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For the month of February, 2007

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GRUPO FINANCIERO HSBC, S.A. DE C.V.  
FOURTH QUARTER 2006 FINANCIAL RESULTS - HIGHLIGHTS

On 8 August 2006, HSBC Panama was sold by Grupo Financiero HSEC, S.A de C.V to HSBC Asia Holdings BV. All comparative commentary within this report is therefore on a like-for-like basis excluding HSBC Panama, as presented in Appendix A. The financial statements on pages 6-14 include HSBC Panama up until the date of disposal.

- Net income up 8.4 per cent to MXN5,365 million for the year ended 31 December 2006 (MXN4,949 million for the year ended 31 December 2005).
- Cost efficiency ratio (excluding monetary position) of 60.6 per cent for the year ended 31 December 2006 (65.1 per cent for the year ended 31 December 2005).

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- Return on equity of 18.6 per cent for the year ended 31 December 2006 (21.8 per cent for the year ended 31 December 2005).
- Net loans and advances to customers up MXN28.1 billion, or 22.1 per cent, to MXN154.9 billion at 31 December 2006 (MXN126.8 billion at 31 December 2005).
- Total assets up MXN22.6 billion, or 8.5 per cent, to MXN290.3 billion at 31 December 2006 (MXN267.6 billion at 31 December 2005).

HSBC Mexico S.A. (the bank) is Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V.'s (the group) primary subsidiary, and is subject to supervision by the Mexican Banking and Securities Commission. The bank is required to file periodic financial information on a quarterly basis (in this case for the quarter ended 31 December 2006) and this information is publicly available. Given that this information is available in the public domain, Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. has elected to file this release.

Results are prepared in accordance with Mexican GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles), with figures denominated in Mexican pesos (MXN). Comparative figures are presented on an actual basis, indexed to constant MXN as at 31 December 2006.

Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. is a 99.99 per cent directly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC).

Comment by Sandy Flockhart, President and Group Managing Director of Latin America and the Caribbean

"Our investment for growth strategy in Mexico continues to deliver solid results. For the year ended 31 December 2006, the group delivered robust growth in revenues. Net income was driven by a strong performance in the bank and in the insurance subsidiaries, despite higher loan impairment charges in line with the provisioning requirements under Mexican regulatory rules to cover significant loan growth. Revenue grew across the personal, commercial and corporate business segments even in a decreasing interest rate environment and a highly competitive market. Our cost efficiency has shown continued improvement with revenue growth of 17.0 per cent exceeding expense growth of 8.8 per cent in the period ended 31 December 2006. This has been due to a more profitable balance sheet composition, driven by growth of 42.2 per cent and 37.0 per cent in consumer and commercial banking lending products respectively, compared to 2005. Impaired loans grew 21.5 per cent versus the previous year, in line with 21.8 per cent growth in gross loans and advances to customers for the same period. As a result, the ratio of impaired loans to total loans remained at 2.7 per cent as at 31 December 2006, the same percentage as the previous year.

"In 2006 Grupo Financiero HSBC consolidated efforts to grow a strong platform in Mexico. Our commitment to Mexico is reflected by our continued investment since the acquisition of Grupo Financiero Bital in November 2002. HSBC has invested over US\$2.3 billion in Mexico since 2002. As part of HSBC Mexico's plans to increase financial strength and to become the leading financial services company in Mexico in the eyes of our customers, all profits earned since January 2003 have been reinvested in the Mexican business, representing a total of MXN15,940 million in accordance with Mexican GAAP. We have invested in enhancing our information technology, improving staff training and broadening the human resources base to some 23,700 employees. This represents over 8,000 new jobs created since November 2002, and over 2,000 new jobs in 2006 alone. The training and career development of our employees, including offering overseas postings, has been integral to building local leadership talent and potential for continued growth in the future.

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"In April 2006, HSBC Mexico inaugurated its new headquarters, Torre HSBC, which has brought together staff across Mexico City into one location, providing a stronger organisational culture and a renewed working environment. In addition to our new corporate headquarters, we have continued to invest in and improve our infrastructure with 372 ATMs added in 2006, bringing the total number to 5,437.

"I am pleased to mention that, during 2006, Grupo Financiero HSBC received several awards not only for its managerial efforts, but also for its corporate and social responsibility. Expansion and Latin Finance magazines each named HSBC Mexico as Bank of the Year in 2006. In May, for the second consecutive year, HSBC Mexico received the SME Award from the Mexican Ministry of Economy in recognition of its outstanding support to small and medium business customers.

"In the area of social responsibility, the Mexican Philanthropy Centre (CEMEFI) recognised HSBC Mexico with the Socially Responsible Company 2006 certification. Likewise, HSBC ranked first among all Mexican banks and fourth in Latin America in the Sustainable and Ethical Banks in Latin America ranking published by Latin Finance magazine.

