



## ***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

The following is a Company Announcement by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rule 8.6.12:

### ***Quote:***

Pursuant to amendments to Chapter 6 of the MSE Bye-Laws which became effective as from 1 April 2006 upon the coming into force of Legal Notice 287 of 2004 (Transfer of Listed Securities Regulations 2004), the transfer of the ownership of listed securities is complete for all purpose of law upon the payment, in full and final settlement.

The bank would like to clarify its position with regard to the three (3) for one (1) Bonus Share Issue to be allotted to registered members on the register of members as at the close of business on the 18 April 2006.

In view of the above amendments to the Bye-Laws, the last day for trading in HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. shares in order to be entitled to participate in the Bonus Share Issue is Tuesday 11 April 2006.

***Unquote***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Brancalone", written in a cursive style.

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**3 April 2006**

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