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KERRIE KELLY JOINS HSBC BOARD IN AUSTRALIA

HSBC Bank Australia has announced the appointment of Kerrie Kelly to its Board of Directors. Ms Kelly is currently Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Insurance Council of Australia and joins the HSBC Bank Australia Board as a non-executive Director, effective 1 January 2009.

Kerrie Kelly is currently a Member of the Federal Government initiative, the Financial Literacy Advisory Board, and Director of the joint industry initiative, the Finance Industry Council of Australia. She also holds directorships with the Financial Ombudsmen Service and the Insurance Ombudsman Service. She was previously a Director of the Financial Planning Association and the National Finance Industry Training Advisory Body.

Ms Kelly has previously held senior executive positions with the Financial Planning Association of Australia, ASX Perpetual Registrars, the Trustee Corporations Association and ANZ Banking Group. Prior to this Ms Kelly was a practicing lawyer.

Graham Bradley, Chairman of HSBC Bank Australia, said, "We are delighted to have Kerrie join the Board of HSBC Bank Australia. She brings considerable experience from both the public and private sectors of banking and finance and we look forward to her contribution."

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