"In HSBC we continue to strive towards being the leading financial services company in Mexico. The combination of our extensive international network, the HSBC brand and the sharing of global practices, along with local product knowledge and expertise has been a powerful impulse to deliver solid results in Mexico."

### Overview

For the year ended 31 December 2006, Grupo Financiero HSBC's net income of MXN5,365 million was MXN416 million, or 8.4 per cent, higher than the same period in 2005. These results were largely due to strong performances in the bank and insurance subsidiaries, although they were partly offset by higher loan impairment charges in line with the provisioning requirements under Mexican regulatory rules to cover the significant loan growth.

Net interest income (excluding monetary position) was up by MXN2,235 million to MXN17,758 million for the year ended 31 December 2006, a 14.4 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2005. This was despite a significant reduction in interest rates of 210 basis points negatively impacting spreads on HSBC Mexico's large base of low-cost customer deposits. The increase in net interest income reflects a solid performance in loans, concentrated in higher-yielding credit card lending and small-and medium-sized business (SME) products, as well as robust growth in low-cost customer deposits. In particular, credit card balances more than doubled versus the previous year, leading to a 2.3 per cent increase in market share of balances outstanding to reach 7.2 per cent at December 2006.

Net fees and commissions grew strongly, increasing by MXN1,310 million, or 17.2 per cent, compared to the same period in 2005, reaching MXN8,933 million for the year ended 31 December 2006. These positive results were mainly driven by increased contributions from packaged products with a monthly membership fee (Tu Cuenta and Estimulo), credit card, mortgage, point of sale, mutual fund and trade services fees. Trading income was up 43.9 per cent to MXN2,049 million over the same period of the previous year, reflecting the bank's successful strategic positioning, increased volumes in the retail foreign exchange market and the addition of new and more sophisticated products to better serve our clients' needs.

Administrative expenses grew 8.8 per cent compared to the same period in 2005, reaching MXN17,418 million for the year ended 31 December 2006. This increase reflects continued investment in the training and development of our employees,

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the introduction of a new dedicated mobile sales force and the continued build-up of our ATM infrastructure.

Loan impairment charges increased by MXN2,555 million, or 164.7 per cent, reaching MXN4,106 million for the year ended 31 December 2006. The increase reflects the growth of the portfolios in recent years and the higher provisioning requirements under Mexican regulatory rules related to new consumer and commercial lending, particularly in credit cards and small and micro business loans. Credit card balances increased MXN7,390 million, or 108.4 per cent, for the year ended 31 December 2006 versus the same period the previous year, while small and micro business loan balances increased MXN2,494 million (83.4 per cent) and MXN3,272 million (385.4 per cent) respectively for the same period. Impaired loans grew 21.5 per cent versus the previous year, in line with 21.8 per cent growth in gross loans and advances to customers for the same period. As a result, the ratio of impaired loans to total loans remained at 2.7 per cent as at 31 December 2006, the same percentage as the previous year. Impairment allowances as a percentage of impaired loans was 156.9 per cent, compared to previous year's 167.9 per cent. The bank's capital adequacy ratio remains solid at 13.8 per cent, well above National Banking and Securities Commission (CNBV) requirements.

### Results by customer segment

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the bank's Personal Financial Services (PFS) business saw continued income growth due to higher balances in low-cost deposits, credit cards, mortgages, personal and payroll loans. At the end of December 2006, PFS total customer loans increased 39.7 per cent versus the previous year.

In addition, there was higher fee and commission income from credit cards, the Tu Cuenta packaged product with a monthly membership fee and ATMs. Strong performance continues to be driven by the integrated financial services product, Tu Cuenta, which has reached one million accounts sold as of 31 December 2006. This product which has driven growth in low-cost deposits, features a 5 per cent credit card cash-back promotion and integrates financial services for a fixed monthly fee. These services include credit and debit cards, checking account, access to investment funds, time and demand deposits and internet banking. In addition to the contribution of Tu Cuenta income, an increase in the number of ATMs, a larger customer base and important efforts made during the last year to relocate machines to more convenient areas have boosted the number of transactions.

The bank's Commercial Banking (CMB) customer loans were 34.6 per cent higher than in 2005, primarily driven by strong demand in the rapidly growing real estate and residential construction sectors and continued growth in the small and micro business sector. Full year 2006 fee income rose by 27 per cent largely resulting from increased cross sales activity with card acquiring, ATMs, internet banking and payments and cash management (PCM) services. Growth in customer numbers led to higher transactional volumes and this, combined with an expanded and improved product offering, increased marketing activity and re-pricing initiatives, led to a 41 per cent rise in income from payments and cash management services.

