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May 25, 2007

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of International Corporate Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze S.p.A. – File Number 82-5126

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# Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the filing requirements to maintain exemption from registration under Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), on behalf of Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze S.p.A. (the "Company"), enclosed please find one copy of each of the following documents:

- 1. an English version of the updated By-laws of the Company dated February 19, 2007;
- 2. an English version of the press release regarding the Company's ordinary share reverse split dated February 19, 2007;
- 3. an English version of the press release regarding a modification in the Company's share capital dated March 1, 2007;
- 4. an English version of the press release regarding the increase of the shareholding in CR Spezia dated March 5, 2007;
- 5. internal dealing communication of the Company dated March 9, 2007; and
- 6. an English version of the press release concerning a communication of Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze dated March 9, 2007.

This letter and the enclosed documents are being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Act, with the understanding that such information will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act. The submission of this letter is not to be deemed an admission by the Company that it is subject to the Act.

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Please stamp the enclosed copy of this letter "Received" and return it to the messenger delivering the package. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any further questions or comments you may have.

Very truly yours,

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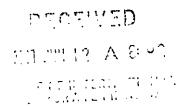
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# CASSA DI RISPARMIO DI FIRENZE BANCA CR FIRENZE

Società per Azioni

Parent Company of *Gruppo Banca CR Firenze*Banking Groups Registration N° 6160.6
Registered Head Office: via Bufalini 6, Florence
Capital shares: Euro 827,592,636.60 entirely paid
Register of Companies, Fiscal & VAT n° 04385190485

Articles of Association

Last updated on 19 February 2007 Amendment to the text of Article 5 following the exercise of stock options



#### Article 1 - Name

"Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze Società per Azioni", hereinafter also named "Banca CR Firenze SpA", is a joint stock company established pursuant to Law 218 of 30 July 1990, and Legislative Decree 356 of 20 November 1990, through the transfer of the banking business of the Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze as it was then called, and of which the Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze (the "Transferring Institution") is a continuation.

The Company may use, along with its own distinctive brand marks, the names of other companies that it has absorbed in time, through mergers or other causes, as long as the other names are used jointly with its own company name, as specified above.

The Company is the parent company of the "Banca CR Firenze" group, pursuant to article 61 of Legislative Decree 385 of 1 September 1993.

# Article 2 - Registered Office

The registered office of the Company is at Via Bufalini n. 6, Florence. The Board of Directors may establish partners and agencies in Italy and abroad, in accordance with the relevant governing legislation.

#### Article 3 - Duration

The Company's duration shall be until 31 December 2100. This term may be extended.

#### Article 4 - Purpose of the Company

The Company's purpose is to accumulate savings and provide loans in various forms, including activities that were performed by its predecessor, the Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, pursuant to law or to administrative provisions, including loans against pledges, agricultural loans, and loans to artisans.

The Company may undertake all permitted transactions and banking and financial services, may issue bonds, and, subject to obtaining the required authorizations, establish and manage open pension funds pursuant to article 9 of Legislative Decree 124 of 21 April 1993, each allocated with its own separate and independent assets within the context of Company assets pursuant to article 2117 of the Civil Code, or to undertake custodian duties for the balances of the said funds.

The Company, in its capacity as parent company of the Banca CR Firenze group, controls and manages the various activities undertaken by the group in order to ensure overall stability, in the pursuit of economic, financial and asset growth.

In performing its management and coordination activities, the Company, in the interests of group stability, shall issue, *inter alia*, instructions to members of the group to comply with Bank of Italy regulations.

The Company may undertake any other transaction and activity not reserved by law to other parties, which is instrumental or in any way connected to the attainment of company objectives.



## Article 5 - Registered capital

The share capital shall be Euro 827,592,636.60 divided into 1,379,321,061 shares of a nominal value of Euro 0.60 each. A share capital increase may be made by issuing shares against receivables or payment in kind.

Among all the operations executed by the Board of Directors, in accordance with article 2443 of the Civil Code and on the basis of the mandate it received from the General Shareholders' Meeting of 27 March 2000, on matters pertaining to the "Incentive Stock Plan" reserved to company executives and to executives employed by the other banks in the Group, pursuant to article 2441, paragraph 5, of the Civil Code, only the paid-in share capital increase decided by the Board of Directors on 31 July 2003 remains to be fully completed. To this date, in accordance to the resolutions voted by the General Meeting of Shareholders held on 27 April 2006, a maximum number of 6,800,000 shares of a current nominal value of Euro 0.60 each has been determined and may be subscribed from 1 August 2006 to 1 August 2009. At 16 February 2007, following the implementation of the above-described operation a total number of 4,468,478 shares had been issued..

The Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting held on 27 April 2006 authorized a share reverse split operation on the company share capital whereby the entitled shareholders will receive six new ordinary shares of a nominal value of Euro 1.00 for every ten shares of a nominal value of Euro 0.60 in their possession. This operation will begin after the completion of the free and paid-in share capital increases, authorized by the same Shareholders' Meeting. The date of effect will be that of the commencement of the share reverse split operation and must take place within a period of time ranging from three months after completion of the paid-in share capital increase until 27 July 2007. The Board of Directors has received the mandate to set the commencement date of the share reverse split operation, in compliance with regulators' directives, and all the other implementation methods foreseen by the provisions of laws and regulations currently in force.

The shares are registered and indivisible.

Each share gives the holder the right to one vote.

By resolution of the extraordinary Meeting, preference shares may be issued, together with other categories of shares with various rights.

The purchase or subscription of shares, by any party, directly or through subsidiaries, trust companies, or through third parties, is subject to regulations governing capital holdings in banks and parent companies of banking groups.

# Article 6 - Shareholders' Meeting

The legally constituted Shareholders' Meeting represents all shareholders, and its resolutions, adopted in accordance with law and the articles of association, are binding on all shareholders, including non-participating and dissenting shareholders.

The ordinary Meeting is held at least once a year, within four months of the close of the company's financial year.

Procedures for Meetings are regulated by appropriate standing orders approved by an ordinary Meeting. Meetings are chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or in his absence or inability to attend, by the Deputy Chairman. In the event of the absence or inability to attend of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from among those present.



The Meeting shall appoint a Secretary to assist the Chairman. The presence of the Secretary is not necessary when the minutes are drawn up by a Notary.

Without prejudice to powers to convene meetings provided by specific provisions of law, Meetings are called by the Chairman acting on appropriate resolutions of the Board of Directors, and may be convened in places other than the registered offices provided that they are held in Italy. Meetings are convened by means of a notice indicating the day, time, and place of the Meeting, together with an order of business, to be published in the "Official Gazette of the Italian Republic" under the terms provided by current legislation. The notice may also indicate the day fixed for a second Meeting, and, if necessary, for a third Meeting, if the first and second Meetings are inconclusive.

# Article 7 - The right to attend General Meetings

To attend meetings of the company, it is necessary to submit to the bank's registrar, at least two days prior to the date of the meeting, the right-to-vote certificate, pursuant and in accordance to article 85, paragraph 4 of the Legislative Decree 58 of 24/02/1998 and article 31 of Legislative Decree 213 of 24/06/1998, or a broker's certificate as per article 2370, paragraph 2 of the Civil Code. The shares quoted in the aforesaid certificates cannot be sold or used as the object of a financial transaction until the meeting has taken place, unless the shareholder rejects his right to attend the forthcoming meeting.

The Chairman of the Meeting shall be responsible for ascertaining the correct assembly proceedings and the true identity and voting rights of the participants in addition to directing and moderating discussions and ascertaining voting results.

# Article 8 - Establishment and resolutions of Meetings

The provisions of law shall be observed in order to ensure that the Meetings and their relevant resolutions are validly established unless provided otherwise by these Articles of Association.

If a Banking Foundation (as defined hereunder) including the Transferring Institution, participating in an ordinary shareholders' meeting, is capable of exercising a vote that expresses the majority of the shares present and entitled to vote, on the basis of the capital present or represented at the meeting, as ascertained by the Chairman of the meeting during its course and immediately before each vote, the Chairman shall notify the meeting of this situation and exclude the Banking Foundation from the vote, for the purposes of the resolution in which this circumstance has occurred, limiting the number of shares that represent the difference plus one share between the number of shares of the said Banking Foundation and the total amount of shares of the remaining shareholders (other than the Banking Foundation), that are present and entitled to participate in the said vote.

Shares excluded from the vote pursuant to the second paragraph above shall however be taken into account for the regular establishment of the Shareholders' Meeting, but not for the majority required for the approval of resolutions of the Meeting.

For the purposes of these Articles of Association, "Banking Foundation" shall be understood as a shareholder that is classified as a banking foundation as governed by Law 461 of 23 December 1998, and by Legislative Decree no. 153 of 17 May 1999, as amended, or that is controlled directly or indirectly by one or more of the said Banking Foundations. For the purposes of the application of the second paragraph above of this Article 8, the shares of parties controlled by a Banking Foundation shall be included with those of the controlling Foundation.



