

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
March 02, 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 March, 2009

**HSBC Holdings plc**

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes.....  No

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**Temporary Suspension of Trading and Removals between Registers**

At the request of the Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc ("HSBC"), trading in HSBC's ordinary shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited has been suspended with effect from 9.30am (Hong Kong time) today, Monday 2 March 2009 pending the announcement of a corporate action. The Board expects to announce the corporate action during the afternoon trading session at or about the same time as HSBC's Annual Results for the year ended 31 December 2008 will be announced. Trading in HSBC's ordinary shares is expected to resume in Hong Kong tomorrow, Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 9.30am (

Hong Kong  
time).

Removals of ordinary shares to or from the principal register in the  
United Kingdom

and/or the overseas branch registers of shareholders in Hong Kong and Bermuda will be suspended from the commencement of business on Monday 2 March 2009 in Hong Kong,

London

and  
Bermuda  
, respectively. The announcement referred to above will give details of the period during which such suspension will apply.

By Order of the Board

**R G Barber**

Group Company  
Secretary

Hong Kong

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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†.

† Independent non-executive Director

\* Non-executive Director

**HSBC**

**Holdings plc**

Incorporated in

England

with limited liability. Registered in

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: number 617987.

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**Note to editors:**

**The HSBC Group**

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London

. The Group serves customers worldwide from more than 9,500 offices in 85 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas

, the Middle East and Africa

. With assets of US\$2,547 billion at 30 June 2008, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

**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.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group

Secretary

Date: March 2, 2009