

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**  
**THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2006**  
**SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE**

On 6 November 2006, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared a third interim dividend for 2006 of US\$0.15 per ordinary share payable on 18 January 2007 to shareholders on the Register on 24 November 2006. The dividend is payable in cash in United States dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies, with a scrip dividend alternative. The "Market Value" for the issue of new shares under the scrip dividend alternative is:

**US\$18.7596 for each new share**

The "Market Value" is the United States dollar equivalent of £9.65 being the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange as derived from the Daily Official List for the five business days beginning on 22 November 2006 (the day on which the shares were first quoted ex-dividend).

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars on 18 January 2007 will be converted from United States dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00 am on 8 January 2007. These exchange rates will be announced to the London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda stock exchanges.

Particulars of the dividend arrangements will be mailed to shareholders on or about 5 December 2006, and elections must be received by the Registrars by 3 January 2007.

R G Barber

Group Company Secretary

HSBC Holdings plc

29 November 2006