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## HSBC FINANCE CORP. REACHES AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE 14-YEAR SHAREHOLDER CLASS ACTION

HSBC Finance Corporation (HSBC Finance) today announced a resolution to a 14-year shareholder class action based on events that took place prior to HSBC's acquisition of Household International Inc. in 2003.

Having previously disclosed in public filings a potential exposure of up to US\$3.6bn, HSBC Finance agreed to pay US\$1.575bn to settle all claims in *Jaffe v. Household International*.

The case was filed in 2002, and a jury ruled for the plaintiffs in a 2009 trial. In May 2015, the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit reversed a partial final judgment against Household International Inc., the predecessor entity to HSBC Finance, and remanded the case for a new trial on loss causation and damages.

The settlement is subject to court approval and is expected to result in a pretax charge to HSBC Finance of approximately US\$585m, including legal fees and expenses, in the second quarter of 2016.

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### Forward-looking statements:

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### Note to editors:

**HSBC Finance Corporation**, through its subsidiaries, owns and services a portfolio of residential real estate loans. HSBC Finance Corporation is a subsidiary of HSBC North America Holdings Inc.

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