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HSBC Holdings plc

Overseas Regulatory Announcement

The attached announcement has been released to the other stock exchanges on which HSBC Holdings plc is listed.

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[†], L M L Cha[†], M K T Cheung[†], J D Coombe[†], Sir Jonathan Evans[†], J Faber[†], R A Fairhead[†], R Fassbind[†], J W J Hughes-Hallett[†], W S H Laidlaw[†], J P Lipsky[†], J R Lomax[†], I J Mackay and Sir Simon Robertson[†].

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Hong Kong Stock Code: 5

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AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF HSBC'S BANKING BUSINESS IN PAKISTAN TERMINATED

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited ('HBME'), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, confirms that it has terminated the agreement for the sale of HBME's banking business in Pakistan to JS Bank Limited as regulatory approval has not been received.

HBME will explore alternative options for its banking business in Pakistan.

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