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NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF PERSON DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND/OR CONNECTED PERSONS

1. Name of the issuer

HSBC Holdings plc

2. Name of person discharging managerial responsibilities

D D J John

3. Name of connected person (if applicable to this transaction)

N/A

- 4. This notification relates to a transaction notified in accordance with DR 3.1.4R (1)(a)
- 5. Description of shares (including class) or derivatives or other financial instruments relating to the shares of HSBC Holdings plc

Ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each

6. State the nature of the transaction

Acquisition/Conditional award under the HSBC Share Plan 2007

7. Number of shares, derivatives or financial instruments relating to shares acquired

83,927

- 8. Number of shares, derivatives or financial instruments relating to shares disposed
- 9. Price per share or value of transaction

Nil

- 10. Date and place of transaction
- 5 March 2007, London
- 11. Date issuer informed of transaction
- 8 March 2007

Name of contact and telephone number for queries

N S Black 020 7991 2652

Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification

As above

Date of notification

9 March 2007