

11 February 2009

**DIVIDEND ON 6.20% NON-CUMULATIVE US DOLLAR  
PREFERENCE SHARES, SERIES A ("SERIES A DOLLAR  
PREFERENCE SHARES")**

In 2005 1,450,000 Series A Dollar Preference Shares were issued for a consideration of US\$1,000 each and Series A American Depositary Shares, each of which represents one-fortieth of a Series A Dollar Preference Share, were listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

A non-cumulative fixed-rate dividend of 6.20 per cent per annum is payable on the Series A Dollar Preference Shares on 15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December for the quarter then ended at the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of HSBC Holdings plc. Accordingly, the Board of HSBC Holdings plc has declared a dividend for the quarter ending 15 March 2009. Since 15 March is not a normal business day the dividend of US\$0.3875 per Series A American Depositary Share will be payable on 16 March 2009 to holders of record on 27 February 2009.

Any person who has acquired Series A American Depositary Shares but who has not lodged the transfer documentation with the depositary should do so before 12 noon on Friday 27 February 2009 in order to receive the dividend.

By order of the Board

R G Barber  
Group Company Secretary

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