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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*

FIMBank (UK) announces that as at 3.00 p.m. (London time) on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2003, valid acceptances of the cash offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of London Forfeiting Company (“LFC”) (the “Offer”) had been received from the holders of, in aggregate, 68,234,824 LFC Shares, representing approximately 65.1 per cent. of the LFC Shares to which the Offer relates.

All conditions to the Offer have now been satisfied or, where permitted, waived. Accordingly, the Offer is declared unconditional in all respects. The Offer will remain open for acceptance until further notice.

All FIMBank Shareholders will be receiving a Transaction Circular containing the necessary details relating to the acquisition of LFC.

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Company Secretary

29<sup>th</sup> August 2003