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TIER 2 SUBORDINATED BOND ISSUED BANCA CARIGE THANKS THE VOLUNTARY INTERVENTION SCHEME OF THE INTERBANK DEPOSIT PROTECTION FUND FOR UNDERWRITING THE ISSUANCE WITH VALUE DATE TODAY

Genoa, 30 November 2018 – Banca Carige has issued a Tier 2 subordinated bond today. Under an agreement specifically entered into with the Voluntary Intervention Scheme (‘VIS’) of the Italian Interbank Deposit Protection Fund, EUR 320 mln worth of bonds were privately placed: an amount of EUR 318.2 mln has been directly underwritten by VIS, whose General Assembly has met and passed a favourable resolution on the subject today, and EUR 1.8 mln has been underwritten by Banco di Desio e della Brianza.

The Bank thanks VIS and all the banks that joined the initiative, for their support in finalising a crucial transaction that allows Banca Carige to comply with the prescribed capital ratios and thus refocus on its customers and business growth. Special thanks are due to VIS Chairman, Mr. Salvatore Maccarone and Executive Director, Mr. Giuseppe Boccuzzi, for the outstanding work they have done over the last few weeks.

As of today, and until the Board of Directors of Carige gives effect to the Capital Increase, the Subordinated Bonds will be offered as a private placement to professional investors (both

shareholders and other investors) for up to EUR 400 mln. Should requests for subscription exceed the amount of EUR 80 mln, the portion underwritten by VIS will be reduced accordingly.

The issue price is expected to be at par (100% of nominal value). The Bonds will have ten-year maturity, will pay a 13% fixed rate coupon and interest will exclusively be paid in cash. The Bonds will also feature a clause for repayment to be made by euro-for-euro compensation of the credit from bond redemption with the debt from shares subscription (and hence with bondholders receiving either shares or cash).

Today's placement, combined with the transactions set out under the Capital Conservation Plan approved on 29 November 2018, allows to restore compliance, as at 31 December 2018, with the Total SREP Capital Requirement ('TSCR') and the Overall Capital Requirement ('OCR') requested by the European Central Bank in its letter of 14 September 2018.

The issuance fits within the Bank's more comprehensive capital strengthening plan approved by the Board of Directors on 12 November 2018 and is the first of two interconnected transactions, the overall process of which will come to completion with the EUR 400 mln Capital Increase.

The regulations governing repayment of the Bonds through allocation of the Bank's ordinary shares, redemption and any additional terms and conditions of the bond issuance are set forth in the Bonds base Prospectus and the related Board of Directors minutes to which reference should be made and which, in conjunction with the Directors' Reports to the Shareholders' Meeting called for 22 December 2018, will be made available to the public by close of business today under the terms and provisions of the law (more specifically, on the Bank's website www.gruppocarige.it, under Governance/Shareholders' Meetings and Investor Relations/Capital Strengthening).

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