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Merger by incorporation of Tiepolo Finance 2 Srl into Banco Popolare: notice of publication of documents

We herewith announce that today, having received the authorization for the merger from the Bank of Italy with order dated 22 March 2016 and communicated on 25 March, the merger plan of Tiepolo Finance 2 Srl ("Tiepolo 2") into Banco Popolare – Società Cooperativa ("Banco Popolare"), prepared pursuant to art. 2501-*ter* and 2505 of the Italian civil code (the "Merger Plan"), was registered with the Enterprise Registries of Verona and Lodi.

It is also announced that, in compliance with current regulations, as of today the Merger Plan, together with the financial situation pursuant to art. 2501-*quater* of the Italian civil code represented by the Half-yearly 2015 financial report of Banco Popolare and by the financial situation as at 30 September 2015 of Tiepolo 2, are made available to the public at the Corporate Head offices of the companies involved in the merger, at Borsa Italiana S.p.A., on Banco Popolare's website <u>www.bancopopolare.it</u>, as well as on the website of the authorized central storage mechanism <u>www.emarketstorage.com</u>.

Finally, it is noted that, in compliance with current regulations, the respective three latest annual reports, are made available to the public at the Corporate Head offices of the companies involved in the merger.

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