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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2015  
SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE**

On 5 October 2015, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared a third interim dividend for 2015 of US\$0.10 per ordinary share. The third interim dividend will be payable on 3 December 2015 to holders of record on 23 October 2015 on the Principal Register in the United Kingdom, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register. The dividend is payable in cash in United States dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies, with a scrip dividend alternative.

The 'Market Value' for the issue of new shares under the scrip dividend alternative is:

**US\$7.8417 for each new share**

The 'Market Value' is the United States dollar equivalent of £5.1270 being the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange as derived from the Daily Official List for the five business days beginning on 22 October 2015.

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars on 3 December 2015 will be converted from United States dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00am on 23 November 2015. These exchange rates will be announced to the London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda stock exchanges.

Particulars of the dividend arrangements will be sent to shareholders on or about 4 November 2015 and elections must be received by the Registrar by 19 November 2015.

For and on behalf of  
**HSBC Holdings plc**

Ben J S Mathews  
Group Company Secretary

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: Douglas Flint, Stuart Gulliver, Phillip Ameen<sup>†</sup>, Kathleen Casey<sup>†</sup>, Safra Catz<sup>†</sup>, Laura Cha<sup>†</sup>, Lord Evans of Weardale<sup>†</sup>, Joachim Faber<sup>†</sup>, Rona Fairhead<sup>†</sup>, Sam Laidlaw<sup>†</sup>, Irene Lee<sup>†</sup>, John Lipsky<sup>†</sup>, Rachel Lomax<sup>†</sup>, Iain Mackay, Heidi Miller<sup>†</sup>, Marc Moses, Sir Simon Robertson<sup>†</sup>, Jonathan Symonds<sup>†</sup> and Pauline van der Meer Mohr<sup>†</sup>.

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**Note to editors:**

**The HSBC Group**

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 6,100 offices in 72 countries and territories in Asia, Europe, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,572bn at 30 June 2015, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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