

## **Company Announcement**

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The following is a Company Announcement in terms of the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules:

Lombard Bank Malta p.l.c. and Transend Worldwide Ltd. of New Zealand have reached an agreement whereby Lombard Bank Malta p.l.c. has effectively acquired 35% shareholding in Maltapost p.l.c.

Lombard Bank considers this investment to be of strategic importance which should result in added value to the stakeholders of both the Bank and Maltapost.

Approval for the said acquisition has been granted by the Malta Financial Services Authority.

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**Company Secretary**