The control indicated above applies in the cases provided for by Article 6 of Legislative Decree no. 153 of 17 May 1999, as supplemented by Article 6 of Ministerial Decree no. 150 of 18 May 2004, as amended.

The provisions of the second paragraph of this Article shall also apply when the vote expressing the majority of shares present and entitled to vote at ordinary shareholders' meetings pursuant to the said second paragraph includes the votes of other shareholders that directly or indirectly adhere to agreements on the exercise of the right to vote or to the transfer of shares in the Company and in all cases to agreements and/or understandings in the nature of a voting pact pursuant to Article 122 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998, and Article 20 of Legislative Decree no. 385 of 1 September 1993, in which the Banking Foundations have contributed the majority of syndicated shares. In such cases, the limitation of shares entitled to vote shall be applied to each shareholder in proportion to the total shares of parties to the agreement who are present at the meeting.

#### Article 9 - Board of Directors

The Company is administered by a Board of Directors appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting. The Board is composed of an even number between 10 and 18 members, including the Chairman of the Board, the number to be determined by the Shareholders' Meeting. The General Manager may also be appointed as a Director.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are appointed from among their own members by the Board of Directors, if not appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting.

Directors, unless resolved otherwise by a Shareholders' Meeting, shall serve three-year terms, in all cases serving until the Meeting called to approve the financial statement for the third financial year. Directors may be re-elected. If a majority of Directors cease to perform their functions due to resignation or for any other reason, the entire Board shall be considered as outgoing, although remaining with full powers until the a new board is elected. The remaining Directors must call a Shareholders' Meeting without delay for the purpose of appointing a new Board.

Directors shall be elected by a list voting system, as follows:

- (i) the appointment of the Board of Directors shall take place on the basis of lists presented by shareholders pursuant to the following paragraphs, in which candidates must be listed by numerical order;
- (ii) lists presented by shareholders must be deposited at the offices of the Company and published at the shareholders' expense in at least two national newspapers, one of which must be a financial newspaper, at least ten days before the date established for the initial Shareholders' Meeting;
- (iii) each shareholder may present or contribute to the presentation of one single list, and each candidate may be presented in one single list on penalty of ineligibility;
- (iv) shareholders who form part of a controlling relationship pursuant to Article 93 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998, or who are linked by shareholders' agreements pursuant to Article 122 of the said Decree must be considered as a single shareholder and may not, as a group, present more than one list;
- (v) only shareholders that, individually or together with other shareholders, are holders of shares representing at least 2.5% of the registered capital with a right to vote at ordinary shareholders' meetings shall have the right to present lists; in order to attest to the holding of the necessary number of shares for presentation of lists, shareholders must present and/or deliver proper certification issued by the broker with whom the shares are deposited to the Company offices at least ten days before the date fixed for the initial Shareholders' Meeting.
- (vi) together with each list, declarations by individual candidates, accepting the candidature and attesting, under their own responsibility, that no grounds exist for their ineligibility or incompatibility, that they



possess the requirements for appointment to the post, and, where applicable, that they possess the requirements of independence provided by law and by the corporate governance code for listed companies, which must be possessed by at least two candidates for each list, must be deposited within the aforementioned time limit;

