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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2008
SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE

109,826,747 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 fourth interim dividend for 2008, payable on 6 May 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 6 May 2009.

R G Barber
Group Company Secretary
6 May 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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