



HSBC Bank - EPT - EPT Disclosure

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FORM 38.5

DEALINGS BY CONNECTED EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADERS

(Rule 38.5 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers)

1. KEY INFORMATION

Name of exempt principal trader	HSBC Bank Plc
Company dealt in	Communis Plc
Class of relevant security to which the dealings being disclosed relate (Note 1)	Ordinary Shares
Date of dealing	13th January 2006

2. DEALINGS (Note 2)

(a) Purchases and sales

Total number of securities purchased	Highest price paid (Note 3)	Lowest price paid (Note 3)
2,600	70.25p	68p
Total number of securities sold	Highest price received (Note 3)	Lowest price received (Note 3)
5,100	70.75p	67.93p

(b) Derivatives transactions (other than options)

Product name, e.g. CFD	Long/short (Note 4)	Number of securities (Note 5)	Price per unit (Note 3)
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(c) Options transactions in respect of existing securities

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Product name, e.g. call option	Writing, selling, purchasing, varying etc.	Number of securities to which the option relates (Note 5)	Exercise price	Type, e.g. American, European etc.	Expiry date	Option money paid/received per unit (Note 3)
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(ii) Exercising

Product name, e.g. call option	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit (Note 3)
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3. OTHER INFORMATION

Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives

Full details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding between the person disclosing and any other person relating to the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option referred to on this form or relating to the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative referred to on this form is referenced. If none, this should be stated.

None.

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Notes

The Notes on Form 38.5 can be viewed on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk

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