permitted by law (the “**Excluded Countries**”).

Partial or complete copies of any documents to be issued by the Offeror in connection with the Offer shall not be sent, nor shall they be transmitted, or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, in the Excluded Countries. Any person receiving such documents shall not distribute, send or dispatch them (whether by post or by any other means or instrumentality of communication or commerce) in the Excluded Countries.

Any acceptances of the Offer resulting from solicitation activities carried out in violation of the above limitations will not be accepted.

This press release, as well as any other document issued by the Offeror in connection with the Offer, shall not constitute or form part of any offer to purchase or exchange, or any solicitation of offers to sell or exchange, securities in any of the Excluded Countries.

Acceptance to the Offer by persons resident in countries other than Italy may be subject to specific obligations or restrictions provided for by laws or regulations. It is the sole responsibility of the addressees of the Offer to comply with such regulations and, therefore, before accepting the Offer, to verify their existence and applicability by contacting their advisors. The Offeror shall not be held liable for any breach by any person of any of the foregoing limitations.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In connection with the proposed voluntary public exchange offer, the required offer document will be sent to Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (“**Consob**”). **Investors and shareholders of MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario Società per Azioni are strongly advised to read the offer document and the exemption document, if and when available, and any other relevant documents sent to, or filed with, Consob, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information.** If and when filed, investors may obtain free copies of the offer document and of the exemption document, at Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.’s web site at www.gruppompis.it/en/ and will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain these transaction-related documents for free from the parties involved or from a duly appointed agent.

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