

NEWS RELEASE

Signed deed of merger of Società Gestione Crediti BP S.C.p.A. into Banco Popolare Soc. Coop.

Verona, 30 October 2012 – We herewith announce that, in keeping with the resolutions met by the Special Shareholders' meeting of SGC BP and by the Board of Directors of Banco Popolare – the latter pursuant to art. 2505, paragraph 2, Civil Code and art. 33.2, paragraph 5, of the Articles of Association – today Società Gestione Crediti BP S.C.p.A. and Banco Popolare Soc. Coop. have signed the deed of merger of the subsidiary SGC BP into the parent company Banco Popolare.

From a civil law perspective, the merger shall come into effect on 1 November 2012, leading to the dissolution of the merged company after prior registration of the deed with the competent company registries; from an accounting and fiscal viewpoint, the merger is deemed effective already as of 1 January 2012.

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