NOTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS OF PERSONS DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND/OR CONNECTED PERSONS

This notification relates to a transaction notified in accordance with DTR 3.1.2 R and 3.1.4 R $(1)\,(a)$

| 1 | Name of the immer |
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| 1 | Name of the issuer |
| | HSBC Holdings plc |
| 2 | Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities |
| | i) S T Gulliver, a person discharging managerial responsibilities |
| | ii) J Gulliver, a person connected with S T Gulliver (a person discharging managerial responsibilities) |
| 3 | Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares |
| | US\$0.50 ordinary shares |
| 4 | State the nature of the transaction |
| | (i) Acquisition / scrip dividend on conditional awards under the HSBC Share Plan |
| | (ii) Acquisition / scrip dividend |
| | (iii) The Trustee has released and subsequently sold 175 ordinary shares representing the scrip dividend for the 2010 fourth interim dividend in respect of the partial vesting of the total shareholder return part of the 2008 Performance Share award under the HSBC Share Plan that vested on 4 April 2011. |
| 5 | Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired |
| | (i) 20,241 |
| | (ii) 7 |
| 6 | Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed |
| | (iii) 175 |
| 7 | Price per share or value of transactions |
| | (i) and (ii) US\$10.2564 (ii) £6.4877 |
| 8 | Date and place of transactions |
| | 5 May 2011, London |
| 9 | Date issuer informed of transactions |
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| | 10 May 2011 |
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| 10 | Total holding following notification |
| | 4,466,199 |
| 11 | Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification |
| | Peter Harvey, Senior Assistant Secretary, 020 7992 1401 |
| 12 | Date of notification |
| | 10 May 2011 |