- (vii) each party entitled to vote may vote for a single list only. Shareholders who form part of a controlling relationship pursuant to Article 93 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998, or who are linked by shareholders' agreements pursuant to Article 122 of the said Decree, including where only one has presented a list, may vote only for the said list (even where the list is formally presented by only one of the shareholders); similarly, shareholders that have presented a common list pursuant to point (v) above, may vote only for the said list;
- (viii) lists for presentation of which all the provisions of this Article 9 have not been observed shall be considered as not presented;
  - (ix) the election of the Board of Directors shall proceed as follows:
- (a) the votes obtained by the lists shall be divided successively by one, two, three, four, and so on, according to the number of Directors to be elected. The quotients thus obtained shall be assigned progressively to each of the candidates on the said list, according to the order respectively provided therein. The quotients thus attributed to the candidates of the various lists shall be arranged in a single list in decreasing order. Subject to the provisions of letters (b) to (g) below, those candidates who have achieved the highest quotients shall be elected. In the event that more than one candidate has received the same quotient, the candidate on the list that has still not elected a director or that has elected the lesser number of directors shall be elected. In the event that none of the said lists have yet elected a director, or all the lists have elected the same number of directors, the candidate from the said lists that has obtained the greater number of votes shall be elected;
- (b) the list that has obtained the greater number of votes shall in all cases be assigned, in the progressive order in which candidates are listed in the said list, a number of directors equal to at least half those to be elected, plus two directors, obviously provided that, on the basis of the calculation indicated at letter (a), the said list is not entitled to a greater number of directors. However, where several lists exist, at least one director must be appointed from the list that is second in the number of votes. The directors thus assigned to the majority list shall be struck off in decreasing order from the list drawn up under the provisions of letter a), it being understood that the other candidates shall retain their original quotients;
- (c) in derogation of the provisions of letter (b) above, if the list that has obtained the greater number of votes is presented exclusively by one or more Banking Foundations, a number of directors equal to no more than half of the total amount of directors to be elected shall be appointed from that list.
- If the list that has obtained the greater number of votes has been presented by one or more Banking Foundations together with one or more other shareholders, the number of directors designated by Banking Foundations may not in any case exceed half the total of directors to be elected;
- (d) directors not assigned to the majority list within the terms indicated above shall be drawn from the other lists, applying the mechanism indicated at letter (a) above;
- (e) each of the other lists shall be assigned a maximum number of three directors, according to the order indicated on each list. Each directorship in excess of this number shall be assigned in turn to the first of the candidates not elected in decreasing order, who belong to a list from which at least one and less than three directors have been drawn. In the absence of available lists, the excess directorships shall be assigned to the majority list in the listed order of non-elected candidates in accordance with the provisions of letters (b) and (c) above;



- (f) at least two directors from the majority list that possess the independence requirements indicated at point (vi) must be drawn from the majority list, derogating from the list order if necessary; similarly, a further independent director must be drawn from each minority list that has nominated the maximum number of administrators permitted by letter (e) above;
- (g) if no list or one single list is presented, the Shareholders' Meeting shall appoint the Board of Directors by the methods indicated at Article 8.

The Shareholders' Meeting shall provide, by the methods established at Article 8, for appointment of directors that, for any reason, are not appointed pursuant to the procedures indicated at the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph above.

The Board shall appoint a Secretary and deputy Secretary who is either a Director or a Company Manager.

# Article 10 - Board Meetings

The Board shall normally meet once a month, including in places other than the registered office, but within the European Union, upon the Chairman's convocation, who must, in all cases, call a Meeting when requested to do so by at least one third of Directors or by the Statutory Auditors.

Notice of the Meeting must be issued by registered letter to the address for service of Directors and Statutory Auditors, at least five days prior to the day of the Meeting. In cases of urgency, Meetings may be convened by telegram, telex, fax or other means that guarantee reception, with reduced notice of twenty-four hours.

If the Chairman is absent or unable to attend, the Board shall be chaired by the Deputy Chairman. In his absence, the Board shall be chaired by the longest serving Director. The longest serving Director shall be understood as the Director who has served uninterruptedly for the longest time. In the event of a tie due to contemporaneous appointment, the eldest Director shall serve.

In order for resolutions of the Board of Directors to be valid, a majority of sitting Directors must be present, and resolutions must be taken by an absolute majority of those present.

If the General Manager is not a Director, he may participate in Board Meetings without voting rights.

The Secretary or his replacement shall be responsible for drawing up the minutes of each meeting, which must be signed by the person chairing the meeting and the Secretary.

Participation in meetings of the Board of Directors through the use of videoconference systems is permitted provided that all entitled parties may participate and be identified, are capable of intervening in the discussion in real time, and may receive, examine, and transmit documents. The Board meeting shall be considered as held in the place in which the Chairman and Secretary are present.

#### Article 11 - Directors' remuneration

Board members are entitled to remuneration in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Shareholders' Meeting which shall determine the amount, a fixed annual fee and attendance fees, and reimbursement, including by lump sum payment, of expenses incurred in the exercise of their office.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Statutory Auditors, the Board shall determine the remuneration due to Directors who have been assigned particular responsibilities under these Articles of Association, or other particular assignments, mandates or duties.



#### Article 12 - Powers of the Board

The Board of Directors possesses all the powers for the ordinary and extraordinary administration of the Company that have not been reserved, by inviolable provision of law or of the Articles of Association, to the Shareholders' Meeting.

The Board of Directors is empowered to vote resolutions pertaining to the following issues: amendments to company bylaws to conform them to new legal regulations, mergers specifically foreseen in articles 2505 and 2505 bis of the Civil Code and share capital decreases when one or more shareholders withdraw. Reference is always made to article 2436 of the Civil Code.

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee from among its own members, determining its functions and powers, and may appoint a Managing Director, setting out the limits of their authority.

