

(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

INTERIM RESULTS AND SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2008

Pursuant to Rule 13.43 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and as announced on 3 March 2008, a meeting of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc will be held on Monday, 4 August 2008 to consider the announcement of the interim results for the six months to 30 June 2008 and the declaration of the second interim dividend for 2008. In accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited the announcement will be released on Monday 4 August 2008 after the stock index futures and options market in Hong Kong closes for trading at 4.30pm (9.30am London time).

By Order of the Board R G Barber Group Company Secretary

23 July 2008

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: S K Green, M F Geoghegan, S A Catz † , V H C Cheng, J D Coombe † , J L Durán † , R A Fairhead † , D J Flint, A A Flockhart, W K L Fung * , S T Gulliver, J W J Hughes-Hallett † , W S H Laidlaw † , Sir Mark Moody-Stuart † , G Morgan † , N R N Murthy † , S W Newton † , S M Robertson † and Sir Brian Williamson † .

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