

BANCA POPOLARE DELL'EMILIA ROMAGNA AND BANCO DI SARDEGNA, BANCA POPOLARE DI VICENZA, BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO AND BANCO POPOLARE HAVE FINALIZED THE SALE OF CERTAIN ASSETS / AGREEMENTS OF DEPOSITARY BANK TO ISTITUTO CENTRALE DELLE BANCHE POPOLARI ITALIANE

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Modena, Sassari, Vicenza, Sondrio, Verona, 13th July 2012 – Following the press release published on May 11th 2012, Banca popolare dell'Emilia Romagna Soc. Coop. ("BPER"), Banco di Sardegna S.p.A. (together with BPER "BPER Group"), Banca Popolare di Vicenza S.C.P.A., Banca Popolare di Sondrio S.C.P.A. and Banco Popolare Soc. Coop., announce that today – following Istituto Centrale delle Banche Popolari Italiane S.p.A. ("ICBPI") obtaining of the necessary authorizations from the competent authorities and the exhaustion of the procedures required by law – together with ICBPI have finalized the sale of certain assets / agreements of depositary bank related to the mutual funds managed and / or promoted by Arca SGR S.p.A. and also related to other clients for the BPER Group.

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