

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 April
HSBC Holdings plc

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

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Yes..... No

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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 24 April 2012 HSBC Holdings plc (the "Company") granted share options ("Options") to employees to subscribe for a total of 44,868,386 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 |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| GBP4.4621 | 1 year | 4,813,389 |
| | 3 years | 19,686,283 |
| | 5 years | 4,776,196 |
| EUR5.3532 | 1 year | 278,371 |
| | 3 years | 443,691 |
| | 5 years | 105,770 |
| HKD55.4701 | 1 year | 5,319,347 |
| | 3 years | 5,971,576 |
| | 5 years | 807,389 |
| USD7.1456 | 1 year | 314,110 |
| | 3 years | 1,491,085 |
| | 5 years | 389,899 |
| USD7.5922 | 1 year | 471,280 |
| Total number of options granted | 1 year | 11,196,497 |
| | 3 years | 27,592,635 |
| | 5 years | 6,079,254 |
| | | 44,868,386 |
| Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant | £5.535 | |
| | 1 year, exercisable from 1 Aug 2013 to 31 Oct 2013 | |

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Validity period of the Options 3 years, exercisable from 1 Aug 2015 to 31 Jan 2016
5 years, exercisable from 1 Aug 2017 to 31 Jan 2018

Included in the above are options granted to a director of the Company as follows:

| Name | Position | No. of Options | Price | Option Period |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Douglas Jardine Flint | Group Chairman | 2,016 | GBP4.4621 | 3 years |

By Order of the Board
R G Barber
Group Company Secretary
26 April 2012

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: D J Flint, S T Gulliver, S A Catz†, L M L Cha†, M K T Cheung†, J D Coombe†, J Faber†, R A Fairhead†, A A Flockhart, J W J Hughes-Hallett†, W S H Laidlaw†, J P Lipsky†, J R Lomax†, I J Mackay, G Morgan†, N R N Murthy†, Sir Simon Robertson†, J L Thornton† and Sir Brian Williamson†.

† Independent non-executive Director

Hong Kong Stock Code: 5

SIGNATURE

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.

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HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 26 April 2012