

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of May

HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

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The following is the text of an announcement released to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 7 May 2009 pursuant to rule 17.06A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited:

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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 29 April 2009 HSBC Holdings plc granted share options ("Options") to employees to subscribe for a total of 152,795,762 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each of the Company under the savings-related share option plans adopted on 27 May 2005. The following are the details of the grant:

Price at which the Options granted	Option Period	Number of shares under Option
GBP 3.3116	1 year	4,625,837
	3 years	45,599,970
	5 years	39,067,441
EUR 3.6361	1 year	369,886
	3 years	1,466,146
	5 years	1,058,095
HKD 37.8797	1 year	5,783,397
	3 years	23,940,771
	5 years	21,513,401
USD 4.8876	1 year	604,897
	3 years	5,084,031
	5 years	2,599,092
USD 5.1931	1 year	1,082,798
Total number of options granted	1 year	12,466,815
	3 years	76,090,918
	5 years	<u>64,238,029</u>
		152,795,762
Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant	4.6525	

Validity period of the Options

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1 year, exercisable from 1 August 2010 to 31
Oct 2010
3 years, exercisable from 1 August 2012 to 31
Jan 2013
5 years, exercisable from 1 August 2014 to 31
Jan 2015

Among the Options granted above, Options within the 5 Year Plan in respect of a total of 4,529 Shares were granted to a director of the Company as follows:

Name

Position

No. of Options

Alexander Andrew Flockhart
Executive Director
4,529

By Order of the Board

R G Barber
Group Company Secretary

7 May 2009

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: S K Green, M F Geoghegan, S A Catz†, V H C Cheng, M K T Cheung†, J D Coombe†, J L Durán†, R A Fairhead†, D J Flint, A A Flockhart, W K L Fung*, S T Gulliver, J W J Hughes-Hallett†, W S H Laidlaw†, J R Lomax†, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart†, G Morgan†, N R N Murthy†, S M Robertson†, J L Thornton
† and Sir Brian Williamson†.

* Non-executive Director

† Independent non-executive Director

Hong Kong
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group

Secretary

Date: 07 May, 2009