

# **Comunicato stampa/Press Release**

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# CDP: offerta di riacquisto di covered bond - proroga del termine anticipato dell'offerta /CDP: tender offers of covered bonds extension of early tender deadline

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Si fa riferimento al comunicato stampa n. 07/2012 pubblicato da Cassa depositi e prestiti società per azioni (CDP) in data 2 febbraio 2012 relativo a (a) un'offerta di riacquisto lanciata in data 2 febbraio 2012 da CDP (l'Offerta) sull'intero ammontare dei titoli obbligazionari €3,000,000,000 3.000%, scadenza 31 gennaio 2013, codice ISIN: IT0003933717 e ¥10,000,000,000 1.862%., scadenza 31 gennaio 2017 codice ISIN: IT0004197445 e b) alla assemblea degli obbligazionisti che si terrà in concomitanza con l'Offerta al fine di approvare le modifiche alle Terms and Conditions dei Titoli Obbligazionari per permettere a CDP di i) rimuovere il limite del 50% dell'ammontare nominale applicabile in caso di riacquisto; ii) regolare il riacquisto dei Titoli Obbligazionari tramite l'utilizzo della liquidità attualmente giacente nel conto segregato a garanzia dei detentori dei Titoli Obbligazionari stessi (la "Proposta").

L'Offerta e la Proposta sono soggette ai termini e alle condizioni come da documento di Offerta datato 2 febbraio 2012 e come modificato con l'annuncio pubblicato in data 8 febbraio 2012 (Tender Offer Memorandum).

CDP annuncia che la scadenza del termine anticipato dell'Offerta, che secondo i termini di cui al documento di Offerta (Tender Offer Memorandum) ed al calendario indicativo del comunicato stampa n. 07/2012 risultava prevista per le ore 17:00 del 10 febbraio 2012 è stata prolungata alle ore 10:00 del 20 febbraio 2012.

Pertanto, con riferimento all'Offerta ed alla Proposta ed a quanto previsto nel documento di Offerta (Tender Offer Memorandum) la scadenza del termine anticipato dell'Offerta dovrà ritenersi quella poc'anzi indicata come prolungata da CDP.

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Each Dealer Manager has represented, warranted and agreed that to the best of its knowledge and belief, in the performance of its services as Dealer Manager for the Offers and the Proposal it will comply with applicable laws and regulations and with the Offer and Distribution Restrictions set out below. Other persons into whose possession this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum comes are required by each of CDP, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver the Bonds, or possess, distribute or publish this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or any related offering material.

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### **United States**

The Offers are not being made and will not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails of, or by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facilities of a national securities exchange of, the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, facsimile transmission, electronic mail, telex, telephone, the internet and other forms of electronic communication. The Bonds may not be tendered in the Offers by any such use, means, instrumentality or other facility from or within the United States or by persons located or resident in the United States. Accordingly, copies of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offers are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise transmitted, distributed or forwarded (including, without limitation, by custodians, nominees or trustees) in or into the United States. Any purported tender of Bonds in the Offers resulting directly or indirectly or from a violation of these restrictions will be invalid and any purported tender

of Bonds made by a person located in the United States or any agent, fiduciary or other intermediary acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal giving instructions from within the United States will be invalid and will not be accepted.

Each holder of Bonds participating in an Offer will represent that it is not located in the United States and is not participating in such Offer from the United States, or it is acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal located outside the United States that is not giving an order to participate in such Offer from the United States. For the purposes of this and the above paragraph, **United States** means the United States of America, its territories and possessions (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands), any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.

## Italy

None of the Offers, this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or material relating to the Offers have been or will be submitted to the clearance procedure of the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (**CONSOB**), pursuant to applicable Italian laws and regulations.

The Offers are being carried out in Italy as exempted offers pursuant to article 101bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the **Italian Financial Services Act**) and article 35-bis, paragraph 4, letter b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended, as the case may be.

