

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Abolition of fees and longer loan repayment periods**

Banca Intesa begins the implementation of measures agreed in NBS from 24 November

**Belgrade (20 November 2008)** – In line with the Agreement achieved in National Bank of Serbia, starting from Monday 24 November, Banca Intesa will abolish fees for early loan repayment for all loan types, except in case of debt refinancing in another bank (the fee in Banca Intesa amounted 1%) and will start to receive clients' applications for extended loan repayment periods and will also start to convert loans indexed in CHF to EUR as well as to convert loans indexed in FX currency to RSD. Banca Intesa will perform all these services without additional fees.

“We believe that this set of measures will prevent and reduce the negative effects that might appear as the consequence of the financial crisis. In this manner, the citizens will be enabled to relax the payment of their loan debts through extended period of repayment and especially through the possibility to shoulder off the currency risk. We expect the greatest interest of our citizens in extended repayment periods of the existing loans and conversion of loans indexed in FX to RSD i.e. CHF to EUR”, said Mr Dejan Tešić, the EB member of Banca Intesa.

Although Banca Intesa has, in its offer, in line with the market demands, housing loans indexed in CHF, from the very beginning the clients of the Bank were advised not to take loans in this currency due to the high level of risk, which is now proved as justified. “Owing to the precaution measures, the number of loans approved in CHF, in relation to the total number of the approved housing loans in our bank is insignificant. However, we have recently received a number of queries on the possibility of refinancing housing loans in CHF from other banks”, added Mr Dejan Tešić.