



**Statement regarding Unipol Assicurazioni's holding in  
Banca Nazionale del Lavoro S.p.A.**

With reference to the news recently published in the press, it is hereby confirmed what had already been stated to the market in the last days, namely that the Unipol Group disposes, in order to protect its investment in the insurance joint venture BNL Vita S.p.A., of 9.99% of the ordinary share capital of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro S.p.A..

As regards the assumptions reported in the newspapers – according to which Unipol Assicurazioni S.p.A. would launch a take-over bid for the shares of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro S.p.A. - it is hereby stated that the Company's administrative bodies have not studied any file on this point nor have they been convened to that end.

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