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BNP Paribas holds 50.4 % of BNL's capital

BNP Paribas today acquired 4.93% of BNL's share capital, which takes its stake in BNL to 50.4%. This acquisition completes the transaction entered into on 2nd February 2006 with a group of BNL's shareholders.

About BNP Paribas

BNP Paribas (www.bnpparibas.com) is a European leader in banking and financial services, with a significant and growing presence in the United States and leading positions in Asia. The group has one of the largest international banking networks, a presence in over 85 countries and employs more than 110 000 employees, including approximately 80,000 in Europe. BNP Paribas enjoys key positions in its three core businesses: Corporate and Investment Banking, Asset Management & Services and Retail Banking.

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