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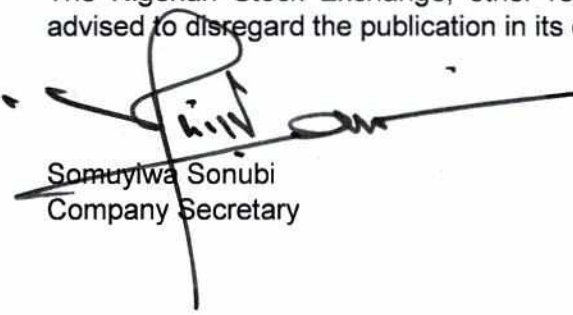


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**Official Response**  
**Re: Unsubstantiated Blog Post on Pageone.ng**

**Lagos, NIGERIA** - Our attention has been drawn to a blog post on the aforementioned site (and circulating on social media) positing that Access Bank is in talks to acquire Union Bank. As the post itself states, the unfounded report is based on '**mere rumours and speculation**'.

The Nigerian Stock Exchange, other regulatory agencies and members of the public are advised to disregard the publication in its entirety.



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