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HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG 2008 Dividend

The Supervisory Board and Management Board of HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG decided today to propose to the Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2009 the payment of a dividend from the operating profit for the 2008 financial year of EUR 2.50 per share (EUR 2.50 in 2007).

The preliminary result confirms the forecast given in 3Q 2008: operating profit excluding write-downs almost on the 2007 level, net profit for the year clearly positive despite the burden of write-downs on securities. The core capital ratio after allocation to reserves stands at over 8 per cent. The rating agency Fitch recently confirmed its long-term “AA” issuer rating, again making HSBC Trinkaus the best rated German private bank.

HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt full year results for 2008 are scheduled to be released on 2 April 2009.

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Note to Editors:

The HSBC Group

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