PRESS RELEASE

ANIMA SGR TAKEOVER BID:
BPM HOLDS OVER 65% OF ANIMA

In reference to the full voluntary Takeover Bid launched by BPM on Anima SGR’s shares, based on the information provided by Banca Akros (the intermediary charged with coordinating the collection of acceptances), to date, a total of 43,828,136 ordinary shares have been tendered in the Bid, equal to 59.55% of the Bid shares. It should be noted that the other two current main shareholders, KOINè SpA and Banco di Desio e della Brianza SpA, are among those that have already tendered shares in BPM’s Bid.

If the Bid is successful, BPM’s shareholding in Anima, also given its existing 29.9% shareholding, will therefore exceed the Minimum Quantity (equal to two-thirds of Anima’s fully diluted share capital) on which the bid is conditional upon.

Furthermore, if the Bid is successful, the Date of Payment for the shares tendered in the Bid by 23 January 2009 (the last day of the Acceptance Period) will be 30 January 2009.

The aforementioned – reported pursuant to paragraph A.1.3. of the Bid Document, which is available on the BPM website at www.bpm.it – does not in any case constitute a declaration as to the achievement of the Minimum Quantity, which will be clarified and made known within the terms provided in the Bid Document.

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