

News release

Changes to call option contracts on Credito Bergamasco shares

Verona, 31 January 2012 - Today, Banco Popolare and Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca have extended the maturity of the two call options granted by Fondazione to Banco Popolare on 5 July and 21 September 2010 on a total of no. 7,136,711 shares of Credito Bergamasco, corresponding to 11.562% of the share capital.

The call options can be exercised by Banco Popolare no later than 30 June, 2013. The parties have also agreed that Banco Popolare can exercise the call options in one or more times, and on all or part of the aforesaid Credito Bergamasco shares.

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