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**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 Bank Malta p.l.c. announces the incorporation of a fully-owned stockbroking subsidiary HSBC Stockbrokers (Malta) Limited.

*Unquote*

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