

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a company announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Listing Rules 8.6.3 and 8.12. to 8.15.

Quote

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. (the "Company") announces that with effect from 1 September 2005 Mr. David Charles Budd residing at 131, Montagu Mansions, London W1U 6LG has been appointed Director.

Mr. Budd has occupied various top managerial posts within the HSBC Group world-wide since 1975. He was Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of HSBC Bank Brasil S.A. between 2000 and 2002. Subsequently, he was President and Chief Executive Officer at HSBC Argentina S.A. for the period 2003 till May 2005. He is now Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of HSBC Bank plc.

No matter concerning Mr. Budd requires disclosure under Listing Rules 6.F.2.2 to 6.F.2.7.

The composition of the Board is now as follows:

Mr. Albert Mizzi – Chairman

Mr. Shaun Wallis

Mr. David Charles Budd

Mr. Martin Wilkins

Dr. Philip Farrugia Randon

Mr. Charles J. Farrugia

Mr. Louis Farrugia

Mr. Victor Scicluna

Mr. Peter Paul Testaferrata Moroni Viani

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Dr. George Brancaleone LL.D.

Company Secretary

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