

**PRESS RELEASE**

**INTESA SANPAOLO: CARIFIRENZE**

*Torino, Milano, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007* – With reference to today's press rumours regarding negotiations with Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze for the acquisition of control of Carifirenze, Intesa Sanpaolo - upon request of market supervisory Authorities - in particular confirms that the issues relating to the price are parts of terms and conditions which have not yet been defined by the parties so far, as already clarified in the press releases issued on 24<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Any further development will be duly disclosed to the market.

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