



HABIB BANK
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The General Manager
Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited
Stock Exchange Building
Stock Exchange Road
Karachi.

[April 18, 2016]

Dear Sir,

Material Information

In accordance with Section 15D of the Securities & Exchange Ordinance, 1969 and Clause 5.19.13(c) (Code of Corporate Governance) of the Rule Book of the Exchange, we hereby convey the following information:

Habib Bank Limited has received a licence to set up a branch in China. HBL will be establishing banking operations in Urumqi, the largest city in the province of Xinjiang, which borders Pakistan along the traditional Silk Route. Urumqi is a growing commercial and trade center and the regional hub for the Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia. Habib Bank Limited is the first South Asian bank to get this permission.

The members of the Exchange may be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Nausheen Ahmad
Company Secretary

CC: The Commission Enforcement & Monitoring Division, Securities & Exchange
Commission of Pakistan, NIC Building Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.



**Annexure A
DISCLOSURE FORM
IN TERMS OF SECTION 15D OF THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ORDINANCE, 1969**

Karachi, April 18, 2016

Name of Company: Habib Bank Limited

Date of Report: April 18, 2016

Address of
Registered Office: Habib Bank Limited, 4th Floor, Habib Bank Tower,
Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, Islamabad.

Contact Information: Ms. Nausheen Ahmad
Company Secretary, HBL

[*] Disclosure of inside information by listed company in terms of section 15D (1).

HBL is the first bank from Pakistan, to receive a license for setting up a branch in China (Urumqi, the largest city in the province of Xinjiang) and also became the first South Asian bank to get the permission to set up its banking operations in Urumqi/China.

[] Intimation of decision of the listed company to delay disclosure of insider information in terms of section 15D(2)

Not applicable

[] Disclosure of inside information by listed company where the listed company or person acting on its behalf discloses inside information to third party in terms of section 15D(3)

Not applicable

[] Disclosure of transactions conducted by Persons discharging managerial responsibilities within a listed company or Persons closely associated with them in terms of section 15D(5).

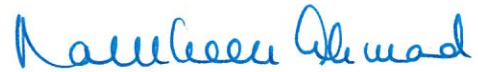
Not applicable



Signature

In case of Company pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Ordinance of 1969 (XVII of 1969), the company has duly caused this form/statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATED: April 18, 2016



Nausheen Ahmad
Company Secretary
Habib Bank Limited

PRESS RELEASE

HBL granted license to setup a branch in China

April 18, 2016: HBL is proud to be the first bank from Pakistan to receive a license for setting up a branch in China. It is also the first South Asian bank to get the permission to set up its banking operations in Urumqi, the largest city in the province of Xinjiang, which borders Pakistan along the traditional Silk Route. Urumqi is a growing commercial and trade center and the regional hub for the Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia.

To mark this occasion a special ceremony was held at the office of CBRC Xinjiang in Urumqi. Speaking on this occasion Chairman HBL, Mr. Sultan Ali Allana said, "We are extremely proud to have been granted a license to establish our branch operations in China. This is a moment of great happiness, and a reflection of the Bank's regional and global standing. We are grateful to the banking and regulatory authorities of China and Pakistan for reposing their confidence in HBL."

He further added, "It is a historic occasion and we are confident that it will pave the way for greater collaboration between Pakistan and China. HBL Urumqi branch will be a cornerstone of CPEC, which will Insha'Allah not only contribute to trade and commerce between the two countries, but will also become a conduit of progress and development for the region and its people in times to come."

Also present at the occasion, President and CEO HBL, Mr. Nauman K. Dar said, "Pakistan and China have had strong political ties for over 60 years and the economic relationship is reaching new heights with the launch of CPEC. We at HBL strongly believe in the importance of financial cooperation and the role that HBL has to play in promoting trade and commerce between China and Pakistan. We feel very proud today as with the permission to operate in China we progress towards economic growth and prosperity"

With the opening of the China branch, HBL will be the only bank to have a footprint in North West China, Central Asia, Southeast Asia and East Africa, and will be positioned to promote trade and investment between these geographical regions, as well as China and Pakistan.

Also present on this occasion were Ms. Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Pakistan, Beijing, Mr. Syed Irfan Ali, Executive Director, State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Abid Sattar, Head of International Banking, Asia & Africa, HBL and Mr. Farhan Talib, RGM China, HBL

HBL is the largest bank in Pakistan with over 1,700 branches, 1,900 ATMs, and a customer base exceeding eight and a half million. It has presence in over 25 countries across four continents.