



***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 29 September 2008 increased the Issued Share Capital by four million, nine hundred ninety nine thousand, nine hundred ninety nine euro thirty three cents (€4,999,999.33) divided into four million two hundred ninety three thousand and two (4,293,002) ordinary shares of fifty €1.164686 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. in line with its policy to support further growth in the Life Assurance business.

***Unquote***

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