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## Company Announcement in accordance with MFSA Listing Rules 8.6.3

Pursuant to the Article 99 of the Company's Articles of Association, Bank of Valletta plc has appointed Mr Tonio Depasquale residing at "Santa Maria" Triq Tommaso Dingli, Attard BZN 02, as a Director of Middlesea Insurance plc with effect from 1 February 2005.

Mr Depasquale is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Valletta p.l.c. He joined the Bank in 1969 and has held a number of key senior management positions in the Bank of Valletta Group, the most recent being that of Chief Officer, Credit Management & Retail Business before being appointed CEO with effect from 15 July 2004. Mr Depasquale has, in the past five years, held the post of director on the following companies:

Valletta Fund Management Limited (appointed 1 January 2003)

Middlesea Valletta Life Assurance Company Limited (appointed 1 October 2002)

BOV Stockbrokers Limited (appointed 22 September 2002) – Chairman since 20 July 2004 Valletta Portfolio Funds SICAV (appointed 24 December 2001) - Chairman since 17 April 2002

Cotswold Development Limited (appointed 1 September 2000) - Chairman

Wignacourt Funds SICAV plc (appointed 16 February 2000)

La Valette Funds SICAV plc (appointed 18 December 1997)

There is no matter concerning Mr Depasquale requiring disclosure under Listing Rule 6.F.2.2 to 6.F.2.7

E.M. Borg

Company Secretary