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HSBC STATEMENT

HSBC has not sought capital support from the UK government and cannot envisage circumstances where such action would be necessary.

HSBC has long been one of the world's most strongly capitalised banks and is committed to maintaining this position.

The Group will announce its full-year results for 2008, as planned, on 2 March 2009.

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Note to editors:

The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from more than 9,500 offices in 85 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,547 billion at 30 June 2008, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

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