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Cash Dividend with Currency Option Announcement for Equity Issuer	
Issuer name	HSBC Holdings plc
Stock code	00005
Multi-counter stock code and currency	Not applicable
Other related stock code(s) and name(s)	Not applicable
Title of announcement	Special Dividend
Announcement date	30 April 2024
Status	New announcement
Information relating to the dividend	
Dividend type	Other
	Special Dividend
Dividend nature	Special
For the financial year end	31 December 2024
Reporting period end for the dividend declared	31 December 2024
Dividend declared	USD 0.21 per share
Date of shareholders' approval	Not applicable
Information relating to Hong Kong share register	
Default currency and amount in which the dividend will be paid	HKD amount to be announced
Exchange rate	To be announced
Amount in which the dividend will be paid in alternative currency 1	USD 0.21 per share
Exchange rate for alternative currency 1	USD 1 : USD 1
Amount in which the dividend will be paid in alternative currency 2	GBP amount to be announced
Exchange rate for alternative currency 2	To be announced
Partial election of currency option	Yes
Closing date and time for option election	06 June 2024 16:30
Ex-dividend date	09 May 2024
Latest time to lodge transfer documents for registration with share registrar for determining entitlement to the dividend	10 May 2024 16:00
Book close period	Not applicable
Record date	10 May 2024

Payment date	21 June 2024
Share registrar and its address	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited Rooms 1712-1716 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East Hong Kong
Information relating to withholding tax	
Details of withholding tax applied to the dividend declared	Not applicable
Information relating to listed warrants / convertible securities issued by the issuer	
Details of listed warrants / convertible securities issued by the issuer	Not applicable

Other information

On 30 April 2024, the Directors approved a first interim dividend in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2024 of USD0.10 per ordinary share, a distribution of approximately USD1.88bn. The Directors also approved a special dividend of USD0.21 per ordinary share arising from the proceeds of the sale of the HSBC banking business in Canada to Royal Bank of Canada which completed on 28 March 2024, a distribution of approximately USD3.95bn. The combined dividend of USD0.31 per ordinary share (the dividend) will be payable on 21 June 2024 to holders of record on the Principal Register in the UK, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register on 10 May 2024.

The dividend will be payable in US dollars, or in pounds sterling or Hong Kong dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00am on 11 June 2024. The ordinary shares in London, Hong Kong and Bermuda, and American Depositary Shares (ADSs) in New York will be quoted ex-dividend on 9 May 2024.

The default currency on the Principal Register in the UK is pounds sterling, and dividends can also be paid in Hong Kong dollars or US dollars, or a combination of these currencies. International shareholders can register to join the Global Dividend Service to receive dividends in their local currencies. Please register and read the terms and conditions at www.investorcentre.co.uk. UK shareholders can also register their sterling bank mandates at www.investorcentre.co.uk.

The default currency on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register is Hong Kong dollars, and dividends can also be paid in US dollars or pounds sterling, or a combination of these currencies. Shareholders can arrange for direct credit of Hong Kong dollar cash dividends into their bank account, or arrange to send US dollar or pound sterling cheques to the credit of their bank account. Shareholders can register for these services at www.investorcentre.com/hk. Shareholders can also download a dividend currency election form from www.hsbc.com/dividends, www.investorcentre.com/hk, or www.hkexnews.hk.

The default currency on the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register is US dollars, and dividends can also be paid in Hong Kong dollars or pounds sterling, or a combination of these currencies. Shareholders can change their dividend currency election by contacting the Bermuda investor relations team. Shareholders can download a dividend currency election form from www.hsbc.com/dividends.

Changes to currency elections must be received by 6 June 2024 to be effective for this dividend.

The dividend will be payable on ADSs, each of which represents five ordinary shares, on 21 June 2024 to holders of record on 10 May 2024. The dividend of USD1.55 per ADS will be payable by the depositary in US dollars. Alternatively, the cash dividend may be invested in additional ADSs by participants in the dividend reinvestment plan operated by the depositary. Elections must be received by 31 May 2024.

Any person who has acquired ordinary shares registered on the Principal Register in the UK, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register but who has not lodged the share transfer with the Principal Registrar in the UK, Hong Kong or Bermuda Overseas Branch Registrar should do so before 4.00pm local time on 10 May 2024 in order to receive the dividend.

Ordinary shares may not be removed from or transferred to the Principal Register in the UK, the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register on 10 May 2024. Any person wishing to remove ordinary shares to or from each register must do so before 4.00pm local time on 9 May 2024.

Transfers of ADSs must be lodged with the depositary by 11.00am on 10 May 2024 in order to receive the dividend. ADS holders who receive a cash dividend will be charged a fee, which will be deducted by the depositary, of USD0.005 per ADS per cash

dividend.

Directors of the issuer

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