

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**  
**FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2009**

**SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE**

21,713,706 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been issued by HSBC Holdings plc to shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative for the first interim dividend for 2009, payable on 8 July 2009. The shares rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company.

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority for the shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the shares to be admitted to trading. Dealings are expected to commence on 8 July 2009.

P A Stafford

Deputy Group Company Secretary

8 July 2009