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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**  
**PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS, STERLING**  
**OR HONG KONG DOLLARS**

On 30 April 2012, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared the first interim dividend for 2012 of US\$0.09 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 5 July 2012 to holders of record on 17 May 2012 on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register and on 18 May 2012 on the Principal Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register. The dividend is payable in cash in United States dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies and with a scrip dividend alternative.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, shareholders on the Principal Register will automatically receive dividends in sterling. However, shareholders with addresses in the United States will automatically receive dividends in United States dollars unless they currently receive payment in one of the other currencies or make an election to do so. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, shareholders on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register and the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register will automatically receive dividends in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars respectively.

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars on 5 July 2012 will be converted from United States dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00 am on 25 June 2012 (US\$1=HK\$7.7595 and £1=US\$1.5561). Accordingly, the amount payable on 5 July 2012 will be:

US\$0.09 per share;  
approximately HK\$0.698355 per share; or  
approximately £0.057837 per share.

The dividend payable to holders of American Depositary Shares ('ADSs'), each of which represents five ordinary shares, will be US\$0.45 per ADS. The dividend will be paid on 5 July 2012 in cash in United States dollars or in new shares to those who have elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative. The cash dividend for participants in the dividend reinvestment plan, operated by the depositary, will be invested in additional ADSs.

Ralph Barber  
Group Company Secretary  
HSBC Holdings plc

25 June 2012

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: D J Flint, S T Gulliver, S A Catz<sup>†</sup>, L M L Cha<sup>†</sup>, M K T Cheung<sup>†</sup>, J D Coombe<sup>†</sup>, J Faber<sup>†</sup>, R A Fairhead<sup>†</sup>, A A Flockhart\*, J W J Hughes-Hallett<sup>†</sup>, W S H Laidlaw<sup>†</sup>, J P Lipsky<sup>†</sup>, J R Lomax<sup>†</sup>, I J Mackay, N R N Murthy<sup>†</sup>, Sir Simon Robertson<sup>†</sup> and J L Thornton<sup>†</sup>.

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