

Another recognition of the Group's environmental sustainability policy

**Intesa Sanpaolo wins the first edition of Sole 24 Ore “Energy 2020” Award in the Demetra category**

*Milan, 28/9/2010* –Intesa Sanpaolo’s commitment in environmental sustainability has been newly recognised by winning the first edition of Sole 24 Ore “Energy 2020” Award (Demetra category). The prize was instituted for the tenth anniversary of the Italian Energy Summit, with the aim of giving recognition to companies for the most significant projects in the energy field.

This award was granted to Intesa Sanpaolo thanks to a project which was intended firstly to reduce environmental footprint, but also to generate savings in operating expenses and to respond to the requirements of stakeholders, political and social areas to be more virtuous in the environmental field.

The challenge was certainly stimulating, considering that in Italy one bank employee uses as much energy as six citizens and the consumption of the Group is equal to that of a city of 500,000 inhabitants. The initiatives which have ensured the steady improvement of the performance in terms of energy consumption and environmental sustainability came to fruition in the adoption of technological energy-efficient solutions for new building constructions and renovations, reaching in 2009 a significant amount of tax deductions – around € 2.8 million.

Apart from consumption increases by Data Processing Centres, all the initiatives for the environmental sustainability have led to savings of approximately 11,000 tonnes of oil equivalent in the last three years, corresponding to approximately 22,000 tonnes of avoided CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, i.e. the equivalent of 660,000 new trees.