NOTICE 3315 OF 2003

SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

SECTION 30 OF THE BANKS ACT, 1990 (ACT NO. 94 OF 1990)

REGISTRATION - HSBC BANK PLC - JOHANNESBURG BRANCH

Notice is hereby given, for general information, in accordance with the provisions of section 30(c) of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990), that HSBC BANK PLC – JOHANNESBURG BRANCH was authorised by the Registrar of Banks, with effect from 1 August 2003, to conduct the business of a bank by means of a branch in the Republic of South Africa. HSBC BANK PLC is an established bank in the United Kingdom.