

HSBC REPUBLIC BANK (SUISSE) SA

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
(CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME)**

THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND THREE and the TWENTY FOURTH OF NOVEMBER.

We, **Maître Claude Terrier**, notary in Geneva, undersigned,

Have drawn up as follows the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting of **HSBC Republic Bank (Suisse) SA**, a limited company having its head office in Geneva, a meeting at which we personally were present.

I.

Secretary

The meeting was chaired by **Mr Arthur Leigh Robertson**, who asked the undersigned notary to act as secretary.

II

Attendance

The Chairman reported that the attendance register showed that the 682,780 registered shares of CHF 1,000. - each, bound by the Articles of Association, fully paid, currently constituting the share capital, were represented at the meeting by an authorised representative and consequently the meeting could validly transact business according to the provisions of article 701 of the Code of Obligations.

Furthermore, there was no objection from the meeting concerning the method of constitution of this extraordinary general meeting.

III

Change of company name

The Chairman then explained to the meeting the reasons why it was necessary to change the name of the company and proposed the adoption of the new name:

HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA

The meeting voted unanimously to accept this proposal and consequently to change article one of the Articles of Association as follows:



Article one

“Under the name **HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA**, there exists a limited company which is governed by these Articles of Association, by Heading XXVI of the Code of Obligations, by the Federal law on banks and savings banks of 8 November 1934 as well as by the Federal law on stock exchanges of 24 March 1995.”

These minutes have been drawn up from all the above.

IN WITNESS THEREOF

Drawn up and executed in Geneva, in the chambers of Maîtres Bernasconi and Terrier, notaries, 2 rue de Candolle.

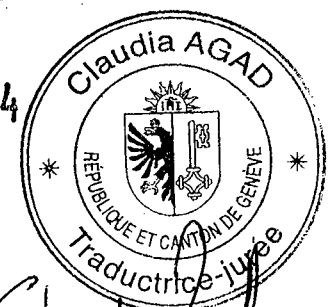
And, after reading, the Chairman signed these minutes with the notary.

The Chairman:

The Notary-Secretary:

Certified true and correct
translation.

Geneva, **12 JAN. 2004**



Claudia AGAD

Le Département de Justice, police et
sécurité certifie

que M. C. P. P. D.

est traducteur-juré

Genève le 13 JAN. 2004



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Patrick MULLER
Commissaire administratif

APOSTILLE

(Convention de la Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Pays: Suisse

Le présent acte public

2. a été signé par M. P. MULLER

3. agissant en qualité de Commiss. adminis.

4. est revêtu du sceau/timbre de D.J.P.S.

Attesté

5. à Genève

6. le 13 JAN. 2004

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C. CHARVET GONZALEZ
Commissaire administrative