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HSBC CAPITAL (USA) INC. MANAGEMENT TEAM TO FORM GRAYCLIFF PARTNERS

HSBC, through its wholly owned subsidiary HSBC Capital (USA) Inc. (HCUS), is to enter into investment advisory arrangements in relation to its existing private equity and mezzanine investment funds in the United States and Latin America with Graycliff Partners LP (Graycliff Partners), a new company formed by members of the current HCUS management team who will be leaving HSBC to establish Graycliff Partners.

Graycliff Partners will focus on private equity, mezzanine and real estate investments in the middle market of the United States and Latin America and will provide portfolio management services to HSBC in respect of assets amounting to approximately \$1.1bn.

Completion of the investment advisory arrangements, which are expected to become effective in the fourth quarter of 2011, is conditional upon the regulatory registration of Graycliff Partners, among other matters.

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