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HSBC ANNOUNCEMENT

Further to the announcement on 7 September 2010 regarding the retirement of Group Chairman Stephen Green, HSBC Holdings plc will shortly make an announcement on Group succession. HSBC Directors will hold a conference call for analysts and investors and separately for media.

The conference call for analysts and investors will start at 17:45 UK time.

The media call will be at 18:30 UK time.

Dial-in numbers will be placed on the website: www.hsbc.com

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Note to editors:

The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 8,000 offices in 87 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, North America, Latin America and the Middle East. With assets of US\$2,418 billion at 30 June 2010, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

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