

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. will be held at the Hilton Malta, Portomaso, St. Julians on Wednesday, 18 April 2012. Registration starts at 4.00pm and the meeting commences at 5.00pm to consider and, if deemed fit, approve the following resolutions:

To receive and approve the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011 and consider the Directors' and Auditors' report thereon.

To declare a final gross dividend of 7.2 cent per share representing a final gross payment of €21,012,480, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

To re-appoint the auditors KPMG and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

To establish the maximum annual remuneration of the Directors at €230,000.

To appoint and elect Directors.

Note: Questions related to the above items on the agenda may be directed to the Company Secretary by post or by e-mail to companysecretarymalta@hsbc.com. Information related to the meeting can be found on the bank's website www.hsbc.com.mt in the Investor Relations section.

By order of the Board



Dr George Brancaleone LL.D.

Company Secretary

27 March 2012

Notes

1. This advice has been mailed to shareholders registered as at 19 March 2012. Only members registered on this date shall have the right to participate and vote in the Meeting.
2. Entrance and Proxy Forms:
 - (a) A member having the right to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy. The proxy need not also be a member. A Proxy Form together with a self addressed envelope is being sent together with this notice.
 - (b) In the case of joint shareholders, these forms have been mailed to the first person mentioned in the register. This person is empowered to vote or appoint a proxy. The other joint shareholders will only be able to vote instead of the first person mentioned in the register, by means of the Form of Proxy to reach the Secretary of the Company not less than 48 hours before the appointed time of the Meeting. All joint shareholders may attend the Meeting.
 - (c) In the case of minors, the legal guardian may attend and vote by presenting this document together with his/her identity card.
 - (d) Companies and Associations are to provide their representative with an appropriate authority to be shown at the entrance.
3. The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than nine (9) directors. In terms of clause 7 of the Memorandum of Association and Article 77 (4) of the Articles of Association: (a) six (6) directors may be appointed, and (b) three (3) an election will be held to elect the other three directors. Valid nominations have been received from **Joseph Bonett, James Dunbar Cousin, Saviour Sive Sonny Portelli and Peter Paul Testaferrata Moroni Viani.**

ADMISSION TO THE MEETING

Only Shareholders or their Proxy will be allowed to attend the Meeting.

In order to be admitted to the Meeting, you or your Proxy must present this notice at the door. Persons attending are to show their identity card.

Tickets for parking will be provided. Should you require simultaneous translation service during the AGM you are to contact us by not later than 6 April 2012 on telephone numbers 2380 2404/5. If your Proxy will be attending, kindly fill in hereunder:

Name of Proxy

I.D. Card Number of Proxy

Signature of Shareholder