For specific actions, for individual transactions and specific sections of Company management, the Board may also confer mandates on individual Directors, determining the limits of their mandates and the powers granted to them.

Resolutions concerning the following matters are reserved to the Board of Directors and may not be delegated, other than where provided by law:

the determination of general management guidelines;

the appointment of the General Manager and of one or more Deputy General Managers and their revocation, removal or termination.

the determination of the highest level organizational structure of the Company and the relevant internal regulations, including the definition of personnel policy;

the purchase and sale of its own shares;

the acquisition or transfer of shareholdings that may affect the composition of the banking group and significant transactions with related parties;

the determination of the functions and powers to be granted to the Executive Committee, the Managing Director, if appointed, to Directors to whom any particular mandates have been granted, and to the General Manager, including in relation to the granting of credit, and at the General Manager's suggestion supervisors of distribution units and other Company employees on the basis of their functions;

the approval of consolidated financial statements.

the definition of general group strategies and the relevant implementation criteria, in particular in relation to capitalization policies, distribution channels, share acquisition or divestment, personnel policies, and the definition of uniform methods for the implementation of regulations and instructions issued by the Supervisory Body and the approval of group Regulations.

the resolutions described in the second paragraph of article 12 of the bylaws.

By appropriate resolution and in all cases for the purpose provided by law, the Board may vest Directors, the General Manager, Company employees, and all levels of employees of related or subsidiary companies operating in the context of corporate organization with powers of signature and representation of the Company, including in legal proceedings.

In cases of need and urgency, the Chairman, by agreement with the General Manager, may assume decisions reserved to the Board, except for those set out in the fifth paragraph above, and all decisions reserved to the Executive Committee with immediate effect against third parties. The competent Body must be notified of any such decision at its next meeting.



The Board of Directors shall promptly notify the Statutory Auditors of its activities and the most significant economic, financial and asset operations undertaken by the Company or by subsidiaries, with particular reference to operations involving interests of one or more members, directly or through third parties. Notifications, at least on a quarterly basis, shall be made verbally during Board meetings or by written notification to the Board of Auditors.

#### Article 13 - Chairman

The Chairman has the power to legally represent the Company in its relations with third parties and in legal proceedings. The Chairman convenes and chairs Shareholder's meetings, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, with responsibility for initiatives and coordination.

If the Chairman is absent or unable to attend, he shall be replaced by the Deputy Chairman or in the latter's absence, by the longest serving Director, identified by the terms indicated at article 10, paragraph 3.

#### Article 14 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 members.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Managing Director, where appointed, and the General Manager, when the latter is a member of the Board of Directors, shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

The term of office of non ex-officio members of the Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors. The frequency of meetings and procedures for convening meetings shall be established by the Committee itself.

The provisions of article 10, paragraphs 4 et seq. shall apply in relation to the validity of resolutions and other regulations for meetings and the keeping of minutes. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall perform the function of Secretary of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall report to the Board of Directors and the Statutory Auditors, at least on a quarterly basis, during meetings or by written document with respect to general management trends, their foreseeable evolution, and the most significant operations undertaken by the Company and its subsidiaries in terms of size and nature. This obligation shall extend to the Managing Director, if appointed.

#### Article 15 - Board of Auditors

The ordinary meeting shall appoint three Statutory Auditors and two alternate auditors. Statutory and Alternate Auditors, whether permanent or replacement, must possess the requirements set by the regulations and may be re-elected.

Auditors shall serve three-year terms, in all cases serving until the Meeting called to approve the financial statement for the third financial year.

At least one statutory and one alternate auditor must be entered in the register of auditors held by the Ministry of Justice and have acted s statutory auditor for a period of not less than three years.

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 1 of Ministry of Justice Decree no. 162 of 30 March 2000, the sectors that strictly relate to company activities are those of credit, finance, and insurance.

The functions and remuneration of Auditors shall be in accordance with the law. Auditors are also entitled to the same attendance fees as Directors, as provided by the Shareholders' Meeting, and to reimbursement, including by lump sum payment, of expenses incurred in performing their duties.



Persons who are in situations legally declared incompatible or who do not possess the requirements of integrity and professionalism established by law and/or by secondary implementation regulations may not be elected Auditors, or if elected, shall forfeit their office. Persons who are Statutory Auditors for more than five Italian companies listed on Italian regulated markets, that are not part of the Banca CR Firenze Group, may not be appointed auditors.

The Statutory Auditors, through a written notice signed by the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, must immediately give *Banca d'Italia* information on all those documents and events which have emerged in the course of their activities and which imply irregularities in the company's management or violations of banking activities rules.

