

**PRESS RELEASE**

**“Banco Desio Lazio SpA” and “Credito Privato Commerciale SA in liquidation”**

**Postponement to 28 June 2013**  
**of the preliminary hearing of criminal proceeding no. 22698/08**  
**at the Public Prosecutor's Office of Rome**

Banco di Desio e della Brianza SpA informs that the preliminary hearing of criminal proceeding no. 22698/08 before the Court of Rome was postponed to 28 June 2013.

With regard to the media stories of the past few days, referring to events that have been well known to the public for quite some time and have been widely reported by the Media in the past, Banco Desio specified that the Prosecutors have conducted two criminal investigations, one of which – carried out by the Prosecutor's Office of Monza as a result of the charges pressed by a former employee and by his father – was dismissed in September 2012, as had already been disclosed to the Market.

The other one has led to a trial, currently ongoing before the Court of Rome, involving the subsidiaries CPC SA (Credito Privato Commerciale di Lugano, in liquidation since June of last year) and Banco Desio Lazio SpA of Rome – within the scope of companies' criminal administrative liability in accordance with Italian Legislative Decree 231/2001 – as well as some of their former officers.

For these two subsidiaries, the conditions to which the aforementioned Legislative Decree subordinates the applicability of plea bargaining are met; plea bargaining would lead to the payment of a penalty whose amount has already been duly allocated. Therefore, a plea bargaining request will be filed at the next hearing. Insofar as it is known, no penalties and/or disqualifications were imposed to officers of CPC SA in liquidation by the Swiss Supervisory Authority, or by other foreign Authorities.

Banco Desio decries the fact that a labour dispute, on which the court of first instance had ruled in the Banco's favour, is being exploited by making repeated, malicious juxtapositions.

Banco Desio reserves the right to take any and all actions, in all appropriate forums, to safeguard its image.

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