

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
May 07, 2009

**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**

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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

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**SIGNATURE**

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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