

Press release

Rome, 1st June 2007. Following the authorization of the Bank of Italy regarding the merger of BNL into BNP Paribas S.A, within the restructuring project of the group, and the consequent filing of the merger agreement with the companies' register of Rome on May 28, 2007, the notice of the extraordinary meeting of BNL's shareholders convened for the approval of said merger was published on the Italian Official Gazette ("*Gazzetta Ufficiale*") yesterday. The extraordinary shareholders' meeting will take place on July 2, 2007 and, if necessary, on second calling on July 5, 2007.

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