



***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

**The following is a company announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Listing Rules 5.16.5, 5.20 to 5.21**

***Quote***

HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. (the “Company”) announces that Mr. Philip Farrugia, Chief Technology and Services Officer, will be retiring from the Bank following 42 years of service.

Mr. Farrugia is being replaced in this executive post by Mr. Ranjit Gokarn as Chief Operating Officer with effect from 22 May 2012, subject to regulatory approval. Mr. Gokarn currently resides at 23, The Broadwalk, Northwood, United Kingdom.

Mr. Gokarn has been an HSBC executive for the past 20 years and has worked in India, Singapore, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and more recently France. In Paris, Mr. Gokarn was Senior Executive Continental Europe and responsible for eight countries in the region.

The Board thanked Mr. Farrugia for his loyal service throughout the years and welcomes Mr. Gokarn as the Bank’s Chief Operating Officer.

No matter concerning Mr. Gokarn requires disclosure under Listing Rule 5.20.5 to 5.20.9

***Unquote***

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**Dr. George Brancalone LL.D.**  
Company Secretary

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