

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
2022

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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,

Division of Corporation Finance
Office of Finance