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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS

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On 21 September 2017 HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") granted share options ("Options") to employees to subscribe for a total of 10,447,272 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
GBP 5.9640	3 years 5 years	8,212,324 2,234,948
Total number of options granted	10,447,272	
Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant	GBP 7.2160	
Validity period of the Options	3 years, exercisable from 1 November 2020 to 30 April 2021 5 years, exercisable from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023	

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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