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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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First International Merchant Bank p.l.c. is pleased to announce that on the 6th January 2003 the Malta Financial Services Authority issued a Category 2 Investment Services Licence to the Bank. Hence, in addition to the comprehensive banking services it is authorised to conduct as a credit institution, FIMBank is enhancing its range of services to provide investment services to both residents and non-residents, in foreign currency.

Francesco Apap Bologna
Company Secretary

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