NOTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS OF PERSONS DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND/OR CONNECTED PERSONS

This notification relates to a transaction notified in accordance with DTR $3.1.2\ R$ and $3.1.4\ R$ (1)(a)

| 1 | Name of the issuer | | | | |
|----|---|--|--|--|--|
| | HSBC Holdings plc | | | | |
| 2 | Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities | | | | |
| | Simon Robertson, a person discharging managerial responsibilities | | | | |
| 3 | Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares | | | | |
| | US\$0.50 ordinary shares | | | | |
| 4 | State the nature of the transactions | | | | |
| | A non-beneficial interest as a Trustee of the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust | | | | |
| 5 | Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired | | | | |
| | 36,000 | | | | |
| 6 | Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed | | | | |
| | N/A | | | | |
| 7 | Price per share or value of transaction | | | | |
| | £6.934 | | | | |
| 8 | Date and place of transaction | | | | |
| | 26 March 2010, London | | | | |
| 9 | Date issuer informed of transactions | | | | |
| | 29 March 2010 | | | | |
| 10 | Total holding following notification | | | | |
| | 176,147 | | | | |
| 11 | Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification | | | | |
| | Peter Harvey, Senior Assistant Secretary, 020 7992 1401 | | | | |
| 12 | Date of notification | | | | |
| | 29 March 2010 | | | | |