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HSBC Holdings plc

Overseas Regulatory Announcement

The attached announcement has been released to the other stock exchanges on which HSBC Holdings plc is listed.

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: Douglas Flint, Stuart Gulliver, Phillip Ameen[†], Kathleen Casey[†], Laura Cha[†], Henri de Castries[†], Lord Evans of Weardale[†], Joachim Faber[†], Sam Laidlaw[†], Irene Lee[†], John Lipsky[†], Rachel Lomax[†], Iain Mackay, Heidi Miller[†], Marc Moses, David Nish[†], Jonathan Symonds[†], Pauline van der Meer Mohr[†] and Paul Walsh[†].

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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC ISSUANCE OF SENIOR NOTES

On 25 May 2016, HSBC Holdings plc issued US\$1,000,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Unsecured Notes due 2021, US\$2,500,000,000 2.950% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2021, US\$2,000,000,000 3.600% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2023, and US\$2,500,000,000 3.900% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2026 pursuant to its senior indenture dated 26 August 2009 (as amended or supplemented from time to time), as supplemented and amended by a second supplemental indenture dated 25 May 2016 (the 'New Notes').

Application has been made to list the New Notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

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HSBC Holdings plc

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