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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

INTERIM RESULTS AND SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2010

Pursuant to Rule 13.43 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and as announced on 1 March 2010, notice is given that a meeting of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc will be held on Monday, 2 August 2010 to consider the announcement of the interim results for the six months to 30 June 2010 and the declaration of a second interim dividend for 2010.

By Order of the Board R G Barber Group Company Secretary

13 July 2010

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: S K Green, M F Geoghegan, S A Catz † , V H C Cheng, M K T Cheung † , J D Coombe † , R A Fairhead † , D J Flint, A A Flockhart, S T Gulliver, J W J Hughes-Hallett † , W S H Laidlaw † , J R Lomax † , G Morgan † , N R N Murthy † , Sir Simon Robertson † , J L Thornton † and Sir Brian Williamson † .

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