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HSBC SUBORDINATED NOTE PROGRAMME

On 12 September 2007, HSBC Holdings plc issued US\$750,000,000 of 6.5% Subordinated Notes due 2037 (the "New Notes"). Application has been made to list the New Notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

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