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HSBC Holdings plc Notice of Annual General Meeting

HSBC Holdings plc (the **Company**) has noted an error in the printed copy of the Notice of the 2009 Annual General Meeting submitted for publication by the Company to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on Monday 30 March 2009. The word “annual” was omitted from the text of Resolution 9. The correct text of that Resolution, which will be proposed as a Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 22 May 2009, is as follows:

“THAT the Company hereby approves general meetings (other than annual general meetings) being called on 14 clear days’ notice.”

Notice of the Annual General Meeting is available on the Company’s website at www.hsbc.com/agm and printed copies will be available at the Informal Meeting of Shareholders in Hong Kong on Tuesday 19 May 2009 and at the Annual General Meeting in London on 22 May 2009. Copies may also be obtained from the Company’s Registrars in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Bermuda.

By Order of the Board

R G Barber

Group Company Secretary

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, M K T Cheung†, 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†, J R Lomax†, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart†, G Morgan†, N R N Murthy†, S M Robertson†, J L Thornton† and Sir Brian Williamson†.

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