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(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS

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On 22 September 2015 HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") granted share options ("Options") to employees to subscribe for a total of 52,629,208 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each of the Company under the HSBC Holdings Savings-Related Share Option Plan. The following are the details of the grant:

Price at which the Options granted	Option Period	Number of shares under Option
GBP4.0472	3 years	35,766,330
	5 years	16,862,878
Total number of options granted	52,629,208	
Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant	GBP4.8740	
Validity period of the Options	3 years, exercisable from 1 November 2018 to 30 April 2019 5 years, exercisable from 1 November 2020 to 30 April 2021	

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

For and on behalf of
HSBC Holdings plc

Ben J S Mathews
Group Company Secretary

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