



BANCA POPOLARE DI MILANO

PRESS RELEASE

OPA ANIMA SGR
**BIPIEMME EXERCISES ITS SQUEEZE-OUT RIGHT
TO PURCHASE ANIMA'S OUTSTANDING SHARES**

We inform that today Bipiemme exercised its Right to Buy the remaining 2,918,359 outstanding shares of Anima SGR pursuant to Article no. 111, paragraph 1, Consolidated Tax Act (or “TUF”) (complying, at the same time, with the Obligation to Buy pursuant to Article no. 108, paragraph 1, TUF) at a consideration of € 1.45 per share, within the timeframe set out in the notice published in the “Il Sole 24Ore” and “Corriere della Sera” newspapers on 24 February 2009.

As a result, following the communication to Anima SGR of the deposit made with Banca Akros of the related purchase consideration, the transfer of the outstanding shares was finalised today with Bipiemme becoming entitled to the entire share capital of Anima SGR.

As of today, the ordinary shares of Anima are no longer listed on the MTA, the electronic share market of the Italian Stock Exchange.

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