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The General Manager
Karachi Stock Exchange (Guarantee) Ltd.
Karachi.

The Secretary
Lahore Stock Exchange (Guarantee) Ltd.
Lahore.

The Secretary
Islamabad Stock Exchange (Guarantee) Ltd.
Islamabad.

The Director
Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.
Enforcement Department, Islamabad.

Sub: **Material Information - Proposed Merger**

Dear Sir,

The majority shareholders of Silkbank Limited (formerly Saudi Pak Commercial Bank Ltd.) and the sponsor shareholders of Atlas Bank Limited entered in to a Memorandum of Understanding to consider a merger of Atlas Bank Limited with and into Silkbank Limited.

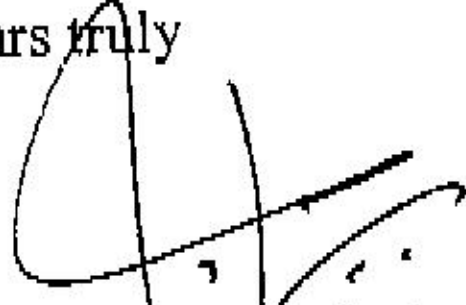
Subsequent to the said Memorandum of Understanding, Silkbank Limited and Atlas Bank Limited were given permission by the State Bank of Pakistan to conduct the requisite due diligence exercise.

The parties have now considered the proposed transaction and have mutually decided that the proposed transaction may not achieve the long term plans and development strategy of both institutions. Accordingly, the parties have decided to not proceed with the proposed transaction.

This information is being provided in accordance with the Rules of the Stock Exchange for dissemination of material information.

You may circulate the same among the members of the Exchange.

Yours truly


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Company Secretary



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