### FINAL TERMS FOR THE WARRANTS

Warrants issued pursuant to these Final Terms are securities to be listed under Listing Rule 19.

Final Terms dated 13 May 2014 Series No.: AWP1195

Tranche No.:

## **HSBC** Bank plc

Warrant and Certificate Programme (the "Programme")

Issue of 6,000,000Warrants linked to the ordinary shares of NTPC Ltd.

### PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS

This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of the Tranche of Warrants described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Warrants (the "Conditions") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 31 May 2013 in relation to the above Programme together with each supplemental prospectus relating to the Programme published by the Issuer after 31 May 2013 but before the issue date or listing date of the Warrants to which the Final Terms relate, whichever is later, which together constitute a base prospectus ("Prospectus") for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Warrants described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Prospectus. However, a summary of the issue of the Warrants is annexed to these Final Terms.

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Warrants is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus. The Prospectus is available for viewing at HSBC Bank plc, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom and <a href="https://www.hsbc.com">www.hsbc.com</a> (please follow links to 'Investor relations', 'Fixed income securities', 'Issuance programmes') and copies may be obtained from HSBC Bank plc, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom.

1. Issuer: HSBC Bank plc

2. (i) Series number: AWP1195

(ii) Tranche number: 1

(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Warrants become fungible.)

(iii) Whether issue is of Warrants or Warrants
Certificates:

3. Reference Currency or Currencies:

(i) Reference Currency: The definition in the Conditions applies

(ii) Reference Jurisdiction: The definition in the Conditions applies

(iii) offshore RMB Centre: Not applicable

4. Aggregate Number of Warrants in the:

(i) Series: 6,000,000 Warrants

(ii) 6,000,000 Warrants Tranche: 5. Issue Date: 13 May 2014 6. Issue Price: USD1.9006 per Warrant 7. Date of Board approval for the issuance of Not Applicable Warrants obtained: Type of Warrants: Security Warrant 8. 9. Series represented by: Combined Global Registered Warrant Warrants in definitive form will not be issued. 10. Form of Warrants: Registered Warrants Style of Warrants: The Warrants are American Style Call Warrants. 11. Condition 3(a) ("American Style" Exercise) is applicable. 6 May 2024 (or if not an Scheduled Trading Day, 12. (i) Expiry Date: the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day) (ii) Automatic Exercise: Applicable Exercise Period: The period beginning from (and including) 13 (iii) May 2014 and ending on (and including) the Expiry Date. (iv) Potential Exercise Date(s): Not Applicable 13. (i) Minimum Exercise Number: 1 Warrant Permitted Multiple: 1 Warrant (ii) 14. Cash Settlement: (i) Settlement Currency: **USD** Cash Settlement Payment Date: The fifth Business Day following the last date on (ii) which an unwind of any applicable Underlying Hedge Transaction (as defined in the applicable part of Condition 5) relating to the Warrants has been achieved or which the Calculation Agent determines would have been achievable by the Issuer and/or its designated Affiliates Payment of U.S. Dollar Equivalent: Not Applicable (iii) 15. Index-Linked Warrants: Not Applicable. (i) Index/Indices: Not Applicable (ii) Basket: Not Applicable (iii) Index Sponsor(s): Not Applicable (iv) Exchange(s): Not Applicable (v) Exchange-traded Contract[s]: Not Applicable

(vi) Valuation Time: Not Applicable (vii) Averaging Dates: Not Applicable (viii) Final Index Level: Not Applicable (viii) Additional Disruption Event: Not Applicable (ix) Averaging Date Market Disruption: Not Applicable **Equity-Linked Warrants:** Applicable. The Warrants are Security Warrants. 16. Ordinary shares of NTPC Ltd. (the "Underlying (i) Securities: Company and "Security" means any one of them. (ISIN: INE733E01010) (ii) Basket: Not Applicable (iii) Exchange(s): National Stock Exchange (iv) Valuation Time: The definition in the Conditions applies The following Additional Disruption Events (v) Additional Disruption Event: apply: Change in Law Hedging Disruption Increased Cost of Hedging Insolvency Filing Currency Event 17. Additional Payments: Condition 18(a) (Additional Payments) applies (i) Additional Payment Date: Such date no earlier than the third Business Day following each Distribution Receipt Date (ii) Additional Payment Period: The period from (but excluding) the Trade Date to (and including) the first Valuation Date in respect of an Exercise Date or the Expiry Date (as the case may be) 18. Trade Date: 6 May 2014

19.

