

HSBC Holdings plc became aware on 12 November 2010 that BlackRock, Inc. had released announcements to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 9 November 2010 and 10 November 2010 pursuant to s.324 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571).

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