

## **DEFINITIVE RESULTS OF BANCA CARIGE S.p.A. CAPITALE INCREASE**

- **The auction for the sale of the unassigned rights ended – the pre-emptive offer related to the against payment capital increase was concluded with the successful subscription of the entire capital increase**

*Genoa, 11 March 2008*

With reference to the pre-emptive offer of up to a maximum of no. 398,848,684 new ordinary shares, decided by the Board of Directors of the Bank on 31 January 2008, Banca Carige S.p.A. announces – also in compliance with article 13 paragraph 5 of the Regulations approved by Consob with resolution no. 11971/1999 - that at the end of the auction for the sale of the unassigned rights, all of the shares underlying the approved capital increase have been subscribed for; thus no intervention by the underwriting syndicate, coordinated and managed by Mediobanca and comprised of Mediobanca itself, ABN AMRO, Rothschild and Credit Suisse, was required.

In fact, no. 398,848,684 new ordinary shares were subscribed for (for an aggregate countervalue of € 957,236,841.60, € 398,848,684.00 of which corresponding to the nominal amount while € 558,388,157.60 represent the share premium); out of the aggregate amount of subscribed shares, no. 247,185,256 were subscribed by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Genova e Imperia and other shareholders who previously assumed some underwriting commitments.

In particular:

- no. 175,965,608 new ordinary shares were subscribed by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Genova e Imperia (for an aggregate countervalue of € 422,317,459.20), which now holds an equity interest – determined on the basis of the share capital inclusive of the ordinary shares in issue prior to the capital increase and those issued in accordance with the terms of said capital increase – equal to 44.12%.
- no. 65,246,424 new ordinary shares were subscribed by CNCE (for an aggregate countervalue of € 156,591,417.60), which now holds an equity interest – determined on the basis of the share capital inclusive of the ordinary shares in issue prior to the capital increase and those issued in accordance with the terms of said capital increase – equal to 14.99%.

In acknowledging, with pleasure, the complete success of the transaction, President Giovanni Berneschi and the General Manager Alfredo Sanguinetto wish to thank all of the Shareholders for their support and trust, and Mediobanca, ABN AMRO, Rothshild and Credit Suisse for their valuable contribution.

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