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**JAMES BOUCHER APPOINTED HEAD OF  
HSBC GLOBAL BANKING**

HSBC announced that Blair Harden, Managing Director, HSBC Bank (Mauritius) Limited is leaving Mauritius after more than two and a half years. He is heading to Hong Kong to take up the role of Senior Manager, Leading International Business and Country Strategy, for Asia Pacific Commercial Banking.

“Working in Mauritius has been a roller coaster ride with the record performance of 2008 and favorable global environment giving way to the greatest financial challenges the world has ever seen in 2009. Throughout this period, I have been incredibly impressed by the professionalism of the HSBC team and the excellent working relationship we have with the management companies, which has allowed us to expand our range of services and maintain our position as the leading global business bank.”, says Blair Harden.

His successor is James Boucher, who was previously Director, Leading International Business for Latin America. As an International Manager, James has been with the HSBC Group for 12 years and has worked across various geographies including India, Hong Kong, UK, UAE and Mexico. James's wide experience in International banking, Custody and Clearing and Trade Services will be excellent for our Global Business banking services platform.

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James Boucher is excited to start a new experience in Mauritius, where he will follow in the footsteps of his father who worked for HSBC Mauritius some 30 years ago.

“Blair has done an excellent job in developing the Bank's Global Business while contributing effectively to the development of our jurisdiction. Blair in his new role in Hong Kong will continue to be a friend of Mauritius and we look forward to his continued support in developing our jurisdiction. I also welcome James Boucher who with his tremendous international experience is well placed to drive the business forward from the tremendous platform. I wish Blair and James all the best for their new roles.” says Sandeep Uppal, CEO HSBC Mauritius.

James Boucher arrived last week and the official handing over took place on 5<sup>th</sup> February during a ceremony at Clos St Louis with guests from the banking and offshore sector.

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Notes to editors:

**1. The HSBC**

In Mauritius, HSBC operates two entities - as a branch of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and as a locally incorporated subsidiary, HSBC Bank (Mauritius) Limited. Through its 11 full-service domestic branches, HSBC offers a wide range of products and services including accounts services, credit cards, investment products, home loans, personal loans and custodian services to domestic customers. HSBC is the leading bank in the Mauritius Global Business sector and offers its global customers sophisticated financial products and structures that benefit from the extensive range of international tax treaties to which Mauritius is a party. It has been present in Mauritius since 1916.

**2. The HSBC Group**

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 8,500 offices in 86 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2, 422 billion at 30 June 2009, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as ‘the world's local bank’.

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