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**Press release**

**CONSOB'S RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE INVESTMENT IN ANIMA HOLDING**

*Milan 20 June 2016* - Reference is made to the press release published on 25 June 2015 relating to the transaction that involved: (i) Poste Italiane S.p.A. ("**Poste**") buying the 10.3% investment held by Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. ("**MPS**") in Anima Holding S.p.A. ("**Anima**"); (ii) Poste taking over all of the rights and obligations of MPS under the shareholder agreement relating to the Anima shares originally signed on 5 March 2014 by MPS and Banca Popolare di Milano S.c.ar.l. ("**BPM**"), which has a 16.8% interest in Anima; (iii) BPM's commitment to sell to third parties that are not related parties of BPM and/or Poste the shareholding in excess of the thresholds listed in art. 106 of Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February 1998 ("**CFA**"), no later than twelve months from the date of completion of the sale of the MPS's Anima shares to Poste and not to exercise its voting rights for the shares in excess of this threshold.

The commitment mentioned in point (iii) above would automatically become ineffective if CONSOB, to which a specific question has been posed, was of the opinion that the signatories of the shareholder agreement were not obliged to make a takeover bid for 100% of the Anima shares.

In this regard, notice is hereby given that, with a document dated 16 June 2016, CONSOB communicated that the threshold applicable for the takeover bid of Anima shares is 25% of its share capital, as per art. 106, paragraph 1-bis, of the CFA; BPM is evaluating the best solutions in order to comply with this commitment regarding the total shareholding in excess of the threshold for a takeover bid, within the terms and in the ways considered most appropriate.

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