Secondary market provisions:

Not applicable

## **CONFIRMED**

## HSBC BANK PLC



Ву:	
	Authorised Signatory

Date:

### **PART B - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### LISTING

(i) Listing Application has been made to admit the Warrants

to listing on the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority pursuant to Listing Rule 19. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or

when, such application will be granted.

(ii) Admission to trading Application has been made for the Warrants to be

> admitted to trading on the regulated market of the London Stock Exchange plc with effect from the Issue Date. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be

granted.

## INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE [ISSUE/OFFER]

Save as disclosed in the section "Potential conflicts of interest" on page 20 of the Base Prospectus and in the fourth paragraph of the section "Purchase and Sale of Warrants" on page 122 of the Base Prospectus, so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Warrants has an interest material to the offer.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNDERLYING

Details of past and further performance and volatility of the Security are obtainable from the following display pages on Bloomberg and such information does not form part of this document: (Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets Information Service) NTPC IS. The Issuer confirms that the information sourced from Bloomberg Financial Markets Information Servicehas been accurately reproduced. As far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information available from such source, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

### **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

ISIN Code: GB00BMH4K977

Common Code: 106659311

CUSIP: Not Applicable 6.

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SEDOL: Not Applicable

Delivery: Delivery against payment 9.

10. Clearing System: Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

11. Calculation Agent/ HSBC Bank plc

Principal Warrant Agent/ Authentication Agent:

12. Transfer Agent/Registrar: HSBC Bank USA, N.A.

13. Additional Agent(s) (if any) Not Applicable

specified and its/their

office(s):

14. Common Depositary: HSBC Bank plc 15. Specified office of Registrar New York to be maintained:

#### ANNEX I

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE UNDERLYING

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITY

The information set out in this Annex relating to NTPC Ltd. (the "Underlying Company") (Bloomberg: NTPC IS; ISIN Code: INE733E01010) provides a brief discussion of the business of the Underlying Company and the split-adjusted high, low and end-of-period closing prices for each Security for each calendar quarter in the period from 31 March 2009 to 31 March 2014, 29 April 2014 to 6 May 2014. The Issuer confirms that the information set out in this Annex relating to NTPC Ltd (the "Security") has been accurately reproduced from Bloomberg Financial Markets Information Service. As far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information available from such source, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

# 1. Description of the Underlying Company (Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets Information Service)

The Underlying Company is incorporated in India.

The Underlying Company owns and operates power generation plants that supply power to state electricity boards throughout India. The Underlying Company is a public sector undertaking of the Government of India and it also undertakes turkey consulting projects to set up power plants..

## 2. Listing

The Security is listed on the National Stock Exchange of India and the Bombay Stock Exchange.

## 3. Historical prices

Date	PX_HIGH	PX_LOW	PX_LAST
	(INR)	(INR)	(INR)
3/31/2009	191.25	166.7	179.85
6/30/2009	229.35	178.5	195.05
9/30/2009	217.95	191.85	213.75
12/31/2009	235.65	205.45	235.65
3/31/2010	235.65	200.1	207.25
6/30/2010	211.7	192.7	199.6
9/30/2010	219.5	193.25	216.95
12/31/2010	217.95	176.95	200.65
3/31/2011	202	169.85	193.1
6/30/2011	191.8	166.85	186.9
9/30/2011	190.85	162.05	167.65

12/31/2011	179.35	154.9	#N/A N/A
3/31/2012	187.9	156.8	#N/A N/A
6/30/2012	168.15	141.05	#N/A N/A
9/30/2012	174.35	150.05	#N/A N/A
12/31/2012	171.55	150.6	156.45
3/31/2013	164.5	137.95	#N/A N/A
6/30/2013	160.25	138.05	#N/A N/A
9/30/2013	149.7	124.45	147.45
12/31/2013	156.05	134.95	137
3/31/2014	138.2	111.2	119.9
4/29/2014	118.85	117.5	117.65
4/30/2014	118.95	115.35	116.35
5/2/2014	117	114.1	114.45
5/5/2014	115.15	113.5	113.85
5/6/2014	115.85	113.8	114.3

The historical prices of a Security should not be taken as an indication of future performance, and no assurance can be given that the price of a Security will perform sufficiently from year to year to cause the holders of the Warrants to receive any return on their investment.

