



## **PRESS RELEASE**

## The Unipol Group launches a plan of integrated measures after the flooding in Sardinia

- Claims-handling task force to assist rapid return to normal business output
- Extension for payment of insurance premiums
- €10m available from Unipol Banca for restoring people's homes or businesses: current account set up for donations

BOLOGNA, 12 December 2013 – The Unipol Group expresses its sympathy and support for the people and businesses in Sardinia affected by the flooding that led to the tragic loss of life and destroyed houses and business premises. Through its insurance and banking services, Unipol is offering practical support for the individuals and businesses affected.

The Unipol Group has launched a structured plan of integrated measures to promote a rapid return to normal business activities in the stricken areas.

Unipol Assicurazioni has set up a dedicated claims-handling task force to ensure that there is no delay in assessing damage and handling claims, as the Company did after the earthquake in Emilia Romagna in 2012, when 100% of claims were settled in just over a year.

The Group's insurance customers living in the 60 towns and villages affected by the flooding have also been granted an extension to the deadlines for paying insurance premiums; MV TPL customers will also have their premiums frozen. As well as providing significant monetary compensation, Unipol will ensure that damaged vehicles belonging to customers whose MV policies include Assistance and Atmospheric Phenomena, but not flood damage, are towed away and/or recovered.

As regards banking, Unipol Banca has set aside €10m, which its Sardinian branches, coordinated by Mauro Scasseddu, Unipol Banca's Head of Marketing in Sardinia, will use to provide finance for those affected by the disaster who need to restore their homes or commercial/manufacturing businesses. At 3%, the interest rate will be well below the normal market rate and will enable a large number of people to take on a loan with greater peace of mind.

In addition, a current account ('Fund for the 2013 Sardinia Flood', **IBAN IT44 J031 2784 9800 0001 8112 013**) has been set up at the Olbia branch for anyone who wants to provide material help for those affected.





Full information on special credit lines is available from the branches of Unipol Banca listed below:

NUORO	Piazza Italia, 3	0784-230100
ORISTANO	Via Mazzini, 32/34	0783-303950
CAPOTERRA	Via A. Diaz, 124 – corner Via Mameli	070-722023
OLBIA	Via Roma, 21	0789-203063
CAGLIARI	Via Cugia, 40	070-3481684
CAGLIARI	Piazza Ichnusa, 21	070-651847
CAGLIARI	Viale Trieste, 38	070-6783111

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