

SANPAOLO IMI SPA
Form CB
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM CB
TENDER OFFER/RIGHTS OFFERING NOTIFICATION FORM**

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- Exchange Act Rule 14e-2(d) (Subject Company Response)
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Banca Fideuram S.p.A
(Name of Subject Company)

Not Applicable
(Translation of Subject Company=s Name into English (if applicable))

Italy
(Jurisdiction of Subject Company=s Incorporation or Organization)

Sanpaolo IMI S.p.A.
(Name of Person(s) Furnishing Form)

Ordinary Shares
(Title of Class of Subject Securities)

Ordinary Shares ISIN IT 0000082963
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (if applicable))

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Not Applicable
(Date Tender Offer/Rights Offering Commenced)

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PART I □ INFORMATION SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS

Item 1. Home Jurisdiction Documents

- (a) (1) English press release of Sanpaolo IMI S.p.A. relating to the proposed business combination dated May 18, 2004.
- (2) English press release of Banca Fideuram S.p.A. relating to the proposed business combination dated May 18, 2004.
- (b) Not applicable

Item 2. Informational Legends

The business combination described herein relates to the securities of foreign companies. The business combination is subject to disclosure and procedural requirements of a foreign country that are different from those of the United States. Financial statements included in the document, if any, will be prepared in accordance with foreign accounting standards that may not be comparable to the financial statements of United States companies.

It may be difficult for you to enforce your rights and any claim you may have arising under the federal securities laws, since Sanpaolo IMI and Banca Fideuram are located in Italy, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of Italy or other foreign countries. You may not be able to sue a foreign company or its officers or directors in a foreign court for violations of the U.S. securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court's judgment.

PART II □ INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED TO BE SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS

- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.

PART III □ CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

- (1) A written irrevocable consent on Form F-X was filed by Sanpaolo IMI S.p.A. on February 17, 2004.
- (2) Not applicable.

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**Exhibit
Number**

Description

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SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Sanpaolo IMI S.p.A.

By: /s/ Giorgio Spriano

Name: Giorgio Spriano

Title: Head of Company Secretariat

Date: May 19, 2004

