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## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement issued by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. ("the Bank") pursuant to the Capital Markets Rules of the Malta Financial Services Authority ("MFSA").

### **Quote**

Reference is made to the Bank's company announcements, HSBC440, HSBC441, HSBC442, HSBC445, HSBC447, HSBC448, HSBC453 and HSBC455, regarding a strategic review by HSBC Holdings plc ("HSBC Holdings") of its indirect 70.03% shareholding in the Bank and regarding the process of furnishing information in confidence to prospective offerors.

The Bank has been informed by HSBC Holdings that it has identified a preferred bidder and has entered into exclusive discussions with CrediaBank S.A. (formerly known as Attica Bank) with regard to its majority shareholding in the Bank. HSBC Holdings advised that no agreement has been reached yet and the strategic review remains ongoing.

Any potential transaction would be subject to a number of conditions including regulatory approval from both the MFSA and the European Central Bank ("ECB"), a process that would be expected to take several months from entry into any binding agreement. HSBC Holdings plc has confirmed that it remains committed to supporting the Bank, its customers and its employees throughout this process. The Bank also confirms that it is business as usual for its customers.

The Bank will continue to provide information to the market in line with its obligations under the Capital Markets Rules of the MFSA.

### **Unquote**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paula Mamo".

Dr Paula Mamo LL.D.

Company Secretary