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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
BASE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED 15 MAY 2012**

A Base Prospectus Supplement dated 15 May 2012 to the Base Prospectus of the Debt Issuance Programme issued by HSBC Holdings plc has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at <http://www.hemscott.com/nsm.do>.

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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 7,200 offices in over 80 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,637bn at 31 March 2012, the HSBC Group is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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