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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

FINAL RESULTS AND FOURTH 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 4 August 2008, a meeting of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc will be held on Monday, 2 March 2009 to consider the announcement of the final results for the year ended 31 December 2008 and a fourth interim dividend for 2008.

By Order of the Board R G Barber Group Company Secretary

12 February 2009

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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