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**AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF  
RBS' INDIAN RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BANKING BUSINESSES EXPIRES**

*\*\*\* HSBC remains committed to pursuing growth in India \*\*\**

The agreement for the acquisition by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ('HSBC Asia Pacific') of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc's Indian retail and commercial banking businesses has expired as the long stop date of 30 November 2012 has been reached without all conditions required to close the transaction being satisfied.

HSBC Asia Pacific is a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc. HSBC remains committed to pursuing growth in India, a key strategic market for the Group, through its existing operations.

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**The HSBC Group**

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 6,900 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\$2,721bn at 30 September 2012, the HSBC Group is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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