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UNIFIBER CONTINUES, THANKS TO A 10 MILLION EURO ESG-LINKED LOAN ISSUED BY UNICREDIT AND SACE, THE PROJECT TO CREATE THE FTTH NETWORK DEDICATED TO THE DIGITALIZATION OF THE GRAY AREAS OF LAZIO REGION

Roma, 28 October 2024 – 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 **UniCredit** will support the development plan of **UNIFIBER** - joint venture established by Unidata S.p.A. and CEBF - for the construction of the end-to-end FTTH (Fiber to the Home) fiber optic network in Lazio region, thanks to a 10 million Euro ESG-linked loan, lasting 10 years, divided into two loans of which one of 7.15 million Euro guaranteed by **SACE** through "Garanzia Futuro".

The investment is intended for the construction of fiber optic infrastructures in the so-called "gray areas" of Lazio region, territories that currently do not have stable and fast broadband connectivity. The project, also supported by equity contributions from the UNIDATA Group and the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund, aims to cover approximately 200,000 potential users. This is in line with the objectives of the European Digital Agenda 2020, of the Gigabit Europe 2025 plan and of the Digital Decade Policy Program (DDPP), which aim to provide high-quality connectivity standards to all European citizens, with speeds of up to 1 Gbps.

UniCredit's ESG-linked loan is aimed at companies committed to improving their sustainability profile, based on objectives that comply with ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) criteria. The interest rate will be reduced from the start for companies that, like UNIFIBER, are committed to monitoring their ESG performance through specific indicators. Among the objectives agreed for UNIFIBER there are the technological innovation in the so-called "gray areas" of Lazio region, the offering of advanced digital services to bridge the digital divide and the protection of local environmental and landscape resources. The network will be implemented mainly by exploiting existing civil infrastructure, thus ensuring cost reduction and minimal environmental impact.

"With this operation, we confirm UniCredit's commitment to being a strategic partner for companies that intend to launch sustainable development plans," commented **Roberto Fiorini**, Regional Manager Central Italy of

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UniCredit. *“Sustainability is now a crucial element for competitive success on a global level, and UniCredit is at the forefront of promoting the economic, environmental and social growth of Italian companies”.*

*“We welcome UniCredit’s support for this strategic project with great satisfaction,” commented **Marcello Vispi**, CEO of UNIFIBER. “The construction of an ultra-fast fiber optic network in Lazio region represents a fundamental step towards reducing the digital divide, offering quality connectivity to local communities. We are strongly committed to developing an open and accessible network, optimizing investments to maximize value for Italy and our stakeholders. Through this end-to-end FTTH network, we not only improve the quality of life of citizens, but also promote innovation, economic growth and new opportunities for local businesses. The adoption of ESG principles further consolidates our commitment to responsible development that respects the unique characteristics of the territory in which we operate”.*

SACE's tool “Garanzia Futuro” supports the entire ecosystem of Italian companies in sustainability projects, growth on global markets and in strategic supply chains, technological innovation and digitalisation, giving a boost to the competitiveness and productivity of the country system.

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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 7,250 km in continuous expansion, a wireless network and a proprietary data center, the Unidata Group supplies over 25,500 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 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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