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ANNOUNCEMENT

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, confirms that it is in discussions with Meezan Bank Limited regarding the possible sale of HSBC's operations in Pakistan. These discussions are at a preliminary stage and may or may not lead to a sale. Any sale would be subject to, amongst other things, appropriate regulatory approvals.

Further announcements will be made if or when necessary.

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Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc

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