## ANNEX II

## **SUMMARY**

		Section A – Introduction and Warnings
A.1	Introduction:	This summary must be read as an introduction to this prospectus and any decision to invest in the Warrants should be based on a consideration of this prospectus as a whole, including any information incorporated by reference.
		Where a claim relating to the information contained in this prospectus is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area, the claimant may, under the national legislation of the Member States, be required to bear the costs of translating the prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.
		Civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the summary including any translation thereof, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this prospectus or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of this prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the Warrants.
A.2	Consent:	Not Applicable. This prospectus has been prepared solely in connection with the admission of Warrants to trading on a regulated market pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Prospectus Directive and there will be no public offer of the Warrants.

		Section B – Issuer
B.1	Legal and commercial name of the Issuer:	The legal name of the issuer is HSBC Bank plc (the "Issuer" or the "Bank") and, for the purposes of advertising, the Issuer uses an abbreviated version of its name, HSBC.
B.2	Domicile and legal form of the Issuer:	The Issuer is a public limited company registered in England and Wales under registration number 14259. The liability of its members is limited. The Issuer was constituted by Deed of Settlement on 15 August 1836 and in 1873, registered under the Companies Act 1862 as an unlimited company and re-registered under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980 as a public limited company.  The Issuer is subject to primary and secondary legislation relating to financial services and banking regulation in the United Kingdom, including, <i>inter alia</i> , the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended, for the purposes of which the Issuer is an authorised person carrying on the business of financial services provision. In addition, as a public limited company, the Issuer is subject to the UK Companies Act 2006.
B.4b	Trends:	The Issuer expects global GDP growth to accelerate modestly in 2014. This improvement reflects a shift from contraction to expansion in the eurozone, a rise in growth in the US and the UK as well as rising emerging markets growth.  The Issuer expects UK GDP to rise by 2.6 per cent in 2014 driven by ongoing thawing in credit conditions, rising investment and

		household consumption support recovering housing market.	rted by loose	monetary pol	icy a
		Recent developments in the e although its strength will likel global trade as there remain demand. The provision of credi in turn hinder investment an expects the eurozone GDP to gr	y be only gra significant h it is likely to r nd consumption	dual and deponent of the deadwinds to the demain weak won growth. To	enden dome which he Is
B.5	The Group:	The whole of the issued ordina Issuer is beneficially owned Holdings", together with its su Issuer is the HSBC Grou undertaking in Europe.	by HSBC I bsidiaries, the	Holdings plc "HSBC Gro	("HS up").
		The HSBC Group is one of the organisations in the world. countries and territories in six Kong; Rest of Asia-Pacific; Manerica; and Latin America. I were U.S.\$2,671 billion.	Its internation geographical Middle East an	nal network of regions: Euro nd North Afri	covers pe; H ca; N
B.9	Profit Forecast:	Not Applicable. There are no prospectus.	rofit forecasts of	or estimates m	ade in
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		There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2013.  There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer since 31 December 2013.
B.13	Recent Events:	Not Applicable. There have been no recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of its solvency.
B.14	Dependence upon other entities within the Group:	The Issuer is a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings.  The Issuer and its subsidiaries form a UK-based group (the "Group").  The Issuer conducts part of its business through its subsidiaries and is accordingly dependent upon those members of the Group.
B.15	The Issuer's Principal Activities:	The Group provides a comprehensive range of banking and related financial services. The Group divides its activities into four business segments: UK Retail Banking; Continental Europe Retail Banking; Global Banking and Markets; and Global Private Banking.
B.16	<b>Controlling Persons:</b>	The whole of the issued ordinary and preference share capital of the Issuer is owned directly by HSBC Holdings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes gain on sale of £1,265 million of HSBC Private Banking Holdings (Suisse) SA to HSBC Holdings plc in 2012.

<sup>2</sup> The return on average total shareholders' equity is defined as profit attributable to shareholders of the parent company divided by the average total shareholders' equity.

<sup>3</sup> The cost efficiency ratio is defined as total operating expenses divided by net operating income before loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions.

