

**PRESS RELEASE**

**INTESA SANPAOLO: STANDARD & POOR'S LOWERS LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM RATINGS**

*Torino, Milano, 23 April 2010* – Intesa Sanpaolo informs that today Standard & Poor's lowered long-term rating to A+ (from AA-) and short-term rating to A-1 (from A-1+) assigned to Intesa Sanpaolo. The outlook changed to stable from negative.

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