



PRESS RELEASE

PRECAUTIONARY APPEAL REGARDING THE ONGOING TENDER OFFER ON CARIGE SHARES

Modena, 31 August 2022 - BPER Banca S.p.A. informs that, today, the Company was notified of a precautionary appeal filed by Malacalza Investimenti S.r.l. ("Malacalza"), a minority shareholder of Banca Carige S.p.A. ("Carige"), with which Malacalza requested the Court of Genoa to inhibit BPER from exercising its right to purchase, pursuant to Art. 111 of Legislative Decree no. 58/1998 (so-called "squeeze-out"), the remaining ordinary shares issued by Carige in the event that BPER reaches the threshold of 95% of Carige's ordinary share capital as a result of the Sell-Out Procedure.

The Court of Genoa has set a hearing to discuss the appeal on 14 September 2022.

BPER considers the appeal absolutely not grounded and will take steps to plead its reasons in the appropriate venues.

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