

1 June 2016

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC ISSUANCE OF PERPETUAL SUBORDINATED CONTINGENT CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES

Reference is made to the announcement dated 25 May 2016 (the ‘Announcement’) made by HSBC Holdings plc (the ‘Company’). Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings given to them in the Announcement.

The Company is pleased to announce that all of the conditions precedent under the Securities Terms Agreement have been satisfied (or where permitted, waived) and US\$2,000,000,000 6.875% Perpetual Subordinated Contingent Convertible Securities (Callable June 2021 and Every Five Years Thereafter) (ISIN US404280BC26) (the ‘Securities’) were issued on 1 June 2016 in accordance with the terms of such agreements.

Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to listing on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange and to trading on its Global Exchange Market.

For and on behalf of

HSBC Holdings plc

B J S Mathews

Group Company Secretary

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement is:

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Disclaimers

This announcement does not constitute an offer of any securities for sale. No action has been taken in any jurisdiction to permit a public offering of the Securities where such action is required other than in the United States. The offer and sale of the Securities may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions.

The Securities are complex financial instruments and are not a suitable or appropriate investment for all investors. In some jurisdictions, regulatory authorities have adopted or published laws, regulations or guidance with respect to the offer or sale of securities such as the Securities to retail investors.

In particular, in June 2015, the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority (the “**FCA**”) published the Product Intervention (Contingent Convertible Instruments and Mutual Society Shares) Instrument 2015, which took effect from October 1, 2015 (the “**PI Instrument**”). Under the rules set out in the PI Instrument (as amended or replaced from time to time, the “**PI Rules**”) certain contingent write-down or convertible securities (including any beneficial interests therein), such as the Securities, must not be sold to retail clients in the EEA and there must not be any communication or approval of an invitation or inducement to participate in, acquire or underwrite the Securities (or the beneficial interest in the Securities) where that invitation or inducement is addressed to or disseminated in such a way that it is likely to be received by a retail client in the EEA (in each case, within the meaning of the PI Rules), other than in accordance with the limited exemptions set out in the PI Rules.

The Company and the Underwriters are required to comply with the PI Rules. By purchasing, or making or accepting an offer to purchase, any Securities from the Company and/or the Underwriters, each prospective investor represents, warrants, agrees with and undertakes to the Company and its affiliates and each of the Underwriters and their affiliates that:

- (i) it is not a retail client in the EEA (as defined in the PI Rules);
- (ii) whether or not subject to the PI Rules, it will not sell or offer the Securities to retail clients in the EEA or communicate (including the distribution of the Prospectus or the Prospectus Supplement) or approve an invitation or inducement to participate in, acquire or underwrite the Securities (or any beneficial interests therein) where that invitation or inducement is addressed to or disseminated in such a way that is likely to be received by a retail client in the EEA (in each case within the meaning of the PI Rules), in any such case other than (i) in relation to any sale of or offer to sell the Securities (or any beneficial interests therein) to a retail client in or resident in the United Kingdom, in circumstances that do not and will not give rise to a contravention of COBS 22 by any person and/or (ii) in relation to any sale of or offer to sell the Securities (or any beneficial interests therein) to a retail client in any EEA member state other than the United Kingdom, where (a) it has conducted an assessment and concluded that the relevant retail client understands the risks of an investment in the Securities (or such beneficial interests therein) and is able to bear the potential losses involved in an investment in the Securities (or such beneficial interests therein) and (b) it has at all times acted in relation to such sale or offer in compliance with the Markets in Financial Securities Directive (2004/39/EC) (“**MiFID**”) to the extent it applies to it or, to the extent MiFID does not apply to it, in a manner which would be in compliance with MiFID if it were to apply to it; and

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- (iii) it will at all times comply with all applicable laws, regulations and regulatory guidance (whether inside or outside the EEA) relating to the promotion, offering, distribution and/or sale of the Securities (or any beneficial interests therein), including (without limitation) any such laws, regulations and regulatory guidance relating to determining the appropriateness and/or suitability of an investment in the Securities (or any beneficial interests therein) by investors in any relevant jurisdiction.

Where acting as agent on behalf of a disclosed or undisclosed client when purchasing, or making or accepting an offer to purchase, any Securities (or any beneficial interests therein) from the Company and/or the Underwriters the foregoing representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings will be given by and be binding upon both the agent and its underlying client.

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Note to editors:

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