



COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. pursuant to Malta Stock Exchange Bye-Law 6.05.04 (vi):

Quote

HSBC International Financial Services (UK) Limited have today transferred their shareholding in HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c., namely 25,547,455 shares (70.03%), to their fully-owned subsidiary HSBC Europe BV.

Unquote

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