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**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)

<b>1</b>	<b>Name of the issuer</b>
	HSBC Holdings plc
<b>2</b>	<b>Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities</b>
	R E T Bennett, a person discharging managerial responsibilities
<b>3</b>	<b>Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares</b>
	US\$0.50 ordinary shares
<b>4</b>	<b>State the nature of the transaction</b>
	(i) Acquisition / monthly contribution to HSBC Holdings UK Share Incentive Plan (ii) Exercise of options under the HSBC Holdings Savings-Related Share Option Plan awarded in 2009
<b>5</b>	<b>Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired</b>
	(i) 23 (ii) 2,763
<b>6</b>	<b>Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed</b>
	N/A
<b>7</b>	<b>Price per share or value of transaction</b>
	(i) £5.3815 (ii) £3.3116

<b>8</b>	<b>Date and place of transaction</b>
	(i) 31 July 2012, London (ii) 1 August 2012, London
<b>9</b>	<b>Date issuer informed of transaction</b>
	2 August 2012
<b>10</b>	<b>Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification</b>
	Steve Owen, Assistant Secretary, 020 7991 3879
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of notification</b>
	2 August 2012

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