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19 March 2015

Dear Sir

**Resignation as auditors of HSBC Bank plc (no. 14259)**

We write to you in your capacity as company secretary of HSBC Bank plc ("the Company")

We hereby give notice of our resignation as auditors of the Company with effect from 31 March 2015. The circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office are the holding of a competitive tender, in which we were unsuccessful in retaining the audit. In accordance with section 519 of the Companies Act 2006, we enclose our statutory statement given in connection with our ceasing to act. We confirm that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company in connection with our ceasing to act.

Under section 517 of the Companies Act 2006, you are required to file a copy of this letter of notice with the Registrar of Companies within 14 days of your receipt of this letter.

Under section 523 of the Companies Act 2006, you are required to make various notifications to the relevant audit authority in connection with our resignation. We consider that the audit of the financial statements of the Company falls within the definition of a major audit and therefore your notifications should be made to the Financial Reporting Council.

Yours faithfully

*KPMG Audit Plc.*

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*Enclosure* Statement to HSBC Bank plc (no. 14259) on ceasing to hold office as auditors pursuant to section 519 of the Companies Act 2006

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