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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
AT 30 JUNE 2008
The Board of Directors of Banca di Legnano approved the results for the first half of 2008 during its meeting on 25 August 2008.

Net profit, boosted by the strong performance of commercial operations, totalled €39.4 million. Net interest income rose 3.2% on the first half of 2007 to €75.0 million. Customer trading income grew on a year-on-year basis due to the increase in both funding (+5.5%) and lending (+14.3%) volumes. Net fee and commission income rose 2.9%, particularly due to the growth in revenue from the placement of third party securities, which more than doubled, offsetting the drop in managed assets.

The positive trend in revenue from commercial operations only partly compensated for the non-recurring income of the first half of 2007. A comparison of the first six months of 2008 and 2007 shows non-recurring income of €3.7 million on the sale of Bipiemme Immobili in the first half of 2007, with dividends totalling €19.3 million in the same period, then dropping to €6.1 million in the first half of 2008 (-€13.2 million), while worsening market conditions affected the net loss on financial assets and liabilities at fair value, down €3.2 million on the same period of the previous year (-€20.1 million in total).

Operating costs of €47.9 million show overall growth of €1.1 million (+2.4%) on the first half of 2007, mainly with respect to other administrative expenses (+€1.1 million; +7.4%), net of taxation recovered from customers, following increased IT costs, while personnel expense decreased €0.2 million (-0.5%).

Adjustments to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets rose €0.2 million (+11.1%).

Accordingly, the operating profit came to €60.8 million, down €19.0 million (-23.8%) on €79.7 million in the same period of the previous year. This decrease was entirely due to dividends and net income (expense) from financial activities (overall, down €20.1 million). Not considering these items, the operating profit grew €1.1 million (+2.0%).

Impairment losses on loans, receivables and financial assets, net of reversals, rose from €5.0 million to €5.9 million (+17.0%), due to impaired assets. In the first half of 2008, provisions for risks and charges improved by €2.1 million on €0.1 million in the same period of 2007.

Taxation for the period amounted to €17.6 million (€20.1 million in the same period of 2007), bringing the net profit for the half year to €39.4 million (-28.0%), versus €54.7 million in the same period of 2007.

Balance sheet highlights at 30 June 2008, compared with 30 June 2007, show direct funding from customers of €2.77 billion, up 5.5% year-on-year (+2.4% on 31 December 2007). Within this item, bond funding grew 13.7% (+7.3% on 31 December 2007).

At 30 June 2008, loans and advances to customers totalled €3.18 billion, compared to €2.78 billion at 30 June 2007, up 14.3% (+6.9% on 31 December 2007).

Non-performing loans, before impairment losses, grew from €30.6 million at 30 June 2007 to €31.3 million (+2.3%), making up 0.97% of gross loans (0.90% and 1.08% at 31 December and 30 June 2007, respectively). Net of impairment losses, the percentage dropped to 0.40% (0.34% and 0.49% at 31 December and 30 June 2007, respectively).
Equity at 30 June 2008, including the net profit for the period, amounted to €1,189 million, versus €1,198 million at 30 June 2007 (-€9 million) and €1,232 million at 31 December 2007. This decrease was due to the dividend distributed on the net profit for 2006, totalling €82.7 million.

Legnano, 25 August 2008