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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2015 AND HSBC (FRANCE) PLAN D'EPARGNE

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") have declared the first interim dividend for 2015 of US\$0.10 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 8 July 2015 to holders of record on 22 May 2015 on the Principal register in the United Kingdom or the Hong Kong Overseas Branch register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch register.

24,351,484 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted by the Company to those shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative.

An additional 1,497,450 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted in connection with the HSBC (France), Plan d'Epargne, an employee share plan.

The shares will be issued on 8 July 2015 and will rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company. Application will be made to the Financial Conduct Authority for the shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the shares to be admitted to trading.

Dealings are expected to commence on 8 July 2015.

Ben J S Mathews
Group Company Secretary
HSBC Holdings plc

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