

**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)

<b>1</b>	<b>Name of the issuer</b>
	HSBC Holdings plc
<b>2</b>	<b>Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities</b>
	P A Thurston, a person discharging managerial responsibilities
<b>3</b>	<b>Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares</b>
	US\$0.50 ordinary shares
<b>4</b>	<b>State the nature of the transaction</b>
	<p>In respect of the earnings per share and total shareholder return parts of the Performance Share award made on 6 March 2006 under the HSBC Share plan:</p> <p>1) 65,199 shares have been forfeited with effect from 8 April 2009; and</p> <p>2) the Trustees have released 16,045 shares under the HSBC Share Plan following partial vesting of the total shareholder return part of the award. The Trustees sold 1,991 of the released shares to meet the tax liability and transferred 14,054 shares to P A Thurston as beneficial owner.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired</b>
	Acquisition of 14,054 shares from the release of 2006 Performance Share award (TSR part) under the HSBC Share Plan.
<b>6</b>	<b>Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed</b>
	<p>1) 65,199</p> <p>2) 1,991</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Price per share sold</b>
	<p>1) N/A</p> <p>2) £4.314841</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Date and place of transaction</b>
	8 April 2009, London
<b>9</b>	<b>Date issuer informed of transaction</b>
	8 April 2009

10	<b>Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification</b>
	Nicola Black, Group Assistant Company Secretary, 020 7991 2652
11	<b>Date of notification</b>
	9 April 2009