



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 Mr. Martin Wilkins will be retiring from the Bank and will be relinquishing his posts of Director and Chief Operating Officer with effect from 31 March 2006

Mr. Wilkins will be replaced in these executive posts with effect from 31 March 2006 by Mrs. Sally Robson, who resides at Apartment 22, Block 11, Portomaso, St. Julians PTM 01.

Mrs. Robson joined the then Midland Bank plc in 1979. Since 1983 she has held a number of key managerial positions within the HSBC Group in the UK, with the most recent being that of Area Director for Greater Manchester, a very large and important area of the Bank in the UK. Mrs. Robson's role within the Group will be that of strategically leading and coordinating the various departments which make up the Operations' functions of the Bank.

No matter concerning Mrs. Robson requires disclosure under Listing Rule 8.12.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Brancaleone".

Dr. George Brancaleone LL.D.
Company Secretary
22 March 2006

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