20 December 2016

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

BLOCK LISTING

Application has been made to the Financial Conduct Authority and the London Stock Exchange for a block listing of 78,000,000 Ordinary Shares of US\$0.50 each for issue under the HSBC Share Plan 2011 to be admitted to the Official List and to trading upon issue.

The new Ordinary Shares will rank pari passu with the existing issued Ordinary Shares of the Company.

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

Ben J S Mathews Group Company Secretary