

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Legal enquiries - Banco Desio Lazio SpA and Credito Privato Commerciale SA

At today's meeting, the Board of Directors of Banco di Desio e della Brianza SpA, acknowledged formally that, on 6 September 2011, a notice of conclusion of the preliminary investigations was notified pursuant to Article 415 bis of the Italian code of criminal procedure to the lawyer as addressee of the subsidiaries, BANCO DESIO LAZIO SpA and CREDITO PRIVATO COMMERCIALE SA (Swiss company based in Lugano).

These notices were issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Court of Rome with regard to criminal proceedings concerning certain subjects, originally members/employees of the aforesaid companies, as well as third parties with respect to the mentioned companies. The contested offences comprise cases covered by Italian Legislative Decree 231/2001 (administrative liability of legal persons).

No previous notice or measure had been previously notified to the aforesaid companies. In any case, already in the aftermath of the first news appeared in the press with regard to investigations concerning these subjects, dating back to April 2009, the Parent Company and each of the two subsidiaries had carried out the necessary organisational measures, as well as a series of informative reports, internal investigations and inspections on the subject.

The above was the subject matter from time to time of appropriate informative reports to their Governing Bodies as well as to competent Supervisory Authorities.

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BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA SpA The Chairman

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