BLOCK LISTING SIX MONTHLY RETURN

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Date: 24 January 2011

Name of applicant:		HSBC Holdings plc			
Name of scheme:		 Employee Share Option Scheme Executive Share Option Scheme Employee SAYE Plan Ongoing obligations to issue shares in connection with the acquisition of HSBC Finance Corporation (formerly Household International Inc.) HSBC Holdings Group Share Option Plan 			
Period of return:	From:	01.07.	2010	To:	31.12.2010
Balance of unallotted securities under scheme(s) from previous return: Plus: The amount by which the block scheme(s) has been increased since the date of the last return (if any increase has been applied for):		1. 122,418 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 2. 1,468,459 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 3. 29,566,115 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 4. 68,325,450 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 5. 19,690,004 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each 1. 0 2. 0 3. 0 4. 0 5. 0			
Less: Number of securities issued/allotted under scheme(s) during period (see LR3.5.7G):		4.	0 15,196,972		

Equals: Balance under scheme(s) not yet issued/allotted at end of period:	1. 122,418
	2. 1,468,459
	3. 14,369,143
	4. 68,325,450
	5. 19,306,914

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