

PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ARTICLE ABOUT CATTOLICA ASSICURAZIONI PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE ITALIAN DAILY NEWSPAPER “LIBERO”

Verona, 13 April 2010. With reference to the article that appeared today in the Italian daily newspaper “Libero”, signed FDD and with the headline “*Catholic finance divided about Verona insurer*”, in which it is also maintained that “*shareholders will have to say “yes” to a set of accounts in the red*”, it is pointed out that Cattolica’ 2009 accounts closed, at consolidated level, with a profit of € 68 mn and, at individual level, with a profit of € 125 mn, as indicated in the press release issued on 24 March.

As we thus perceive in the false information of the aforesaid article tangible and serious risks of market disruption and of biased activity aiming to affect the proper operation of corporate bodies – in particular of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Shareholders – the public is herewith informed that the Company has appointed counsel to safeguard itself and its shareholders in all appropriate courts, both civil and criminal.

A specific report on the matter is now being sent to the CONSOB (Italian securities & exchange commission).

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