		Section C – Securities
C.1	Description of Type and Class of Securities:	<b>Issuance in series:</b> Warrants will be issued in series which may comprise one or more tranches issued on different issue dates. The Warrants of each tranche of the same series will all be subject to identical terms, except for the issue dates and/or issue prices of the respective tranches.
		The Warrants being issued are Series AWP1195, Tranche 1 Warrants linked to NTPC Ltd The number of Warrants being issued is 6,000,000.
		All references to "Warrants" in this summary include Certificates where applicable.
		Form of Warrants:
		Warrants in registered form:
		The Warrants will be issued in registered form and represented by a combined global registered warrant which will be deposited with a common depositary for, and registered in the name of a common nominee for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg")
		Security Identification Number(s):
		The Warrants have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear, and Clearstream, Luxembourg.
		The Warrants will be allocated the following Security Identification Numbers:
		ISIN Code: GB00BMH4K977
		Common Code: 106659311
C.2	Currency of the Securities Issue:	The Settlement Currency is USD
C.5	Free Transferability:	The Warrants are freely transferable. However, there are restrictions on the offer and sale of the Warrants and the Issuer and the Managers have agreed restrictions on the offer, sale and delivery of Warrants and on distribution of offering materials in the United States, the European Economic Area, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the People's Republic of China, Philippines, Russia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates (excluding the Dubai International Financial Centre) and Vietnam. In addition, investors of the Warrants, by their purchase of the Warrants, will be deemed to have given certain representations, warranties, undertakings, acknowledgements and agreements.
C.8	The Rights Attaching to the Securities, including Ranking and Limitations to those Rights:	Cash call options: Warrants give the holder rights, including the right to receive a cash amount from the Issuer calculated by reference to the value of NTPC Ltd., being the Reference Asset. Warrants create call options exercisable by the Warrantholder; there is no obligation upon such Warrantholder to exercise its Warrant nor any obligation upon the Issuer to pay any amount in respect of unexercised Warrants.
		<b>Payment under the Warrants:</b> There are two types of payment a Warrantholder will receive under the Warrants: the "Cash Settlement Amount" on exercise of the Warrant and any "Additional Amounts" during the term of the Warrants.
		(1) Cash Settlement Amount:
		The Warrants are "Equity-Linked Warrants" and therefore the Cash Settlement

Amount payable is linked to one security, namely NTPC Ltd.(the "Reference Assets"). The Cash Settlement Amount of each Equity-Linked Warrant is calculated by identifying the "Realisable Sale Price" of the Reference Assets linked to one Warrant, dividing such price by an exchange rate (embedding conversion costs) to convert such price from the currency in which the underlying is quoted on an exchange, namely INR (the "Reference Currency") into the currency in which the Warrants are denominated, namely USD (the "Settlement Currency") and subtracting a percentage fee retained by the Managers or their affiliates

The "Realisable Sale Price" will be determined on a particular date or dates by reference to payments which the Issuer or its designated Affiliate receives in unwinding the arrangements it has entered into to hedge the price risk and currency risk of the Reference Assets at the time of such determination (for instance, selling equity securities, redeeming related financial instruments or closing out of hedge transactions) or if no such hedging has been entered into, a notional amount of what the Issuer would have received if it had done so, as determined by the Calculation Agent, less any other costs (including, for instance, brokers' fees, transaction processing fees and actual or potential taxes, including those costs that would be incurred by the Issuer and/or its designated Affiliates of investing in the Reference Assets whether directly or synthetically).

### (2) Additional Amounts:

This series of Warrants will entitle the Warrantholder to Additional Amounts equal to distributions which would be payable to a notional holder of a fixed amount of the Reference Asset (such as dividends or interest payments) which is an institution subject to the same laws as the Issuer and/or its designated Affiliates. Such amounts will be payable in cash converted from the Reference Currency into the Settlement Currency at an exchange rate that would have been used in connection with such conversion.

The Warrants do not bear interest.

**No guarantee or security:** The Warrants are the obligations of the Issuer only and are unsecured.

**Status of the Warrants:** Warrants issued under the Programme will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* and without preference among themselves and, at their date of issue, with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer (unless preferred by law).

**No events of default:** There are no events of default applicable to the Warrants.

**Tax:** Warrantholders will be liable for and/or subject to any taxes, including withholding tax, payable in respect of the Warrants.

