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SANPAOLO IMI: called the ordinary Shareholders' Meeting for 28 and 29 April (first and second call)

Turin, 2 March 2004 – The Board of Directors of SANPAOLO IMI met today and called the ordinary Shareholders' Meeting for 28 and 29 April (first and second call) to deliberate on the financial statements for 2003 and distribution of income.

The ordinary Shareholders' Meeting will also be asked to deliberate on the nomination of the members of the Board of Directors and Chairman for the period 2004–2006 and their remuneration.

The ordinary Shareholders' Meeting will also pronounce upon the appointment of auditors of the annual financial statements, the half-year report and the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the period 2004-2006, authorisation for the purchase and sale of own shares and the nomination of a Supplementary Auditor, pursuant to Article 2401 c.c.

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