An investor located in Italy can participate in the Offers only if the Bonds tendered by it have a principal amount or an aggregate principal amount, equal to or greater than €50,000, or its equivalent in the relevant currency of denomination (an **Eligible Italian Investor**). Accordingly, investors located in Italy that do not qualify as Eligible Italian Investors may not participate in the Offers and neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers may be distributed or otherwise made available to them as part of the Offers.

Holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds may tender the Bonds through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Italian Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties vis-à-vis its clients in connection with the Bonds, this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum.

# **United Kingdom**

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Promotion) Order 2005 (the **Financial Promotion Order**)) or persons who are within Article 43 of the Financial Promotion Order or any other persons to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order.

# Belgium

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## France

The Offers are not being made, directly or indirectly, to the public in the Republic of France (**France**). Neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have been or shall be distributed to the public in France and only (i) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers) and/or (ii) qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés) other than individuals, in each case acting on their own account and all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier, are eligible to participate in the Offers. This announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other document or material relating to the Offers have not been and will not be submitted for clearance to nor approved by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers.

# General

This announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or the electronic transmission thereof does not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell Bonds, and tenders of Bonds for purchase pursuant to the Offers will not be accepted from Bondholders in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities, blue sky or other laws require an Offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer and any of the Dealer Managers or any of their respective affiliates is such a licensed broker or dealer in any such jurisdiction, such Offer shall be deemed to be made by such Dealer Manager or affiliate, as the case may be, on behalf of CDP in such jurisdiction.

In addition to the representations referred to above in respect of the United States, each Bondholder participating in an Offer or the Proposal will be deemed to give certain representations in respect of the other jurisdictions referred to above and generally as set out in "Procedures for Participating in the Offers and the Proposal" in

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the Tender Offer Memorandum. Any tender of Bonds for purchase pursuant to the Offers or submission of a Voting Only Instruction in respect of the Proposal from a Bondholder that is unable to make these representations will not be accepted. Each of CDP, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to investigate, in relation to any tender of Bonds for purchase pursuant to an Offer or submission of a Voting Only Instruction in respect of the Proposal, whether any such representation given by a Bondholder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result CDP determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such tender or submission shall not be accepted.

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Reference is made to the press release No. 07/2012 published by Cassa depositi e prestiti società per azioni (CDP) on 2 February 2012 relating to (a) tender offers for cash (the Offers) announced by CDP on 2 February 2012 for any and all of its outstanding  $\in$ 3,000,000,000 3.00 per cent. Covered Bonds due 31 January 2013 with ISIN Code: IT0003933717 and ¥10,000,000,000 1.862 per cent. Covered Bonds due 31 January 2017 with ISIN Code: IT0004197445, and (b) a meeting of Noteholders convened to consider an extraordinary resolution which, if passed, will allow CDP to (i) remove the 50% restriction on the principal amount of Covered Bonds that may be purchased by it, and (ii) remove any restrictions on the funds which CDP may use for the purpose of any purchase of Covered Bonds, allowing CDP to use also Covered Bonds Segregated Rights (the Proposal).

The Offers and the Proposal are made on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the tender offer memorandum dated 2 February 2012 as amended by the announcement dated 8 February 2012 (the Tender Offer Memorandum).

CDP hereby announces that the Early Tender Deadline which, pursuant to the terms set forth under the Tender Offer Memorandum and the indicative timetable provided for under the press release No. 07/2012, was indicated as 5.00 p.m. on 10 February 2012, shall be extended to 10 a.m. on 20 February 2012.

Therefore, for the purposes of the Offers and the Proposal, references in the Tender Offer Memorandum to the Early Tender Deadline shall be deemed to be to the Early Tender Deadline as so extended.

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discretion, to investigate, in relation to any tender of Bonds for purchase pursuant to an Offer or submission of a Voting Only Instruction in respect of the Proposal, whether any such representation given by a Bondholder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result CDP determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such tender or submission shall not be accepted.

Rome, 16 February 2012

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