



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rule 5.16.1:

Quote:

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. announces that it is in discussions regarding the possible sale of its card acquiring operation.

A further announcement will be made if or when appropriate.

Unquote

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Brancalone".

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