

Banca Popolare di Mantova Appoints General Manager

In a meeting held today, the Board of Directors of Banca Popolare di Mantova has appointed **Mauro Mezzanzanica** as the Bank's general manager, effective February 1, 2009.

Mauro Mezzanzanica spent his entire career with Banca di Legnano where he has been commercial manager since the beginning of 2008.

In the same meeting, the Board verified the fit-and-proper requirements of directors Fiorenzo Dalu, Maurizio Biliotti and Angelo Pellegatta – representatives of the Parent company, Banca Popolare di Milano – who had been appointed to the Board during the previous meeting following the resignations of Paolo Landi, Giovanni Capitanio and Alberto Almerighi.

During the previous Board meeting, Standing Auditor Luca Favalesi also resigned. He has been replaced – pursuant to article 2401 of the Italian civil code – by Mr. Angiolino Belladelli.

Mantova, January 16, 2009