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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2009 SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE

On 2 November 2009, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared a third interim dividend for 2009 of US\$0.08 per ordinary share payable on 13 January 2010 to holders of record on 19 November 2009 on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register and 20 November 2009 on the Principal Register in United Kingdom or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register. The dividend is payable in cash in United States dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies, with a scrip dividend alternative. The "Market Value" for the issue of new shares under the scrip dividend alternative is:

US\$12.2112 for each new share

The "Market Value" is the United States dollar equivalent of £7.39 being the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange as derived from the Daily Official List for the five business days beginning on 18 November 2009.

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars on 13 January 2010 will be converted from United States dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00 am on 4 January 2010. These exchange rates will be announced to the London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda stock exchanges.

Particulars of the dividend arrangements will be mailed to shareholders on or about 1 December 2009, and elections must be received by the Registrars by 29 December 2009.

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Note to editors:

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