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## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement issued by Bank of Valletta p.l.c. pursuant to the Capital Markets Rules issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority:

## Quote

MeetIInc Article: Bank Of Valletta Approached To Join Local Consortium Bidding For HSBC Malta <u>https://meetinc.com.mt/news/bank-of-valletta-approached-to-join-local-consortium-bidding-for-hsbc-malta/</u>

Bank of Valletta p.l.c. ("the Bank") refers to the news item recently published and referred to above.

As one of Malta's leading financial institutions, it is unsurprising that the Bank has been approached by third-parties expressing interest in prospective financial bids concerning other major business entities in Malta, including HSBC Bank (Malta) p.l.c. The Bank will continue to monitor developments closely and remains committed to ensuring transparency and full compliance with its regulatory obligations, including those related to competition, financial stability and avoidance of conflict of interest, whilst maintaining its duty of care to its shareholders.

In view of the above considerations, any decision which the Bank might consider in the future will only be formulated in close coordination and cooperation with all relevant regulatory authorities and following the full extent of its due governance processes.

The Bank has no further comments and any communication the Bank issues to the market would be carried out through official channels and company announcements.

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Dr. Ruth Spiteri Longhurst B.A., LL.D. Company Secretary

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Registered Office: 58, Triq San Żakkarija, II-Belt Valletta VLT 1130 - Malta Registration Number: C 2833 Bank of Valletta p.l.c. is a public limited company regulated by the MFSA and is licensed to carry out the business of banking and investment services in terms of the Banking Act (Cap.371 of the Laws of Malta) and the Investment Services Act (Cap.370 of the Laws of Malta). Bank of Valletta p.l.c. is an enrolled tied insurance intermediary of MAPFRE MSV Life p.l.c. MAPFRE MSV Life is authorised by the MFSA to carry out long term business of insurance under the Insurance Business Act (Cap.403 of the Laws of Malta). Bank of Valletta p.l.c. is authorised to act as a trustee by the MFSA.