

PRESS RELEASE

**Verification of the independence requirements of those
elected by the Shareholders' Meeting of 12 April 2014**

Modena - 6 May 2014. At today's meeting, the Board of Directors of the Bank successfully checked that the Directors elected by the Shareholders' Meeting of 12 April 2014, namely Giuseppe Lusignani, Mara Bernardini and Cristina Crotti, met the independence requirements laid down in art. 148, para. 3, of the Consolidated Finance Act (D.Lgs. 58/98), as required by art. 147-ter, para. 4, of the Act.

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