

HSBC Holdings plc

Pursuant to the issuance of 3,035,950 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each in connection with an Employee Share Plan for HSBC (France) Plan d'Epargne, an application has been made to The UK Listing Authority for these shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for these shares to be admitted to trading. The shares will rank pari passu with the existing issued shares of the Company.

Copies of this announcement are available from the registered office of HSBC Holdings plc for the period of 2 business days from the date hereof.

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