

**NEWS RELEASE**

## Large Banca Popolare project: notification of filing of documents

*Verona, 28 October 2011* – We herewith announce that today the Plan to merge Banca Popolare di Verona – S. Geminiano e S. Prospero S.p.A. (BPV-SGSP), Banca Popolare di Lodi S.p.A. (BPL), Banca Popolare di Novara S.p.A. (BPN), Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca Pisa Livorno (Carilupili), Banca Popolare di Cremona S.p.A. (BP Cremona) into Banco Popolare as well as the Plan to merge Banca Popolare di Crema S.p.A. (BP Crema) into Banco Popolare – both prepared in compliance with articles 2501-*ter* and following of the civil code - (the “Merger Plans”) were registered with the competent Enterprise Registries of the merging banks. To this regard, please note that the above-mentioned mergers were authorized by the Bank of Italy with order dated 11 October 2011.

The documentation listed below is made available to the public (in the Italian version), in compliance with current regulations, at the registered office of Banco Popolare, at Borsa Italiana S.p.A., and has also been published on the corporate website [www.bancopopolare.it](http://www.bancopopolare.it):

- Merger Plans;
- Reports of Banco’s Management Board pursuant to art. 2501-quinquies c.c. explaining the plans to merge BP Cremona and Carilupili, respectively, into Banco;
- Reports of the Boards of Directors of BP Cremona and Carilupili pursuant to art. 2501-quinquies c.c. explaining the plans to merge BP Cremona and Carilupili, respectively, into Banco;
- Financial Statements pursuant to art. 2501-quater c.c. of the merging banks as at 30 June 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
Media Relations  
Tel. +39-045-8675048/867/120/121  
+39-0371/580128  
[ufficio.stampa@bancopopolare.it](mailto:ufficio.stampa@bancopopolare.it)

INVESTOR RELATIONS  
Tel. +39-045-8675537  
[investor.relations@bancopopolare.it](mailto:investor.relations@bancopopolare.it)  
[www.bancopopolare.it](http://www.bancopopolare.it) (IR section)