The Estimulo product offering, comprising of a packaged suite of seven different products including a loan facility, continued to perform well with fee income more than tripling versus the previous year. During the third quarter, a similar product, Estimulo Empresarial, was launched, targeting upper end SME customers. This product encompasses a suite of 11 different services and since its introduction more than 165 new clients have been acquired, generating MXN543 million in new loans. HSBC's share of the trade services market continued to grow as enhanced systems, new products and improvements made to existing ones, led to higher levels of cross-selling activity among the various trade services

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products. During the year, the international factoring and domestic invoicing payment services were successfully piloted and marketed to existing clients.

In Corporate, Investment Banking and Markets (CIBM), the Corporate bank continued to increase profitability while strengthening its market position. In Global Markets, profits were below 2005 levels as balance sheet management revenues were constrained by a flattening of the interest rate curve and relatively stable market conditions. However, the Global Markets business increased its participation in the derivatives market as it has incorporated new and more sophisticated product offerings. This, combined with solid client relationships and HSBC's global reach, helped Global Markets increase its presence in the money and capital markets. Higher payments and cash management fees were driven by a wider product offering, particularly through e-channels, intensive marketing campaigns and the leveraging of established credit-related products and services. Trading had a strong year with an increase of 43.9 per cent versus previous year, largely due to successful positioning, larger retail foreign exchange volumes, the addition of new products (currency swaps and interest rate options) and the resulting increased focus on the derivatives market.

### About HSBC

Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. is Mexico's fourth largest banking and financial services institution with 1,348 branches, 5,437 ATMs, 6.5 million customers and more than 23,000 employees. For more information, consult our website at [www.hsbc.com.mx](http://www.hsbc.com.mx).

Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. is a 99.99 per cent directly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc. Headquartered in London, UK, the HSBC Group serves over 125 million customers worldwide through 9,500 offices in 81 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$1,738 billion at 30 June 2006, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. With listings on the London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda stock exchanges, shares in HSBC Holdings plc are held by nearly 200,000 shareholders in some 100 countries and territories. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

### Consolidated Balance Sheet

|                                      | GROUP          |                | BANK           |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Figures in MXN millions              | 31 Dec<br>2006 | 31 Dec<br>2005 | 31 Dec<br>2006 | 31 Dec<br>2005 |
| <b>Assets</b>                        |                |                |                |                |
| Cash and deposits in banks           | 55,081         | 57,593         | 55,080         | 53,157         |
| Investment in securities             | 57,097         | 59,330         | 56,061         | 57,834         |
| Trading securities                   | 12,627         | 7,234          | 11,591         | 6,863          |
| Available for sale securities        | 40,471         | 47,937         | 40,471         | 46,812         |
| Held to maturity securities          | 3,999          | 4,159          | 3,999          | 4,159          |
| Securities and derivative operations | 235            | 592            | 230            | 596            |
| Repurchase agreements                | 69             | 194            | 64             | 198            |
| Derivative transactions              | 166            | 398            | 166            | 398            |
| Performing loans                     |                |                |                |                |
| Commercial loans                     | 58,112         | 47,655         | 58,112         | 42,429         |
| Loans to financial                   |                |                |                |                |

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| intermediaries                                 | 5,973   | 7,183   | 5,973   | 7,080   |
| Consumer loans                                 | 35,477  | 26,729  | 35,477  | 24,952  |
| Mortgage loans                                 | 20,565  | 20,936  | 20,565  | 15,956  |
| Loans to government entities                   | 37,217  | 37,668  | 37,217  | 37,668  |
| Loans to Fobaproa or IPAB                      | -       | 1,142   | -       | 1,142   |
| Total performing loans                         | 157,344 | 141,313 | 157,344 | 129,227 |
| Impaired loans                                 |         |         |         |         |
| Commercial loans                               | 1,540   | 1,737   | 1,540   | 1,691   |
| Consumer loans                                 | 1,667   | 851     | 1,667   | 840     |
| Mortgage loans                                 | 1,103   | 1,064   | 1,103   | 994     |
| Immediate collection, remittances and other    | 10      | 29      | 10      | 29      |
| Total impaired loans                           | 4,320   | 3,681   | 4,320   | 3,554   |
| Gross loans and advances to customers          | 161,664 | 144,994 | 161,664 | 132,781 |
| Allowance for loan losses                      | (6,776) | (6,143) | (6,776) | (5,968) |
| Net loans and advances to customers            | 154,888 | 138,851 | 154,888 | 126,813 |
| Other accounts receivable                      | 10,924  | 15,852  | 10,803  | 15,290  |
| Foreclosed assets                              | 53      | 410     | 53      | 369     |
| Property, furniture and equipment, net         | 6,094   | 5,703   | 6,080   | 5,458   |
| Long-term investments in equity securities     | 2,642   | 2,338   | 185     | 204     |
| Deferred taxes                                 | -       | 778     | -       | 644     |
| Goodwill                                       | 2,648   | 3,374   | -       | -       |
| Other assets, deferred charges and intangibles | 603     | 1,753   | 587     | 1,525   |
| Total assets                                   | 290,265 | 286,574 | 283,967 | 261,890 |

