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HSBC INDIA SELLS WRITTEN-OFF UNSECURED RETAIL ASSETS TO J M FINANCIAL

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited in India has sold its unsecured written-off personal loan and credit card portfolio to J M Financial Asset Reconstruction Co. Pvt. Ltd. These assets were sold for a cash consideration of INR467m (approximately US\$10m).

J M Financial Asset Reconstruction Co. Pvt. Ltd is licensed by the Reserve Bank of India.

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2. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited is the founding and a principal member of the HSBC Group which, with around 7,500 offices in 87 countries and territories and assets of US\$2,598bn at 31 March 2011, is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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