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HSBC ISSUANCE OF TIER 1 CAPITAL SECURITIES

On 24 June 2010, HSBC Holdings plc issued US\$3,400,000,000 of 8.00 per cent Perpetual Subordinated Capital Securities, Series 2 (the "New Securities"). The New Securities are innovative tier 1 securities and will form part of HSBC Holdings plc's tier 1 capital.

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

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HSBC Holdings plc

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