

HSBC Holdings plc

Pursuant to the issuance of 2,940,087 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 Ordinary shares of the Company.

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