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Press release

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Sale of Shares in Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. by AXA S.A.

AXA S.A. (“AXA”), which currently owns a stake in Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. (the “Bank”) amounting to 100,008,907 shares (held directly or indirectly, representing c.7.94% of the Bank’s share capital) today announces the launch of the disposal of 100,000,000 shares in the Bank, in a private placement by way of an accelerated bookbuilding (the “Offering”) reserved to institutional investors. Following the expected completion of the Offering, AXA will retain (directly or indirectly) 0.0007% of the Bank’s share capital.

As a long-standing joint venture partner of the Bank, AXA supported the Bank by participating in its most recent capital increase as a financial investment. As AXA does not wish to seek representation on the board at the Bank’s upcoming Shareholders’ Annual General Meeting, or influence the Bank’s broader long-term strategy, AXA believes it is timely to sell its participation purchased in the capital increase.

The Offering does not impact in any way AXA’s partnership with the Bank or AXA’s commitment to the Italian market.

The final terms of the Offering are expected to be announced on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the latest. The settlement and delivery of the shares is expected to take place on or around March 2, 2023.

The Bank’s shares are listed on the regulated market of Euronext Milan (ISIN IT0005508921).

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