

15th February 2008

UBI Banca participates again this year in the International Energy Saving Day

Bergamo- Brescia, 14th February 2008 - The UBI Banca Group makes a concrete contribution to the 2008 initiative "**M' illumino di meno**" (I use less light), sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

At 6.00 p.m. on Friday 15th February — the eve of the anniversary of the day when the Kyoto Protocol came into force — the neon signs on the main premises of UBI Banca and of the network banks of the Group will be switched off for the whole night in Bergamo, Brescia, Milan, Varese, Cuneo, Bari, Cosenza, Genoa, Ancona and Breno.

This symbolic initiative is accompanied by activity to educate all personnel, because significant reductions in energy consumption depend to a large extent on the behaviour of individuals and on those small things that each of us can do both at work and at home.

It is in fact estimated that energy savings of 40 tons of carbon dioxide can be obtained just by this single initiative taken at these premises.

Implementation of this initiative is intended as a sign of the attention that the Group's banks pay to the issue of energy savings and to conservation of the environment in general.

It is a symbolic gesture in the same vein as the concrete daily commitment made with the project "My city", a memorandum of intent which arose from an idea of Banca Popolare di Bergamo and the City of Bergamo, by which the bank, together with local administrations (120 today), promotes the use of renewable energy sources, greater energy efficiency of buildings, better use of water resources and the reduction of pollutants by private citizens, condominiums and firms.

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