Modification and substitution: Modifications to the terms and conditions of the Warrants (the "Conditions") may be made without the consent of any Warrantholders to cure any ambiguity or manifest error or correct or supplement any Conditions provided that it is not materially prejudicial to the interest of Warrantholders, or is of a formal, minor or technical nature or comply with mandatory provisions of the law of the Issuer's jurisdiction of incorporation, or corrects inconsistency between the final terms and the relevant termsheet relating to the Warrants. The Warrants permit the substitution of the Issuer with its Affiliate without the consent of any Warrantholder where the Issuer provides a guarantee of the Affiliate's obligations.

**Termination for Illegality:** If the Calculation Agent determines that the performance of the Issuer's obligations under any Warrants has become unlawful

		or impractical in whole or in part for any reason, the Issuer may terminate such Warrants early in accordance with the Conditions.
		Governing Law: English law.
C.11	Listing and Trading:	Application has been made to admit Warrants issued under the Programme to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the regulated market of the London Stock Exchange plc.
		Application will be made for the Warrants to be admitted to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange effective on or about the Issue Date.
C.15	Effect of value of	The Warrants can be acquired for less than EUR 100,000 per Warrant.
	underlying instruments:	The Warrants are designed to track the price of NTPC Ltd.(the "Reference Asset"). The Cash Settlement Amount payable on exercise of any Warrant is linked to a fixed amount of the Reference Asset by way of a hedge in respect of such fixed amount of the Reference Asset (whether directly or synthetically). In general, as the value of the Reference Asset increases or decreases, so will the Cash Settlement Amount payable in respect of such Warrants.
		The quoted price of the Reference Asset may diverge from the Cash Settlement Amount payable under the Warrant owing to any disparity between the hedge and the Reference Asset, and subject to the deduction of costs, such as, amongst other things, brokers fees, transaction processing fees and actual or potential taxes, and including those costs that would be incurred by the Issuer and/or its designated Affiliates of investing in the Reference Assets whether directly or synthetically, and a fee to be retained by the Issuer, the Managers and/or their Affiliates.
C.16	Expiration or maturity date:	The Expiry Date in respect of the Warrants is 6 May 2024 (the "Expiry Date"). The Warrants are "American Style Warrants" and are therefore exercisable on any Business Day during period beginning on (and including) 13 May 2014 and ending on (and including) the Expiry Date.
C.17	Settlement procedure:	The Warrants will be cash-settled.
		Any Cash Settlement Amount or Additional Amount due to the Warrantholder will be paid through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg
C.18	Return on securities:	The date on which the Cash Settlement Amount is scheduled for payment is the fifth business day following the last date on which an unwind of any applicable underlying hedge transaction relating to the Warrants has been achieved or which the Calculation Agent determines would have been achievable by the Issuer and/or its designated Affiliates.
		Unless exercised before the Expiry Date, the Warrants will be automatically exercised on such date, at which time the Warrantholder will be entitled to receive the Cash Settlement Amount (if any).
		The Additional Amount will be valued as at the date the Distribution is notified as the record date for payment to the holders of the underlying securities. Provided that the distribution falls within the period from (but excluding) the Trade Date to (and including) the first Valuation Date in respect of an Exercise Date or the Expiry Date (as the case may be) (the "Additional Payment Period") and the Issuer has determined a Notional Holder would have received payment in full of a corresponding amount had the Notional Holder held the Securities, the Additional Amounts will be due from the Issuer on the next payment date for payment of Additional Amounts.
C.19	Exercise price or final reference price of the	On exercise of the Warrant, the Cash Settlement Amount will be calculated by ascertaining a cash amount which the Issuer has received under the hedging

	underlying:	arrangements it has entered into or the Issuer would notionally receive had it hedged such a fixed amount of the Reference Asset. The Calculation Agent then deducts certain cost items (such as, amongst other things, brokers fees, transaction processing fees and actual or potential taxes) and a fee to be retained by the Issuer, the Managers and/or their Affiliates.
C.20	Type of the underlying:	The Warrants are:  "Equity-Linked Warrants", being Warrants in relation to which the Cash Settlement Amount is linked to one security, namely, NTPC Ltd.(the "Securities"). The Securities are the Reference Asset to which the Warrants are linked.
		References to "Reference Asset", either in the singular or plural form, shall refer to any Reference Asset (as the case may be) applicable to a Series of Warrants.  Information on the Reference Assets can be found on Bloomberg: NTPC IS.

