

(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

THIRD 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, a meeting of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc will be held on Monday, 3 November 2008 to consider the declaration of the third interim dividend for 2008.

By Order of the Board R G Barber Group Company Secretary

20 October 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 M Robertson † and Sir Brian Williamson † .

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