



***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

The following is a company announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Listing Rule 8.7.16.

***Quote***

HSBC Life Assurance (Malta) Limited has on the 26 July 2007 increased the Issued Share Capital by three million Maltese Liri (Lm3,000,000) divided into six million (6,000,000) ordinary shares of fifty cents (Lm0.50) each fully paid up. The shares were fully subscribed by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. The share capital was increased by an injection of capital in cash by the parent company HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.

***Unquote***

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**Company Secretary**  
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