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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 comprises: Mark Tucker*, John Flint, Kathleen Casey†, Laura Cha†, Henri de Castries†, Lord Evans of Weardale†, Irene Lee†, Iain Mackay, Heidi Miller†, Marc Moses, David Nish†, Jonathan Symonds†, Jackson Tai† and Pauline van der Meer Mohr†.

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HSBC Holdings plc

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HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

18 May 2018

Transaction in own shares

HSBC Holdings plc (the **Company**) announces that it has purchased for cancellation the following number of its ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each on the London Stock Exchange from Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited (**Credit Suisse**) as part of its buyback announced on 9 May 2018.

Date of purchase:	18 May 2018
Number of ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each purchased:	2,645,966
Highest price paid per share:	£7.3620
Lowest price paid per share:	£7.2960
Volume weighted average price paid per share:	£7.3345

Following the cancellation of the repurchased shares, the Company will have 20,398,239,680 ordinary shares in issue, including 325,273,407 ordinary shares which are held in treasury. Therefore the total voting rights in HSBC Holdings plc will be 20,072,966,273. This figure for the total number of voting rights may be used by shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, HSBC Holdings plc under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

In accordance with Article 5(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 (the Market Abuse Regulation), a full breakdown of the individual trades is attached to this announcement.

http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/6406O_-2018-5-18.pdf

This announcement will also be available on HSBC's website at www.hsbc.com/sea

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