



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rule 8.7.11 and 8.7.2

Quote:

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. announces that it has today published a Prospectus dated 15 September 2008 in respect of an issue of €25,000,000 5.9% Bonds of a nominal value of €100 per Bond issued at par subject to an Over-allotment Option not exceeding €5,000,000.

Application has been made to the Listing Authority for the admissibility of the Bonds to listing and to the Malta Stock Exchange for the Bonds to be listed and traded on its Official List. Charts Investment Management Service Ltd. is acting as sponsor to the application for admissibility of the Bonds to Listing.

Unquote

By order of the Board

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**Dr. George Brancaleone LL.D.
Company Secretary
15 September 2008**

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