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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS

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On 24 April 2012 HSBC Holdings plc (the “Company”) granted share options (“Options”) to employees to subscribe for a total of 44,868,386 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each of the Company under the savings-related share option plans adopted on 27 May 2005. The following are the details of the grant:

Price at which the Options granted	Option Period	Number of shares under Option
GBP4.4621	1 year	4,813,389
	3 years	19,686,283
	5 years	4,776,196
EUR5.3532	1 year	278,371
	3 years	443,691
	5 years	105,770
HKD55.4701	1 year	5,319,347
	3 years	5,971,576
	5 years	807,389
USD7.1456	1 year	314,110
	3 years	1,491,085
	5 years	389,899
USD7.5922	1 year	471,280
Total number of options granted	1 year	11,196,497
	3 years	27,592,635
	5 years	<u>6,079,254</u>
		44,868,386
Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant	£5.535	
Validity period of the Options	1 year, exercisable from 1 Aug 2013 to 31 Oct 2013 3 years, exercisable from 1 Aug 2015 to 31 Jan 2016 5 years, exercisable from 1 Aug 2017 to 31 Jan 2018	

Included in the above are options granted to a director of the Company as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>No. of Options</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Option Period</u>
Douglas Jardine Flint	Group Chairman	2,016	GBP4.4621	3 years

By Order of the Board
R G Barber
Group Company Secretary
26 April 2012

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