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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2011

Pursuant to Rule 13.43 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, notice is given that a meeting of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc will be held on Monday, 7 November 2011 to consider the declaration of a third interim dividend for 2011.

By Order of the Board R G Barber Group Company Secretary

13 October 2011

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

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