



## Press Release

**Merger by incorporation of "Banca di Credito dei Farmacisti S.p.A. – B.C.F. S.p.A." into "Farbanca S.p.A.", both companies forming part of the *Banca Popolare di Vicenza Group***

*(Press Release drawn up in accordance with article 114 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998)*

*BANCA POPOLARE DI VICENZA Società Cooperativa per Azioni [Joint Stock Co-operative], in its capacity as Parent Bank of the Banca Popolare di Vicenza Group and Farbanca S.p.A. announces that – following issue of the prior authorisation by the Bank of Italy on 24 February 2012 – the governing bodies of Farbanca S.p.A. and Banca di Credito dei Farmacisti S.p.A. – both controlled by Banca Popolare di Vicenza – approved the merger by incorporation plan of Banca di Credito dei Farmacisti S.p.A. into Farbanca S.p.A. on 27 April 2012 – (“Merger Plan” and the “Merger”).*

In addition – in accordance with article 2501 *ter*, paragraph 3 of the Italian Civil Code - the request to register the Merger Plan on the Register of Companies of Bologna and Ancona was made today.

Subsequent notice will be given when the documentation which must be made available to the shareholders at the offices of the companies forming part of the Merger is filed in accordance with the law.

*Vicenza, 27 April, 2012*