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LEVEY APPOINTED GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR

HSBC Holdings plc has appointed Stuart A Levey, 48, Chief Legal Officer, a Group Managing Director with effect from 18 January 2012 and he joins the Group Management Board.

Mr Levey was appointed Chief Legal Officer of HSBC Holdings on 13 January 2012 and reports to Stuart Gulliver, Group Chief Executive.

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Note to editors:

The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 7,500 offices in over 80 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,716bn at 30 September 2011, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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