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# UNITIRRENO CONTINUES IN THE CREATION OF THE SUBMARINE FIBER OPTIC DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### A € 57 MILLION FINANCING AGREEMENT ISSUED BY INTESA SANPAOLO AND BANCO BPM

**Roma, 19 February 2025** – **Unidata S.p.A. (UD.MI)**, operator of telecommunications, cloud and IoT services, listed on Euronext Milan – STAR Segment, organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., announces that **Unitirreno** - joint venture established by Unidata S.p.A. and the Infrastructure Fund for ESG Growth (IPC) managed by Azimut Libera Impresa SGR S.p.A. - signed a financing contract with **Intesa Sanpaolo**, also as Agent Bank, and **Banco BPM** for an amount of  $\in$  57 million and a duration of 4 years, divided into three lines: a capex line of  $\in$  50 million, guaranteed 50% by **SACE** through "Archimede Guarantee", a DSRF (Debt Service Reserve Facility) line of  $\notin$  5 million and a VAT line of  $\notin$  2 million.

The investment is intended for the construction of a submarine fiber optic infrastructure, which will connect Mazara del Vallo to Genoa, with a hub near Rome-Fiumicino and one in Olbia. The project, also supported by equity contributions from the UNIDATA Group and the ESG Infrastructure Fund (IPC) managed by Azimut Libera Impresa SGR S.p.A., represents the first Open Cable system with 24 pairs of optical fibers in the Mediterranean, which will extend for 1,030 kilometres, to meet the ever-increasing broadband needs at both a national and international level.

Roberto Giacometti, Director of Unitirreno and CFO of Unidata, commented as follows: "Obtaining this significant financing, which marks a decisive step for the continuation of the Unitirreno project, is a source of great satisfaction for us. Thanks to this support, we add value, and a decisive acceleration to the Unitirreno project, an innovative digital infrastructure that will connect Sicily to Liguria and through which we will lay new solid foundations for a sustainable digital future, further strengthening Italy's role as a central hub for telecommunications in the Mediterranean. Last February 3rd we laid the first section of cable in Fiumicino, what we are experiencing is a moment of great satisfaction, which rewards the trust, work and commitment of stakeholders, partners, investors and our entire team".

SACE's Archimede Guarantee instrument supports the entire ecosystem of Italian companies in investments in innovation, infrastructure and sustainable transition carried out on the national territory, giving a boost to the competitiveness of companies and the productivity of the country system.

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In the process of negotiating the financing contract, Unitirreno was assisted by the lawyer Valentina Canalini of Gatti Pavesi Bianchi Ludovici Studio Legale Associato, while Unidata was assisted by the lawyer Italo De Santis of Chiomenti Studio Legale. The banking institutions were assisted by the lawyer Angelo Alfonso Speranza of the Grimaldi Alliance Studio Legale. Equita, with a team led by Silvia Barone assisted by Francesco Botti, acted as financial advisor to Unitirreno.

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Unidata S.p.A., a Telecommunications, Cloud and IoT Operator, was founded in 1985 by three partners still in the Company. With a fiber optic network of about 7,400 km in continuous expansion, a wireless network and a proprietary data center, the Unidata Group supplies over 26,400 business, wholesale and residential customers with ultra-broadband connectivity services with FTTH (Fiber to the Home) network architectures, wireless connectivity, VoIP services, Cloud services and other dedicated

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solutions, with a high level of reliability and security. The company is also active in the Internet of Things (IoT), with the development and supply of solutions for the home automation and Smart City market.

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