### Section D - Risks

# D.2 Risks Specific to the Issuer:

The Bank has exposure to counterparties in the eurozone which may be affected by a sovereign or currency crisis: In spite of austerity measures and structural reforms, peripheral eurozone countries continued to exhibit a high ratio of sovereign debt to GDP or short to medium-term maturity concentration of their liabilities. Although the Group's exposure to the peripheral eurozone countries is limited and reduced further in 2013, the Group is still exposed to counterparties in core European countries which could be affected by any sovereign or currency crisis.

The Bank has significant exposure to counterparty risk both within the financial sector and to other risk concentrations: Financial institutions are necessarily interdependent because of trading, clearing, counterparty or other relationships, which could affect its funding and its ability to manage the risks of its business.

Liquidity, or ready access to funds, is essential to the Bank's business: If the Bank is unable to raise funds, its liquidity position could be adversely affected and the Bank might be unable to meet deposit withdrawals or obligations under committed financing facilities, to fund new investments or to repay borrowings as they mature.

The Bank's operations are highly dependent on its information technology systems: The reliability and security of the Bank's information and technology infrastructure and the Bank's customer databases are crucial to maintaining the service availability of banking applications and processes and to protecting the HSBC brand. Critical systems failure, prolonged loss of service, internet crime or fraud or a material breach of security could lead to financial loss and cause damage to the Bank's business and brand.

The Bank faces a number of regulatory and supervisory risks and challenges: Financial service providers face increasingly stringent and costly regulatory and supervisory requirements, particularly in the areas of capital and liquidity management, operational structures, conduct of business and the integrity of financial services delivery.

In particular the following regulatory initiatives may affect the manner in which the Group conducts its activities and structures itself, with the potential to both increase the costs of doing business and curtail the types of business carried out, with the risk of decreased profitability: (i) the introduction of the Capital Requirements Directive IV ("CRD IV") which implements in the EU the Basel III measures, the publication by the Prudential Regulatory Authority ("PRA") of its final rules on implementing CRD IV and the forthcoming ECB Asset Quality Review, each of

which relates to the quality and quantity of capital that eurozone banks must hold, (ii) finalisation of the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 which gives effect to the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Banking in relation to the future ring-fencing of the UK retail banking business from wholesale banking activities, (iii) changes in the regime for the operation of capital markets including the introduction of central clearing, reporting and margin requirements through the European Market Infrastructure Regulation and the revised Markets in Financial Instruments Directive/Regulation and (iv) requirements flowing from arrangements for the recovery and resolution of the Bank and its main operating entities.

In addition, the regulatory structure within the UK comprising the Financial Policy Committee ("FPC"), the PRA and the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and the granting to the European Central Bank of supervisory powers, may affect the Bank and the Group and their activities. In particular, the FPC has the ability to seek additional capital for lending to sectors perceived as higher risk and to increase the amount of capital that banks are required to hold when threats to financial stability are judged to be emerging and the FCA has continued to increase its focus on 'conduct risk' including attention to sales processes and incentives, product and investment suitability and conduct of business concerns more generally. In conjunction with this focus, the UK regulators are making increasing use of existing and new powers of intervention and enforcement. This may lead to significant costs and liabilities for the Bank.

Regulatory proceedings: The Group remains subject to a number of regulatory proceedings involving investigations and reviews by various regulatory, competition and enforcement authorities. These regulatory proceedings include investigations into the possible mis-selling in the UK of certain products, including Payment Protection Insurance and interest rate hedging products and in relation to past submissions made by panel banks and the process for making submissions in connection with the setting of Libor, Euribor and other benchmark interest and foreign exchange rates and in relation to alleged anti-competitive behaviour in the credit derivative market. It is difficult to predict the outcome of regulatory proceedings involving the Group's businesses. Unfavorable outcomes may have a material adverse effect on the Group's reputation, brand and results.

In 2013, HSBC Holdings entered into agreements with US and UK government agencies to comply with certain forward-looking obligations with respect to antimoney laundering and sanctions requirements over a five-year term. Failure to comply with the terms of such agreements may have an adverse effect on the Group.

# D.6 Risks specific to the securities:

Credit risk: The Warrants are direct, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and not of any other person. If the Issuer's financial position were to deteriorate, there could be a risk that the Issuer would not be able to meet its obligations under the Warrants (the Issuer's credit risk). If the Issuer were insolvent or defaulted on its obligations under the Warrants, in the worst case scenario, investors in the Warrants could lose all of their invested amounts.

