

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(vi):

Quote

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. announces that it has subscribed to one (1) ordinary share of Lm1 (fully paid up) in HSBC Investment Services (Malta) Limited (C 30282) ('the Company'), a limited liability company incorporated on the 01 October 2002 with a registered address at 114, The Strand Gzira GZR 03. The Company is registered with an authorised share capital of Lm50,000 divided into 50,000 ordinary shares of Lm1 each and an issued share capital of Lm5,000 divided into 5,000 ordinary shares of Lm1 each (fully paid up). HSBC Fund Management (Malta) Limited subscribed to four thousand nine hundred ninety nine (4999) ordinary shares of Lm1 each in the Company.

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