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SALE OF INTEREST IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

HSBC Infrastructure Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, has agreed to sell loan notes and fully paid ordinary A shares representing 14.14 per cent of the issued share capital of AGP Holdings (1) Limited, the holding company for the Home Office PFI Project, to HSBC Infrastructure Company Limited, (HICL) for £14.4 million in cash.

HICL is a long term investor in infrastructure projects which are predominantly in their operating phase and yielding steady returns. HICL is not owned or controlled by the HSBC Group but HSBC Specialist Fund Management Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, is its investment adviser.

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