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## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement by First International Merchant Bank plc (“FIMBank”) pursuant to Malta Stock Exchange Bye -Laws 6.05.04 (i) and (ii):

### *Quote*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003, the Boards of London Forfaiting Company (“LFC”) and FIMBank (UK) had announced a recommended cash offer (the “Offer”) for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of LFC. The Offer was made by WestLB Panmure on behalf of FIMBank (UK) by means of an Offer Document posted on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003.

FIMBank (UK) announces that as at 3.00 p.m. (London time) on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2003, being the third closing date of the recommended cash offer, valid acceptances of the Offer had been received from the holders of, in aggregate, 68,149,616 LFC Shares, representing approximately 65.0 per cent. of the LFC Shares to which the Offer relates.

The Offer has been extended and will remain open for acceptance until 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2003.

*Unquote*

Francesco Apap Bologna  
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27<sup>th</sup> August 2003