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## ANNOUNCEMENT

HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, confirms that it is in discussions with a number of interested parties regarding the possible sale of its operations in Pakistan, which sale would be subject to, amongst other things, appropriate regulatory approvals.

These discussions are at a preliminary stage. Further announcements will be made if or when necessary.

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### **Note to editors:**

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