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(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

## HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

### GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS

This announcement is made pursuant to rule 17.06A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

On 20 September 2013 HSBC Holdings plc (the “Company”) granted share options (“Options”) to employees to subscribe for a total of 8,679,304 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each of the Company under the savings-related share option plan adopted on 27 May 2005. The following are the details of the grant:

Price at which the Options granted	Option Period	Number of shares under Option
GBP 5.4738	3 years 5 years	6,676,966 2,002,338
Total number of options granted	8,679,304	
Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant	GBP6.892	
Validity period of the Options	3 years, exercisable from 1 November 2016 to 1 May 2017 5 years, exercisable from 1 November 2018 to 1 May 2019	

There were no options granted to any director of the Company.

By Order of the Board  
Ben J S Mathews  
Group Company Secretary

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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