



### ***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

The following is a company announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Listing Rules 8.5.6 and 8.15. to 8.18.

#### ***Quote***

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. (the "Company") announces that Mr. Saviour sive Sonny Portelli, residing at 28, Meona, Triq it-Tabor, Lija has been appointed non-executive Director with effect from 9 October 2006.

Mr. Portelli is currently Chairman of Maltacom p.l.c and Director of Datatrak Holdings p.l.c.

No matter concerning Mr. Portelli requires disclosure under Listing Rules 8.15.3 to 8.15.8

The composition of the Board is now as follows:

Mr. Albert Mizzi – Chairman

Mr. Shaun Wallis

Mrs. Sally Robson

Mr. David Charles Budd

Dr. Philip Farrugia Randon

Mr. Charles J. Farrugia

Mr. Victor Scicluna

Mr. Peter Paul Testaferrata Moroni Viani

Mr. Saviour sive Sonny Portelli

***Unquote***

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**Dr. George Brancaleone LL.D.**

**Company Secretary**

**10 October 2006**

**HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.**

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