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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2012

50,730,560 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted by HSBC Holdings plc to shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative for the fourth interim dividend for 2012.

The shares will be issued on 8 May 2013 and will rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company.

Application has been made to the Financial Conduct Authority for the shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the shares to be admitted to trading. Dealings are expected to commence on 8 May 2013.

R G Barber
Group Company Secretary

2 May 2013

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: D J Flint, S T Gulliver, S A Catz[†], L M L Cha[†], M K T Cheung[†], J B Comey[†], J D Coombe[†], J Faber[†], R A Fairhead[†], R Fassbind[†], J W J Hughes-Hallett[†], W S H Laidlaw[†], J P Lipsky[†], J R Lomax[†], I J Mackay, Sir Simon Robertson[†] and J L Thornton[†].

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