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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS

This announcement is made pursuant to rule 17.06A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

On 21 September 2016 HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") granted share options ("Options") to employees to subscribe for a total of 15,043,601 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 |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| GBP4.4037 | 3 years | 11,565,808 |
| | 5 years | 3,477,793 |
| Total number of options granted | 15,043,601 | |
| Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant | GBP5.8870 | |
| Validity period of the Options | 3 years, exercisable from 1 November 2019 to 30 April 2020 | |
| | 5 years, exercisable from 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022 | |

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

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†, Jackson Tai†, Pauline van der Meer Mohr† and Paul Walsh†.

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