# Article 16 - Appointment of Board of Auditors

Unless unanimously resolved otherwise by a Shareholders' meeting, permanent members of the Board of Auditors shall be appointed on the basis of lists presented by shareholders according to the procedures indicated below.

Lists presented must indicate a minimum of three candidates, listed in numerical order. Each candidate may be proposed in a single list only, on penalty of ineligibility.

Shareholders registered in the shareholder's register at least 5 days before the date set for the initial shareholder's meeting and who, individually or together with other shareholders, represent at least 1% of shares with voting rights shall have the right to present a list. In order to demonstrate legal ownership of sufficient shares for presentation of lists, Shareholders must simultaneously provide the company's registered office with copies of the admission tickets issued by the custodians of their shares.

Each shareholder may only contribute to the presentation of one list. Where this provision is violated, all contributions to lists by the violating party shall be invalidated. Lists, duly signed by the parties that present them, must be filed with the company's registered offices at least 5 days before the date set for the initial Shareholders' meeting.

Together with each list and within the terms indicated above, each individual candidate must file a declaration accepting their nomination, assuming full responsibility, attesting to the absence of any reason for ineligibility, and compliance with the requirements set by the relevant regulations for such positions. The requirements set out in article 15, third paragraph, of these Articles must be fulfilled at least by the first and the third candidate of each list presented. Any list for presentation which has not complied with all the above provisions shall be considered as not presented.

Each party entitled to vote may vote for a single list only.

The two candidates of the list that has obtained the greater number of votes, and the first candidate of the list that has obtained the second highest number of votes shall be elected Statutory Auditors. The third candidate of the list that has obtained the greater number of votes, and the second candidate of the list that has obtained the second highest number of votes shall be elected alternate auditors. In the event of parity of votes between two or more lists, the candidates shall be elected in order of seniority until the vacant posts have been assigned.

The first candidate of the list that has obtained the greatest number of votes shall be appointed Chairman. In the event that two or more lists have the same number of nominations, the most senior candidate shall be appointed. In the event of replacement of a Statutory Auditor drawn from the list that obtained the greater number of votes, the said replacement shall be drawn from the same list. Similarly, the replacement of an auditor drawn from the second most voted list will be made from the same second most voted list.



For the purposes of this article, shareholders in the same group, including every parent and subsidiary company, or company under joint control or related pursuant to article 2359 of the Civil Code, including pursuant to a syndicate agreement pursuant to article 122 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998, must be considered as a sole shareholder and may not present more than one list.

Where no list is presented under the terms indicated, the Assembly shall appoint auditors by a relative majority of the Shareholders present at the Shareholders' meeting. In the event of presentation of a single list, statutory and alternate auditors shall be elected from the said list in the order in which they are listed. Where no minority list receives votes, the Board of Auditors shall be completed by a resolution adopted by a relative majority of shareholders present in the Shareholders' meeting.

The appointment of Auditors for completion of the Board in accordance with article 2401 of the Civil Code shall be made by a relative majority of the Shareholders' Meeting.

# Article 17 - Powers to convene meetings

The Board of Auditors may, by written communication to the Chairman, convene a Shareholders' Meeting, or meetings of the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee. This power to convene meetings may also be exercised by at least two members of the Board of Auditors.

## Article 18 - Authority for signature and representation of the company

Powers of signature and representation of the company, including powers to act in legal proceedings, may be awarded to the parties indicated in paragraph 6 of article 12, including by proxy signed by the Chairman according to the methods, limits, and for the purposes established by the Board of Directors.

The Board may also, for specific actions or categories of actions, authorize the Chairman to award proxies to persons external to the Company.

#### Article 19- General Manager

The General Manager is at the head of the Company's organizational structure and personnel, and exercises functions in the context of the provisions of these articles and the powers granted by the Board of Directors.

In particular, the General Manager:

manages resource strategy, establishes tasks and formulates qualitative and quantitative objectives for Group companies, in the context of the guidelines and according to the powers awarded to him by the Board.

undertakes all the measures relating to personnel of every type that are not reserved to the Board under article 12, paragraph 4, according to criteria fixed by the Board of Directors, and proposes all other measures relating to personnel to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

for actions and issues not within his/her own competence, formulates duly prepared proposals to submit to the Company's collective decision-taking bodies, including for activities relating to the role of the parent company, according to the relevant powers, and provides for the execution of the resolutions adopted by the said Bodies.

ensures the correct performance of duties assigned to employees, including by means of inspections, investigations, and assessments.

arranges for collections and payments, with powers of mandate to other employees.



