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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of HSBC Holdings has established a Group Risk Committee. The members of the Committee are:

R A Fairhead, chairman; J D Coombe, J W J Hughes-Hallett and J R Lomax, all independent non-executive directors and members of the Group Audit Committee.

The terms of reference of the Group Risk Committee are available at www.hsbc.com/boardcommittees.

S K Green, Group Chairman, has been appointed chairman of the Nomination Committee in succession to Sir Brian Williamson, who will continue to serve as a member of the Committee. M K T Cheung, an independent non-executive Director, has been appointed a member of the Group Audit Committee in succession to J W J Hughes-Hallett with effect from 1 March 2010.

J L Durán, W K L Fung and Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, who will retire by rotation at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, will not seek re-election. The consequential changes to Board Committees will take effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting:

N R N Murthy, an independent non-executive director and a member of the Corporate Sustainability Committee, will succeed W K L Fung as chairman of the Corporate Sustainability Committee; and

J L Thornton, an independent non-executive director and a member of the Remuneration Committee, will succeed Sir Mark Moody-Stuart as chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

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The 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 Duran[†], 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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For and on behalf of

HSBC Holdings plc

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Group Company Secretary

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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 around 8,500 offices in 86 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,422 billion at 30 June 2009, 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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