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Mr. Bruno Picca
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**RE: Sanpaolo IMI S.p.A.
Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005
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Dear Mr. Picca:

We have completed our review of your Form 20-F and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Vaughn
Accounting Branch Chief