

HSBC Holdings plc

2,667,632 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been issued in connection with HSBC (France) Plan d'Epargne, an employee share plan. 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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