The Warrants are unsecured obligations: The Warrants are not secured and so investors would not have recourse to the Reference Assets or securities underlying the Reference Index (as applicable) or any other security or collateral. If the Issuer becomes unable to pay amounts owed to investors under the Warrants, such investor does not have any recourse to any assets and may not receive any payments under the Warrants.

The Warrants are not ordinary debt securities: The Warrants do not pay interest and, upon expiry or upon exercise, may return less than the amount invested or nothing. Warrants are designed to track the price of the Reference Assets or level of the Reference Index (as applicable). If the performance of such underlying does not move in the anticipated direction or if the issuer thereof becomes insolvent, the

Warrants will be adversely affected and, in a worst case scenario, may become worthless.

Payments under the Warrants may be delayed: Payments to Warrantholders which are calculated by reference to hedging arrangements will only be due if the proceeds would have been received by an investor outside the jurisdiction where the Reference Assets or securities underlying a Reference Index are listed or quoted. There is a risk that limitations on the importation and withdrawal of funds in such jurisdiction could lead to potential delays in payments under the Warrant or, in the worst case, the Warrants becoming worthless.

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**No ownership rights:** The Warrants do not confer any legal or beneficial interest or any voting or dividend rights in the Reference Asset or the securities underlying the Reference Index.

There may be no active trading market or secondary market for liquidity for Warrants: Any series of Warrants may not be widely distributed and there may not be an active trading market, nor is there assurance as to the development of an active trading market. If there is no liquid market, investors may not be able to realise their investment in the Warrants until the expiry of such Warrants or may not realise a return that equals or exceeds the purchase price of their Warrants.

Certain factors affecting the value and trading price of Warrants: The Cash Settlement Amount payable under the Warrants may be affected by fluctuation in value of the Reference Asset or Reference Index (as applicable), changes in interest rates, volatility of the Reference Asset or Reference Index, time remaining to expiry, dividend rates on the Reference Asset or the securities underlying a Reference Index or, where applicable, the number and type of underlying Reference Assets or Reference Indices included in a basket to which the relevant Warrants relate.

Conflicts of interest may arise between the interests of the Issuer or its affiliates and those of the Warrantholders: The Issuer or its affiliates may enter into hedging or other transactions (i) relating to Reference Assets or securities underlying a Reference Index (as applicable) or (ii) with issuers of Reference Assets or securities underlying a Reference Index (as applicable). The Issuer or its affiliates may also publish research or other reports relating to Reference Assets or securities underlying a Reference Index (as applicable). Any such activities may have a negative effect on the value of Warrants relating to such Reference Assets or Reference Indices. In addition, the Issuer may assume roles as hedging party, service providers in respect of Reference Assets which are funds, calculation agent under the Warrants or publisher of research reports. In respect of any of these roles the Issuer may have interests that conflict with the interests of Warrantholders.

Commission and cost of hedging: The issue price of the Warrants may include commissions charged by Issuer or its affiliates and expected costs of hedging the Issuer's obligations under the Warrants. Accordingly, there is a risk that, upon issue, the market price of Warrants may be lower than original issue price of the Warrants. Also, fees, commission and hedging costs may be deducted from the Cash Settlement Amount.

**Exchange rate risks and exchange control risks:** The Issuer will pay amounts in respect of the Warrants in the Settlement Currency. Where the Reference Currency

is not the same as the Settlement Currency, amounts payable under the Warrants may be affected by multiple currency conversion costs which may be passed on to investors. Where the Settlement Currency is not the same as the investor's home currency, the realisable value of the investment in the investor's home currency may be at risk from fluctuations in the exchange rate. Government and monetary authorities may impose or modify exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or transfer of funds in and out of the country. As a result of such restrictions and controls the Issuer may suspend its obligations to make any payment under any Warrants if and for as long as such exchange controls have occurred and are continuing. Warrantholders shall not be entitled to any interest or other compensation in respect of any such suspension.

Market Disruption Events and Additional Disruption Events: In the case of early closure of the relevant exchange, disruption of such exchange or suspension of trading on such exchange ("Market Disruption Events") or a hedging disruption, a change in applicable laws, an increased cost of hedging, where applicable, an insolvency filing of the issuer of the Reference Asset or a foreign exchange disruption event ("Additional Disruption Events"), postponement or adjustment of valuations in case of a Market Disruption Event or adjustment of terms or termination of the Warrants in case of a Additional Disruption Event in respect of such Warrants may have an adverse effect on the value of such Warrants and/or the Cash Settlement Amount.

