

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

BLOCK LISTING

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority and the London Stock Exchange for a block listing of 70,000,000 Ordinary Shares of US\$0.50 each for issue under the Employee SAYE Plan, to be admitted to the Official List and to trading upon issue. The issue of new Ordinary Shares will create additional core tier 1 capital for HSBC Holdings plc.

The new Ordinary Shares will rank pari passu with the existing issued Ordinary Shares of the Company.

R G Barber

Group Company Secretary

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