

## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a company announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Malta Stock Exchange Bye-Law 6.05.04(iv):

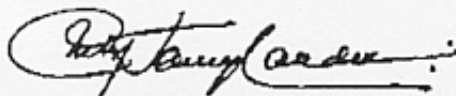
### *Quote*

Mr Gary Miller has been appointed Area Manager Birmingham – Midlands Division UK of HSBC Bank plc and will therefore relinquish his post of Head of Banking of HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.

In replacement of Mr Gary Miller, Mr Ray Briffa will be appointed Head of Personal Banking and Mr James Bonello will assume new enhanced responsibilities in his role of Head of Commercial Banking by having direct responsibility for the Commercial Centres within HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.

Mr Gary Miller, Mr Ray Briffa and Mr James Bonello will commence their new roles on Friday 1 March 2002.

*Unquote*



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Company Secretary

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