Annual General Meeting 2012

The thirty sixth HSBC Banking Malta plc Annual General Meeting will be held on the 18 April 2012 at the Hilton Malta (Portomaso Suite), St Julians.

Registration starts at 4.00pm, the actual meeting commences at 5.00pm.

The Form of Proxy is to reach the Company Secretary Office 48 hours before the start of the meeting.

Appointment of proxy

The Form of Proxy can be delivered by hand, by mail or by electronic means (via email).

To submit the Form electronically please do as follows:

- Shareholders registered on 19 March 2012 will receive the notice of the Annual General Meeting and the Form of Proxy mailed to the last registered address with the Malta Stock Exchange.
- The Notice and Form of Proxy will contain all shareholders' details.
- Contact the Company Secretary Office on e-mail address <u>companysecretarymalta@hsbc.com</u>. The Company Secretary will guide you through a secure means of submitting the Form of Proxy electronically.
- A Disclosure Form will also be sent with the Form of Proxy. The Disclosure Form is to be completed ONLY by a proxy holder where applicable as explained in the said form.
- Sample documents related to the Annual General Meeting may be downloaded from the "Downloadable Documents" section in this web page.

Acceptance of electronic Form of Proxy will only be valid when confirmation of acceptance is sent by the Company Secretary Office.

Shareholder information

Important Shareholder information:

- Shareholders registered on 19 March 2012 shall have the right to participate and vote in the meeting.
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- The total number of shares eligible to participate in the meeting is 291,840,000.

Shareholders may ask questions related to the items on the agenda in terms of Listing Rules 12.24 to 12.26. Questions may be directed to the Company Secretary. Answers to questions related to items on the agenda may be given either directly to the shareholder asking the question, or published on the bank's web-site or during the meeting.