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## Press Release

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# **Banco Santander completes the sale of Antonveneta to Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena**

**Madrid, May 30, 2008** – Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena (BMps) and Banco Santander completed today the sale of Antonveneta for EUR 9,000 million, executing the agreement announced on November 8, 2007.

The Chairmen of Banco Santander, Emilio Botín, and BMps, Giuseppe Mussari, with BMps General Manager Antonio Vigni, took advantage of this occasion to meet in Madrid to consider possible joint business opportunities in areas such as corporate banking, treasury services, and Latin America.

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