signs ordinary correspondence, endorsements, deeds, agreements, undertakings and documents in general that involve the ordinary activity of the Company and appends receipts to bills of exchange, credit instruments, cheques and orders issued by public and private administrations, with the power to delegate the powers to managers, executives and employees designated by him/her.

permits reductions, cancellations, subrogations and endorsements of mortgages, mortgage transcriptions and registrations, lift distraints, challenges, and other impediments of any kind, renounces subscription rights, with reference to corresponding reductions or credit settlements, with the power to delegate the said powers to managers, executives and employees designated by him/her.

take preventive measures to protect the Company names, including by means of applications for monitoring, precautionary and urgent provisions, including all that is considered necessary, as preventative measures, in the Company interest, with powers to award the relevant powers of attorney, and to delegate the said powers to managers, executives, and employees designated by him/her.

When not called to be a member of the Board of Directors, the General Manager participates in meetings of both the Board and the Executive Committee, without voting rights, exercising his/her constructive functions.

The General Manager is assisted by one or more deputy General Managers and/or Central Directors who replace him/her in if absent or unable to attend, according to the provisions of the Board of Directors.

The signature of the General Manager's replacement shall serve as evidence of the latter's absence or incapacity against third parties.

#### Article 20 - Financial Statement

The company financial year shall close on 31st December of each year.

In accordance with the provisions of law, the Board shall arrange for the preparation of the financial statement and the preparation and approval of the consolidated financial statement at the end of each financial year.

#### Article 21 - Profit distribution

The net profit resulting from the consolidated financial statements shall be allocated as follows:

a portion not less than 5% to the legal reserve, until the extent of the reserve reaches one fifth of the registered capital.

to the statutory reserve or any other reserve funds resolved by the Shareholder's meeting.

the residue to the holders of shares, subject to any allocation of a portion of profits not exceeding 2% of the total for charitable, cultural, scientific or Company image promotion purposes, determined by the Shareholder's meeting.

Dividends not redeemed within five years from the day in which the become payable shall be considered lapsed in favour of the Company, and allocated to the reserve fund.

The Board of Directors may resolve the distribution of advance payments on dividends in the cases, by the methods and within the limits allowed by current legal provisions.

# Article 22 - Winding-up

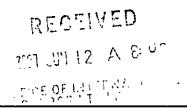
The liquidation of the Company, at any time and for any reason, shall be governed by the provisions of the law.



# Article 23 – General Provisions

Any matter not expressly provided for in these Articles shall be governed by the provisions of Law.





Press Release

# ORDINARY SHARES REVERSE SPLIT OPERATION

The Board of Directors of Banca CR Firenze set the terms today for the execution of the ordinary shares reverse split operation of the company, in accordance with the decision voted by the 26 April 2006 extraordinary meeting of shareholders.

The share reverse split operation which will take place on 5 March 2007 calls for the reduction of the total number of ordinary shares which comprise the company share capital. This will be achieved through the allocation of 3 new ordinary shares of a nominal value of Euro 1.00 for every 5 ordinary shares of a nominal value of 0.60 currently owned. This operation is in conformity with the decision of the shareholders' meeting which voted for the allocation of 6 new ordinary shares of a nominal value of Euro 1.00 for every 10 ordinary shares currently held of a nominal value of Euro 0.60.

Florence, 19 February 2007



Press release

# **MODIFICATION OF THE SHARE CAPITAL**

Our company announces that the composition of its share capital has changed following the decision of bank executives of Banca CR Firenze S.p.A. and group companies, to whom the stock option plan was reserved, to exercise their right to subscribe newly-issued shares.

On February 27, 2007, 1,004 new shares have been subscribed and fully paid up.

The new composition of the company share capital is set forth hereunder:

	PRESENT	SHARE CAPI	PREVIOUS SHARE CAPITAL				
	Euro	Number of shares	Face value	Euro	Number of shares	Face value	
Total of which	827,593,239.00	1,379,322,065	0.60	827,592,636.60	1,379,321,061	0.60	
Ordinary shares (full entitlement) Coupon n° 9	827,593,239.00	1,379,322,065	0.60	827,592,636.60	1,379,321,061	0.60	

Attestations pursuant to article 2444 of the Italian Civil Code were filed for entry in the Florence Companies Register on March 1, 2007.

