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Dear Hannah,

Resignation as auditors of HSBG-Trust-Company (UK) Limited-(registered-number: 106294) and its subsidiary HSBC Executor & Trustee Company (UK) Limited (registered number: 362578) - the 'Companies'

We write to you in your capacity as company secretary of the above Companies

We hereby give notice of our resignation as auditors of the Companies with effect from 19 May 2015 In accordance with section 519 of the Companies Act 2006, we enclose our statutory statement given in connection with our ceasing to act. The circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office are the holding of a competitive tender, in which we were unsuccessful in retaining the audits

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 audits of the financial statements of the Companies fall within the definition of a major audit and therefore your notification should be made to the Financial Reporting Council

Yours sincerely

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