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The Manager Company Announcements ASX Limited Level 6 Exchange Centre 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

QBE finalises acquisition in Argentina

QBE today advised that it completed overnight in Argentina the acquisition of HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A. and associated bancassurance agreement.

This follows receipt of regulatory approvals.

This acquisition was announced on 7 March 2012.

Yours faithfully

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