



5th April 2024

Mr Renuke Wijayawardhane
Chief Regulatory Officer
Colombo Stock Exchange
04-01 West Block
World Trade Centre
COLOMBO 1

Dear Sir

**HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC
CORPORATE DISCLOSURE**

Further to the Announcement dated 25th May 2023, we wish to announce the following:-

Mr. Jonathan Alles, Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer of Hatton National Bank PLC who will be retiring from the service of the Bank with effect from 23rd August 2024 will be availing his prior to retirement leave w.e.f. 6th April 2024.

The Board of Directors at its meeting held on 4th of March 2024, approved the appointment of Mr. Damith Pallewatte as Acting Chief Executive Officer with effect from 6th April 2024 for the interim period subject to approval of his fit & propriety from Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Mr. Pallewatte currently serving as the Deputy General Manager – Wholesale Banking Group of the Bank has over 27 years of experience in the Banking sector of which over 14 years in Senior / Corporate Management. He has exposure to the full spectrum of banking covering Branch Banking, Operations, and Credit including Strategy & Risk Management. He has also held Corporate Management positions in two leading Private Sector Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka.

The Nominations & Governance Committee has assessed Mr. Pallewatte's suitability and has recommended him for Acting Chief Executive Officer position.

Presently Mr. Pallewatte does not hold any shares (voting) & (non-voting) in the capital of HNB PLC.

The above announcement is made in terms of the disclosure provisions of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

Yours faithfully

HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC

**SHIROMI HALLOLUWA (MS)
HEAD OF LEGAL / BOARD SECRETARY**

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