

## PRESS RELEASE

## Share capital increase Preliminary results

Bologna, 28 October 2005 – With reference to the offer as an option to shareholders of subscription rights to the share capital increase of Unipol Assicurazioni launched on 10 October 2005 and ended today (the '**Offer**'), it is hereby communicated that, on the basis of the first preliminary data available to the Company, the share capital increase has been subscribed for a total of about &2,515m, corresponding to 96.8% of the Offer. The final results of the rights issue will be disclosed next week, by way of a relevant press release.

The aforesaid preliminary percentage is fully in line with expectations and with that achieved by the previous share capital increase offered as an option to shareholders carried out in 2003. The shareholders once again showed their confidence in the Unipol Group, as well as in the effectiveness of its business plans.

Any option rights still actually unexercised upon completion of the operation will be offered on the Stock Exchange, on behalf of the Company, according to the terms which will be disclosed in a further press release containing the final results of the rights issue.

The Prospectus relating to the share capital increase is available to all interested parties at the registered office of Unipol Assicurazioni S.p.A., from the Italian Stock Exchange S.p.A. and from Monte Titoli S.p.A. on behalf of the brokers belonging to it. The Prospectus is also available on the Company's website <u>www.unipol.it</u>.

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