Florence, 1 March 2007

BANCA CR FIRENZE

Press Release

BANCA CR FIRENZE INCREASES ITS SHAREHOLDING IN

CASSA DI RISPARMIO DELLA SPEZIA

Banca CR Firenze Spa announces that the banking foundation, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio della

Spezia, as foreseen in the options contract annexed to the purchase contract signed on 17 July 2003

and thereafter announced to the market, has exercised a put option for 11.9% of Cassa di Risparmio

della Spezia shares. Banca CR Firenze shall consequently own a 79.99% of the share capital of

Cassa di Risparmio della Spezia. For the purchase of an additional 17,443,000 common shares of

Cassa di Risparmio della Spezia a total amount of 47.6 million Euro shall be paid.

Banca CR Firenze and Fondazione Cassa di Risparmo della Spezia have also signed a contract that

sets the terms and conditions of a new agreement pertaining to their respective stakes in Cassa di

Risparmio della Spezia. This agreement contains a clause stating that Fondazione Cassa di

Risparmio della Spezia will waive its put option on the residual stake it still owns in the Spezia-based

bank.

The transaction will be effective upon the release of all pending authorisations, in conformity with

laws and regulations in force.

Florence, 5 March 2007

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# SCHEMA DI COMUNICAZIONE AI SENSI DELL'ARTICOLO 152-octies, comma / FILING MODEL FOR DISCLOSURE OF TRANSACTIONS REFERRED TO ARTICLE 152-octies, paragraph 7

		1. PERSONA RILEVANTE DI	CHIARANTE /	DECLARER
		1.1 DATI ANAGRAFICI	/ PERSONAL DA	TA
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COGNOME / FAMILY NAME	Leonarde		NOME / FIRST NAME	Giuseppe
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PERSONA RILEVANTE / RELEV	ANT PERSON			
		3.2 DATI ANAGRAFICI	/ PERSONAL DA	TA'
		PERSONA FISICA / N	ATURAL PERSON	
COGNCIME / FAMILY NAME	Leonardi		NOME / FIRST NAME	Giuseppe

4. OPERAZIONI / TRANSACTION												
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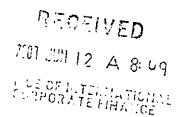
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- 4. Indicare to strumento finanziario oggetto dell'operazione / indicate the financial instrument involved in the transaction:
  - #20 = szion/ ordinarie / ordinary shares /ZP = azioni privilogiate / preference shares
  - AZR = azioni di risparmio / saving shares
  - CFC = quote di fondi chiusi quotati / units of closed-end funds
  - ECV = attri strumenti finanziari, equivalenti alle azioni, rappresentanti tati azioni / other financial instruments, equiv
  - C BCV = Obbligazioni convertibili o attri strumenti finanziari acambiabili con azioni / convertibile bonda or other debt financiari instrumenta convertibile into shares or exchangeable for shares
- = azione non quotata / = non listed share
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  - WERC-IT \* transazione sui mercato regolamentato italiano / transaction over italian regulated market
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  - FVERC = transazione fuori mercato o al biocchi / off-emerket transaction and blocks
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  - ESE-DI = esercipio di diritti (warrant/covered warrant/securitised derivatives/rights) / exercise of rights (warrant/covered warrant/securitised derivatives/rights)
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  - V = vendita / sale

  - A . = Aftro (dettackare in nota) / Other (to be specified in the notes)
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- W = warrant / warrant
- O3W = obbligazione cum warrant / bond cum warrant
- SI) = securitised derivative / securitised derivative
- OPZ = opzione / option
- FIJT = future / future contracts
- F\V = forward (contrattl a termine) / forward contracts
- O3 = obbligazione strutturata / structured bond
- SIV = sweet / species
- DIR = diritti / rights
- 9. Indicare is categoria di strumento finanziario derivato (solo per le opzioni) / indicate the category of derivative (only for options):
  - CI: = call European style - Pli = put European style

  - P/. = put American style
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  11. Indicare to strumento finanziario collegato alle azioni / indicate the sesociated financial instrument
- 12. Indicare to strumento finanziario sottostante (azione) / Indicate the underlyng financial instrument (shere)





The shareholder, Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, has specifically requested and instructed that the announcement below be released:

#### PRESS RELEASE

Following CONSOB's request, Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze announces:

- that an arbitration procedure is currently pending between Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, a banking foundation, and Intesa Sanpaolo, who had launched the arbitration procedure, that is to decide upon the validity of the call option – rebutted by Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze – for a 10.78% stake in the company share capital of the shareholding Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze;
- other negotiations between Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze and Intesa Sanpaolo are not currently in progress neither for a compromise pertaining to the object of the arbitration procedure nor for other solutions involving Intesa Sanpaolo on the issue of the Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze shareholding.

Florence, 9 March 2007

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