



## PRESS RELEASE

### Clarifications on news published by the press

Today's newspapers, with some contradictions, spread general rumours on representatives of the Unipol Group being entered under formal investigations which should be led sometimes by the Public Prosecutor in Milan, sometimes by the Public Prosecutor in Rome.

Unipol Assicurazioni, whilst reiterating that it did not receive any communication concerning whatsoever notification or inquiry, hereby expresses serious concerns about the damage that such conduct may unreasonably cause to the Company, its shareholders and the market overall.

The Company confirms that it feels totally confident for having always acted in compliance with all the governing rules and that it relies on the Prosecutors properly fulfilling their duties for the protection of traders and market against undue self-interested exploitations.

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