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## Successful Completion of HSBC Rights Issue and Placement of 3.4% Rump

HSBC Holdings plc (**HSBC**) announces that Goldman Sachs International, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and HSBC Bank plc (the **Joint Global Coordinators**) have today procured acquirers for all of the 172,700,974 New Ordinary Shares (representing 3.4 per cent of the total number of New Ordinary Shares) for which valid acceptances were not received under the Rights Issue, at a price of either 448 pence per New Ordinary Share or HK\$51.83 per New Ordinary Share.

As disclosed in Part VIII of the prospectus issued by HSBC in connection with the Rights Issue dated 17 March 2009 (the **Prospectus**), the net proceeds from the sale of such New Ordinary Shares (after deduction of the Issue Price of 254 pence per New Ordinary Share and the expenses of procuring acquirers) will be paid to Qualifying Shareholders who have not taken up their entitlements pro rata to their lapsed provisional allotments, save that individual amounts of less than £5.00 will not be paid to such persons but will be retained for the benefit of HSBC.

Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, capitalised terms shall have the meaning given to them in the Prospectus.

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