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BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA S.P.A.

BANCA POPOLARE DI SPOLETO S.P.A.

**Authorisation for Merger by Incorporation
of Banca Popolare di Spoleto S.p.A. into Banco di Desio e della Brianza S.p.A.**

Desio, 11 March 2019 – With reference to the Merger by incorporation of Banca Popolare di Spoleto S.p.A. ("**BPS**") into Banco di Desio e della Brianza S.p.A. ("**Banco Desio**"), note that, on 8 March 2019, the Bank of Italy, considering the positive outcome of the investigation carried out by it, released the authorisation for the Merger pursuant to Articles 56, 57 and 61 of the TUB [CBL – Consolidated Banking Law]. For further information on the Merger, please refer to the joint press release of Banco Desio and BPS dated 11 December 2018.

Therefore, the Plan for the Merger, approved by the Boards of Directors of Banco Desio and BPS on 11 December 2018, will be filed with the respective Company Register for registration.

Subject to the issue of the Report on the suitability of the exchange ratio of the shares pursuant to Article 2501-*sexies* of the Italian Civil Code, the Plan for the Merger will be submitted for examination and approval to the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings of Banco Desio and BPS.

Banco Desio and BPS will make available the necessary documents for the purposes of the Merger within the time limits and in the manner required by law and regulations.

BANCO DI DESIO E DELLA BRIANZA S.P.A.

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