

**News release**

## Clarification on issue of financial instruments under LD 185/08

*Verona, 10 March 2009* – With regard to the press release published this morning announcing the formal request to issue financial instruments as provided for by LD 185/08, Banco Popolare specifies that it filed a request to have resort to said hybrid securities for a total amount of 1.45 billion euro.

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