NOTICE 410 OF 2012

SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

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

REGISTRATION - HSBC BANK PLC

Notice is hereby given, for general information, in accordance with the provisions of section 30(c) of the Banks Act, 1990, that HSBC Bank plc was authorised by the Registrar of Banks, with effect from 10 April 2012, to conduct the business of a bank by means of a branch in the Republic of South Africa. The HSBC Bank plc is an established bank in the United Kingdom.