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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement by First International Merchant Bank p.l.c. ("FIMBank") pursuant to Listing Rules 8.6.3 and 8.12 to 8.15.

Quote

At the meeting held on the 26th August, 2004 the Board of Directors of FIMBank approved changes in the senior management of FIMBank as per attached notices.

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Francesco Apap Bologna
Company Secretary

27th August, 2004.

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The Board of Directors of FIMBank announces that Mr. Claude L. Roy, President, has decided to retire due to personal reasons. The Board accepted his resignation effective September 1st 2004.

Mr. Roy joined FIMBank in January of 1997 as General Manager. During his tenure FIMBank experienced remarkable growth and development.

FIMBank's Chairman, Mr. Najeeb Al-Saleh, on behalf of the Board thanked Mr. Roy for his contributions and wished him happiness during his retirement. Mr. Roy will continue to contribute to the Bank by remaining on its Executive Committee.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Ms. Margrith Lutschg-Emmenegger has been appointed as President of FIMBank as from September 1st 2004.

Ms. Lutschg-Emmenegger joined FIMBank as Executive Vice President in April 2003 from WestLB AG, London where she occupied the position of Managing Director of Trade and Commodity Finance. During the first 18 months with FIMBank she played a fundamental role in the reorganisation process of the Bank, including the recent acquisition of London Forfaiting Company and its restructuring.



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The Board of Directors of FIMBank announces that Mr. Mehdi Ouazzani Hassani has retired from his post of Vice Chairman effective August 26th, 2004.

FIMBank's Chairman Mr. Najeeb Al-Saleh, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Ouazzani Hassani for his contributions since his nomination in 1998. Mr. Ouazzani Hassani will continue in his role as a member of the Board.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Dr. John C. Grech has been appointed Vice-Chairman effective immediately.

Dr. Grech has been active with FIMBank since 1998 and has held the posts of Chairman of the Advisory Board and is currently a director of the Bank and a member of the Credit Committee. Dr. Grech is also a director on the Board of Middlesea Insurance p.l.c.