



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 20, 2022

Fred L. Drake  
Chief Executive Officer  
HBT Financial, Inc.  
401 North Hershey Road  
Bloomington, IL 61704

**Re: HBT Financial, Inc.**  
**Registration Statement on Form S-4**  
**Filed October 17, 2022**  
**File No. 333-267895**

Dear Fred L. Drake:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact David Gessert at 202-551-2326 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Office of Finance