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Siena, 24 November 2016 – This press release is being distributed for technical reasons, in order to ensure that, in the event the revers split is approved by the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of Banca Monte dei Paschi S.p.A. (the **"Bank**" or **"BMPS**"), it will be possible to perfect this on 28 November 2016.

The Bank announces that the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of BMPS is currently ongoing and the agenda includes, inter alia, (i) the share capital decrease from EUR 9,001,756,820.70 to EUR 7,365,674,050.07 as well as (ii) the reverse split of ordinary BMPS shares with the ratio of 1 new ordinary share for every 100 shares owned, with prior cancellation, for accounting balancing purposes, of 64 ordinary BMPS shares.

The reverse split of ordinary shares shall be effective on the stock exchange from 28 November 2016, subject to the approval by the shareholders' meeting of the above two resolutions and the subsequent registration with the Companies' Register of Siena of the resolutions, if approved; the registration is expected to take place over the course of the morning tomorrow, 25 November 2016.

In particular, the reverse split of 2,932,079,864 existing ordinary shares, with no par value, regular dividend (ISIN IT0005092165), dividend coupon no.2 into 29,320,798 new ordinary shares, with no par value, regular dividend (ISIN IT0005218752), dividend coupon no.1 will be carried out, with prior cancellation of 64 ordinary BMPS shares (made available by an authorised third party).

After the reverse stock split, the share capital will remain unchanged and will amount to EUR 7,365,674,050.07 as a result of the implementation of the capital decrease resolution passed by the shareholders' meeting today, which is subdivided into 29,320,798 ordinary shares with no par value which are expected to be traded with the new ISIN code (ISIN IT0005218752) starting from 28 November 2016 on the screen-based share market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.

The reverse stock split will take place at Monte Titoli S.p.A. and will be executed by the depository intermediaries through the issue of new shares replacing the existing ones.

To facilitate the reverse stock split to individual shareholders and the management of any fractions of shares, BMPS will appoint the aforementioned authorised third party, which, from 28 November 2016 until 2 December 2016, upon request of the intermediary, will buy or sell fractions of new shares missing or exceeding the minimum amount required for ensuring that a whole number of shares will be held by each shareholder. The intermediary depositaries will receive instructions, through Monte Titoli S.p.A., to ensure that holders of less than 100 existing shares I receive, upon request, 1 new share against payment of the relative consideration.

Said fractional shares shall be settled with no charges, stamp duties or fees, on the basis of the official price of BMPS ordinary shares, as quoted on the screen-based share market on 25 November 2016; and such price will be notified to Monte Titoli S.p.A and to the depositary intermediaries on 28 November 2016.

The press release will be available at <u>www.mps.it</u>

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