

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

**FOURTH INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2011**

28,357,393 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted by HSBC Holdings plc to shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative for the fourth interim dividend for 2011.

The shares will be issued on 2 May 2012 and will rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company.

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority for the shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the shares to be admitted to trading. Dealings are expected to commence on 2 May 2012.

R G Barber

Group Company Secretary

26 April 2012