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**STATEMENT REGARDING POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF HSBC MALTA PLC**

Lion Finance Group PLC (the "**Company**") notes the recent press speculation regarding its bid for acquisition of HSBC Malta operations (the "**Target**").

The Company confirms that it is participating in a process with respect to the intended sale by HSBC Continental Europe ("HSBC") of its stake in the Target. There can be no certainty that any agreement will be reached in relation to the possible acquisition by the Company of HSBC's stake.

The Company will update the market in due course.

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**About Lion Finance Group PLC**

Lion Finance Group PLC (LSE: BGEO LN) is a FTSE 250 holding company whose main subsidiaries provide banking and financial services focused in the high-growth Georgian and Armenian markets through leading, customer-centric, universal banks - Bank of Georgia in Georgia and Ameriabank in Armenia. By building on our competitive strengths, we are committed to driving business growth, sustaining high profitability, and generating strong returns, while creating opportunities for our stakeholders and making a positive contribution in the communities where we operate.

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