



### ***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

The following is a company announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Listing Rules 5.16.5 and 5.20.

#### ***Quote***

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. (the "Company") announces that Mr. Alan Richards will be relinquishing his post as Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 January 2012 and will be taking up a new role as Chief Executive Officer HSBC Indonesia.

Mr. Richards will be replaced in the post of Chief Executive Officer Malta by Mr. Mark Watkinson who currently resides at 11, Byram Dock Street, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830, United States. Mr. Watkinson will take up his new position with effect from 1 January 2012, subject to regulatory approval.

Mr. Watkinson is currently Head of Commercial Banking for North America based in New York. Mr Watkinson has worked for HSBC for 26 years. In the past 5 years Mr. Watkinson has worked in New York, in Toronto as Head of Commercial Banking for HSBC Canada and in Manila as President and Chief Executive Officer for HSBC Bank in the Philippines and a director of its subsidiaries.

No matter concerning Mr. Watkinson requires disclosure under Listing Rules 5.20.5 to 5.20.9

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**Dr. George Brancaleone LL.D.**  
**Company Secretary**  
**4 November 2011**

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