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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 23 September 2014 HSBC Holdings plc (the “Company”) granted share options (“Options”) to employees to subscribe for a total of 28,688,703 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
GBP5.1887	3 years	18,553,870
	5 years	10,134,833
Total number of options granted	28,688,703	
Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant	GBP6.5170	
Validity period of the Options	3 years, exercisable from 1 Nov 2017 to 1 May 2018 5 years, exercisable from 1 Nov 2019 to 1 May 2020	

Included in the above are options granted to directors of the Company as follows:

Name	Position	No. of Options	Price	Option Period
Douglas Flint	Group Chairman	2,919	GBP5.1887	5 years
Iain Mackay	Group Finance Director	3,469	GBP5.1887	3 years

By order of the Board

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