

BLOCK LISTING SIX MONTHLY RETURN

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Date: 22 January 2010

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| Name of <i>applicant</i> : | | HSBC Holdings plc | | |
| Name of scheme: | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employee Share Option Scheme 2. Executive Share Option Scheme 3. Employee SAYE Plan 4. Ongoing obligations to issue shares in connection with the acquisition of HSBC Finance Corporation (formerly Household International Inc.) 5. HSBC Holdings Group Share Option Plan | | |
| Period of return: | From: | 01.07.09 | To: | 31.12.09 |
| Balance of unallotted securities under scheme(s) from previous return: | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 122,418 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 2. 6,609,194 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 3. 35,868,570 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 4. 68,325,450 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 5. 21,869,388 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each | | |
| <i>Plus:</i> The amount by which the block scheme(s) has been increased since the date of the last return (if any increase has been applied for): | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 0 2. 0 3. 0 4. 0 5. 0 | | |
| <i>Less:</i> Number of <i>securities</i> issued/allotted under scheme(s) during period (see LR3.5.7G): | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 0 2. 912,232 3. 4,669,703 4. 0 5. 1,547,125 | | |

Equals: Balance under scheme(s) not yet issued/allotted at end of period:

1. 122,418
2. 5,696,962
3. 31,198,867
4. 68,325,450
5. 20,322,263

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