

CREVAL VTO – GOLDEN POWER CONDITION PRECEDENT

Milano/Parma, 15th February 2021. With regard to the voluntary tender offer on the ordinary shares of Banca Piccolo Credito Valtellinese S.p.A. (“**CreVal**”) disclosed to market on 23 November 2020 by Crédit Agricole Italia S.p.A. (the “**Offeror**” and the “**Offer**”), the Offeror announces that today the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers has communicated to the Offeror the decision of the Council of Ministers of 13 February 2021 to accept the proposal, submitted by the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, as public administration responsible for the preliminary investigation, on 5 February 2021, not to exercise the special powers pursuant to the golden power regulations regarding the concentration transaction between the Offeror’s and CreVal’s banking groups notified by the Offeror on 2 December 2020.

In light of the above, the Offeror notifies that the condition precedent to the Offer indicated in paragraph 3.5(iii) of the notice published on 23 November 2020 pursuant to Article 102, § 1, of Legislative Decree 24 February 1998, no. 58 (the so-called “Golden Power Condition Precedent”), has been fulfilled and, therefore, the authorizations process relating to Offer continues with no issues.

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This notice does not constitute an offer to buy or sell CreVal’s shares.

Before the beginning of the offer period, as required by applicable regulations, the Offeror will publish an “Offer Document” which CreVal’s shareholders shall carefully examine.

The Offer is promoted exclusively in Italy and the United States of America and will be addressed on equal terms to all shareholders of CreVal. The Offer will be promoted in Italy as CreVal’s shares are listed on the Mercato Telematico Azionario organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and, except for what is indicated below, is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law.

The Offer is not and will not be made in Canada, Japan, Australia and any other jurisdictions where making the Offer would not be allowed without the approval by competent authorities without other requirements to be complied with by the Offeror (such jurisdictions, including Canada, Japan and Australia, jointly, the “Other Countries”), neither by using national or international instruments of communication or commerce of the Other Countries (including, for example, postal network, fax, telex, e-mail, telephone and internet), nor through any structure of any of the Other Countries’ financial intermediaries or in any other way.

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