Illegality may cause the Issuer's obligations under the Warrants to be terminated early: If the Calculation Agent determines the performance of the Issuer's obligations under any Warrants shall have become unlawful or impracticable, the Issuer may terminate its obligations under the Warrants and pay a sum representing the fair value of the Warrants. As a result Warrantholders will forego any future appreciation in the relevant Reference Asset or securities underlying the relevant Reference Index (as applicable), may suffer a loss of some or all of their investments and lose the ability to exercise the Warrants on the relevant exercise date(s) (if applicable).

**Considerations regarding hedging:** The value of the Warrants may not exactly correlate with the value of the Reference Asset to which the Warrant relates.

Tax risks: The amount of a payment to the investor under the Warrants may be decreased to take into account the effect of taxes on an investment in the Reference Assets or securities underlying a Reference Index. There is a risk that tax law or practice will change in the future resulting in the imposition of or increase in tax on an investment in, or disposition of, Reference Assets or securities underlying a Reference Index. This will result in a decrease of the amounts payable under the Warrants. Also, investors in the Warrants will be obliged to pay all taxes payable in connection with the subscription, purchase or exercise of such Warrant and the delivery of the Cash Settlement Amount and/or any Additional Amount.

Specific risks relating to Equity-Linked Warrants: If a Potential Adjustment Event occurs and dilutes the theoretical value of the Reference Asset or an Extraordinary Event occurs, the Calculation Agent may make corresponding adjustments to the conditions of the Warrants which may adversely affect the Cash Settlement Amount payable or (in the case of Extraordinary Events) may terminate the Warrants; as a result the Warrantholder may lose some or all of its investment.

Emerging market risks: Investors in Warrants relating to Reference Assets which are issued in or located in or listed on an exchange in an emerging market should be aware that investment in emerging markets are subject to greater risks than well-developed western markets. Institutions relied upon for the efficient functioning of capital markets, such as stock exchanges, economic, legal and regulatory institutions, systems for the clearing, settlement and registration of securities, may be less developed. Disclosure standards may be less onerous on issuers and accountancy practices may differ from those which are internationally accepted.

Political conditions in certain geographic locations where the issuers of Reference Assets may operate may be volatile or unstable, and there could be increased price volatility.

Investors may lose the value of their entire investment or part of it, as the case may be.

#### Section E - Offer

## E.2b Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds:

Not Applicable. This prospectus has been prepared solely in connection with the admission of Warrants to trading on a regulated market pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Prospectus Directive. There will be no public offer of the Warrants and thus reasons for the offer and use of proceeds are not required.

# E.3 Terms and Conditions of the Offer:

Not Applicable. This prospectus has been prepared solely in connection with the admission of Warrants to trading on a regulated market pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Prospectus Directive. There will be no public offer of the Warrants and thus a description of the terms and conditions of the offer is not required.

# E.4 Interests Material to the Issue:

The Issuer or its Affiliates may engage in transactions involving Reference Assets or Reference Index which may have a positive or negative effect on the value of such Reference Assets or Reference Index and therefore on the value of any Warrants to which they relate. Certain Affiliates of the Issuer may also be the counterparty to the hedge of the Issuer's obligations under an issue of Warrants and HSBC Bank plc is the Calculation Agent responsible for making determinations and calculations in connection with the Warrants and may be a service provider in respect of Reference Assets which are funds. The Issuer or its Affiliates may from time to time advise the issuer or obligors of, or publish research reports relating to, Reference Assets. The views or advice may have a positive or negative effect on the value of the Reference Assets and may be inconsistent with purchasing or holding the Warrants relating to the Reference Assets.

Fees may be payable by the Issuer to the Manager(s) acting as underwriter(s) of issues of the Warrants.

Save as disclosed above, no person involved in the issue of the Warrants has an interest material to the issue.

## **E.7** Estimated Expenses:

Not Applicable. This prospectus has been prepared solely in connection with the admission of Warrants to trading on a regulated market pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Prospectus Directive. There will be no public offer of the Warrants and expenses in respect of the listing of Warrants are not charged directly by the Issuer or Managers to the investor.