

**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)

1	Name of the issuer
	HSBC Holdings plc
2	Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities
	P A Thurston, a person discharging managerial responsibilities
3	Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares
	US\$0.50 ordinary shares
4	State the nature of the transaction
	Release by the Trustees of 42,415 ordinary shares following the partial vesting of the 2010 Restricted Share award made to P A Thurston under the HSBC Share Plan. The Trustees of the Plan sold 4,246 shares to meet the tax liability and have transferred 38,169 shares to P A Thurston as beneficial owner.
5	Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired
	38,169
6	Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed
	4,246
7	Price per share sold
	£5.5520
8	Date and place of transaction
	27 February 2012, London
9	Date issuer informed of transaction
	28 February 2012
10	Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification
	Louisa Jenkinson, Senior Assistant Secretary, 020 7991 0593
11	Date of notification
	28 February 2012