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HSBC MALTA COMPLETES SALE OF CARD ACQUIRING BUSINESS

On 28 December 2011, HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c, a 70.03%-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, announced it had agreed to sell its card acquiring business to HSBC Merchant Services Ltd, a Maltese subsidiary of Global Payments Inc.

Regulatory approval of the sale has now been obtained and the sale has been completed.

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Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc

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