

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

Section 198 – Companies Act 1985

The Company was notified on 21 November that Barclays PLC, had a notifiable interest as at 15 November 2006 in 484,637,615 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each in HSBC Holdings plc, representing approximately 4.19% of the ordinary shares in issue.

A copy of the letter of notification, including a list of the registered holders of the shares where known, is quoted below.

N S Black
Assistant Secretary
HSBC Holdings plc

Letter to HSBC Holdings plc from Geoff Smith, Manager, Barclays Compliance,
Barclays PLC

"Dear Sir

Companies Act 1985 ("The Act") – Part VI

I hereby inform you that as at 15 November 2006 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed on the attached schedule, has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company of 4.19%.

Details of this interest, together with a breakdown between registered holders (as required by Section 202(3) of the Act), are enclosed.

The issued capital of 11,567,218,700 is the latest figure available to us. If this is incorrect please let me know.

If you have any questions arising from this letter, please contact me on 020 7116 2913.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Smith

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Registered Holder	Account Designation
BANK OF IRELAND	426353
BANK OF IRELAND	426360
BANK OF NEW YORK	
Barclays Bank PLC (Singapore)	
BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED	
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BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED	
Barclays Capital Securities Ltd.	
Barclays Capital Securities Ltd.	
Barclays Global Investors Canada	
Barclays Trust Co & Others	
BARCLAYS TRUST CO AS EXEC/ADM C 000000000000000000	
Barclays Trust Co DMC69 C	
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Barclays Trust Co E99 C 000000000000000000	
Barclays Trust Co R69 C 000000000000000000	
BNP PARIBAS	
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	16376
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	20947
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	28270
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CIBC MELLON GLOBAL SECURITIES	
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	3025101
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	32349601
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	32449201
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	52051801
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59419801
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59441401
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59553401
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59571201
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59710301
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59732401
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59737501
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59738301
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	59744801
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	60741901
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	63919101
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	63921301
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	64544201
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	65136101
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	66860401
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Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	68640801
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69108801
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69238601
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69296301
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69340401
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69390001
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69447801
Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125	69451601

Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69720501
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69721301
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69732901
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69738801
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69751501
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69771001
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Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69829501
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	69830901
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	70314001
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	70335301
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	70339601
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	70387601
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	70388401
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Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	80750701
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	80766301
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	83011801
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Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310231701
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310246501
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310254601
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310255401
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310266001
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310311901
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310589801
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Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	310594401
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	700009301
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	700066201
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	700083201
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0125	700106501
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	59579802
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	67355102
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	70160102
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	70383302
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	87093402
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	120147102
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0225	310594402
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0325	70309403
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0325	87093403
Clydesdale Nominees	HGB0625	100376906
Gerrard Nominees Limited		602133
Gerrard Nominees Limited		602394

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Reflex Nominees Limited	
Reflex Nominees Limited	
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The Northern Trust Company - U	
Trust & Custody Services Bank	
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ZEBAN NOMINEES LIMITED	

Total

Legal Entity	Holding
Barclays Private Bank Ltd	2,059,684
Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd	19,542,064
Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd	4,002,167
Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd	274,969
Barclays Global Investors Ltd	116,152,743
Barclays Global Investors Canada Ltd	862,746
Barclays Private Bank and Trust Ltd	10,600
Barclays Capital Securities Ltd	107,895,380
Barclays Global Investors, N.A.	118,961,662
Barclays Private Bank and Trust Ltd	524,742
Barclays Private Bank and Trust Ltd	38,452
Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd	4,408,619
Gerrard Ltd	16,730,521
Barclays Global Fund Advisors	40,661,980
Barclays Private Bank and Trust Ltd	14,390
Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust & Banking	13,236,351
Barclays Capital Inc	39,260,545
Group Holding	484,637,615

