

PRESS RELEASE

INTESA SANPAOLO LAUNCHES A SUBORDINATED UPPER TIER II BENCHMARK EUROBOND OF €1.25 BILLION

Torino, Milano, 22 April 2008 – Today, Intesa Sanpaolo has launched a subordinated Upper Tier II €1.25 billion eurobond issue targeted to international markets.

It is a ten-year, fixed rate issue under the Euro Medium Term Notes Programme of Intesa Sanpaolo.

The amount is basically equal to that of issues of the same kind maturing during 2008.

The coupon, payable annually in arrears on 8 May of each year from and including 8 May 2009 up to the maturity date, is equal to 6.625%.

The re-offer price is 99.310%.

Considering that it was re-offered below par, the yield to maturity is 6.722% per annum and the total spread for the investor is equal to 10 years mid swap rate plus 210 basis points.

Settlement is due on or about 8 May 2008.

Minimum denomination of the bond issue is Euro 50 thousand and multiple.

The bond is not offered to the Italian retail market; it is distributed to international institutional investors and financial institutions. It will be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and, as usual, traded in the Over-the-counter.

Banca IMI S.p.A., Merrill Lynch International and JP Morgan Securities Ltd. act as joint lead managers for the placement of the bond.

The ratings assigned to Intesa Sanpaolo's senior long-term debt are: Aa2 by Moody's, AA- by Standard & Poor's and AA- by Fitch.

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