



PRESS RELEASE

Clarifications on news published by the press

With reference to the news published today by the newspaper 'Il Giornale' and by some press agencies concerning the inquiry set up by the Rome Prosecutor 'about Unipol's bid for BNL', the following is hereby clarified:

- no representative of the Unipol Group received any notification of being entered under formal investigation;
- in the past months, as it is known, the prosecutors in charge of this inquiry had questioned the Chairman Giovanni Consorte as person acquainted with the facts. Consorte provided the aforesaid prosecutors with all the requested information.

On this point the Company reiterates it has always acted in full respect of the governing regulation, also with reference to the relationships regularly maintained with the Supervisory Authorities, as well as to the information provided to them.

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