NOTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS OF PERSONS DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND/OR CONNECTED PERSONS

This notification relates to a transaction notified in accordance with DTR $3.1.2\ R$ and $3.1.4\ R$ (1)(a)

1	Name of the issuer				
	HSBC Holdings plc				
2	Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities				
	V H C Cheng, a person discharging managerial responsibilities				
3	Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares				
	US\$0.50 ordinary shares				
4	State the nature of the transaction				
	Release of 2005 Performance Share award (EPS element) of 45,911 shares under the HSBC Share Plan and subsequent transfer into the name of V H C Cheng				
5	Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired				
	Acquisition of 45,911 shares from the release of the 2005 Performance Share award (EPS element)under the HSBC Share Plan				
6	Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed				
	N/A				
7	Price per share or value of transaction				
	Nil				
8	Date and place of transaction				
	1 April 2008, London				
9	Date issuer informed of transaction				
	2 April 2008				
10	Total holding following notification				
	731,786				
11	Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification				
	Paul Stafford, Deputy Group Company Secretary, 020 7992 1509				
12	Date of notification				
	2 April 2008				