March 22, 2023

J. Lance Carter President and Chief Operating Officer HBT Financial, Inc. 401 North Hershey Road Bloomington, Illinois 61704 Re: HBT Financial, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed March 10, 2023 File No. 333-270466 Dear J. Lance Carter: 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 Robert Arzonetti at (202) 551-8819 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Office of Finance

Division of Corporation Finance

cc:

Abdul R. Mitha