



**LOMBARD**

## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

*The following is a Company Announcement in terms of the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules:*

Lombard Bank Malta p.l.c. announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary Redbox Limited has on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007 entered into an Agreement with the Government of Malta for the acquisition of seven hundred thousand (700,000) Ordinary Shares of Lm1 each, representing 25% of the Issued and Paid-up share capital of Maltapost p.l.c. The Agreement is subject to Cabinet approval.

This acquisition will raise the shareholding of Redbox Limited to 60% effectively resulting in Maltapost becoming a subsidiary of Lombard Bank Malta plc. The increased shareholding in Maltapost p.l.c. will enable Lombard Bank to expand its market presence and permits both companies to benefit in the medium term from synergies including a shared and complementary business vision and better utilisation of resources. The Bank is confident that both parties hold the necessary human and technical resources to ensure that staff, customers and shareholders of both the Bank as well as Maltapost will stand to benefit.

G A Fairclough  
Company Secretary

Date: 30th July 2007

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