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 |
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| | 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 |
| | S T Gulliver, 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 transactions |
| | The vesting and sale of 77,167 shares, not subject to a retention period, awarded under the HSBC Share Plan 2011 in respect of 2011 performance. |
| 5 | Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired |
| | (i) 77,167 |
| 6 | Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed |
| | (ii) 77,167 |
| 7 | Price per share or value of transactions |
| | (i) N/A (ii) £5.5885 |
| 8 | Date and place of transactions |
| | 28 February 2012, London |
| 9 | Date issuer informed of transactions |
| | 29 February 2012 |
| 10 | Total holding following notification |
| | 4,441,050 |
| 11 | Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification |
| | Kalpna Dubasia, Assistant Secretary, 020 7991 0592 |
| 12 | Date of notification |