

LOMBARD BANK CONVENES 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lombard Bank Chairman Christian Lemmerich updated the Annual General Meeting of shareholders on the Bank's progress for the nine months ended 30 June, 2003. Lombard Bank posted a pre-tax profit of Lm1.268 million, an improvement of 8% over the same period last year.

Mr Lemmerich was addressing the Meeting which was convened this evening at the Malta Chamber of Commerce Buildings, Valletta. In view that the Bank has changed its current financial year-end to 31 December, 2003 the Meeting's business did not include the approval of the annual audited accounts, which will take place during the first half of 2004. The Meeting was presented with an overview of the Bank's performance for the nine month period to June 2003, and other matters of current and prospective interest to shareholders.

Amongst its ordinary business, the Meeting considered the Directors' decision to pay an interim dividend of 6c0 per share, and approved the resolution which called on the members to approve the option of receiving the dividend either in cash or by the issue of new shares. The Bank had announced some weeks back that the attribution price for the purpose of determining the new share allocation had been established at Lm 3.688.

The Meeting also considered and approved an Extraordinary Resolution which authorises the Board of Directors to implement a Share Ownership Plan for the Bank's employees. The Resolution will necessitate changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Bank, including the creation of a new class of shares, for which the approval of the shareholders in General Meeting will be sought.

The Meeting was also informed that Mr Norman P Mifsud was retiring as director and was not seeking re-election. On behalf of the Board, the Chairman thanked Mr Mifsud for his years of contribution as director of the Bank. Mr Graham A Fairclough and Mr Joseph Said were elected directors in terms of the Articles of Association.

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