| Figures in MXN millions                        | GROUP       |             | BANK        |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 31 Dec 2006 | 31 Dec 2005 | 31 Dec 2006 | 31 Dec 2005 |
| Liabilities                                    |             |             |             |             |
| Deposits                                       | 219,051     | 221,154     | 220,640     | 204,749     |
| Demand deposits                                | 133,735     | 130,738     | 135,324     | 123,757     |
| Time deposits                                  | 81,074      | 90,416      | 81,074      | 80,992      |
| Bonds  | 4,242       | -           | 4,242       | -           |
| Bank deposits and other liabilities            | 12,962      | 7,253       | 12,962      | 7,183       |
| On demand                                      | 100         | -           | 100         | -           |
| Short-term                                     | 10,621      | 5,038       | 10,621      | 4,934       |
| Long-term                                      | 2,241       | 2,215       | 2,241       | 2,249       |
| Securities and derivative transactions         | 6,320       | 4,689       | 6,315       | 4,694       |
| Repurchase agreements                          | 54          | 118         | 49          | 123         |
| Loans with collateral                          | 6,266       | 4,571       | 6,266       | 4,571       |
| Other accounts payable                         | 16,815      | 23,914      | 16,660      | 22,819      |
| Income tax and employee profit sharing payable | 1,052       | 1,352       | 1,022       | 1,250       |
| Sundry creditors and others accounts payable   | 15,763      | 22,562      | 15,638      | 21,569      |
| Subordinated debentures outstanding            | 2,206       | 2,686       | 2,206       | 2,299       |

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| Deferred taxes  | 556     | -       | 607     | -       |
| Deferred credits  | 19      | 21      | 19      | 16      |
| Total liabilities   | 257,929 | 259,717 | 259,409 | 241,760 |
| Equity  |         |         |         |         |
| Paid in capital   | 20,680  | 20,680  | 13,038  | 13,038  |
| Capital stock   | 7,909   | 7,909   | 3,930   | 3,930   |
| Additional paid in capital                                      | 12,771  | 12,771  | 9,108   | 9,108   |
| Other reserves  | 11,654  | 6,175   | 11,519  | 7,091   |
| Capital reserves  | 843     | 661     | 9,148   | 4,774   |
| Retained earnings   | 12,886  | 7,957   | -       | -       |
| Result from the mark-to-market of available-for-sale securities | -       | -       | 303     | 280     |
| Result from translation of foreign operations                   | -       | (7)     | -       | 12      |
| Cumulative effect of restatement                                | (3,843) | (3,843) | (3,490) | (3,502) |
| Gains on non-monetary asset valuation                           |         |         |         |         |
| Valuation of fixed assets                                       | -       | -       | 1,297   | 1,297   |
| Valuation of permanent investments                              | (3,759) | (3,781) | (152)   | (144)   |
| Net income  | 5,527   | 5,188   | 4,413   | 4,374   |
| Minority interest in capital                                    | 2       | 2       | 1       | 1       |
| Total equity  | 32,336  | 26,857  | 24,558  | 20,130  |
| Total liabilities and equity                                    | 290,265 | 286,574 | 283,967 | 261,890 |

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Figures in MXN millions

31 Dec 2006      31 Dec 2005

Memorandum Accounts

|   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| Transactions on behalf of third parties         | 108,828 | 89,595 |
| Customer current accounts                       | 26      | 1      |
| Settlement of customer securities and documents | 26      | 1      |
| Customer securities                             | 84,353  | 69,515 |
| Customer securities in custody                  | 84,347  | 68,322 |
| Pledged customers securities and documents      | 6       | 1,193  |
| Transactions on behalf of customers             | 2,485   | 2,511  |
| Customer repurchase transactions                | 2,485   | 2,511  |
| Other transactions on behalf of customers       | 21,964  | 17,568 |

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|---|----------|----------|
| Investment on behalf of customers, net          | 21,964   | 17,568   |
| Other memorandums accounts                      | 344,211  | 501,525  |
| Investment of the SAR funds                     | 3,540    | 3,429    |
| Integrated loan portfolio                       | 168,049  | 136,759  |
| Other memorandum accounts                       | 172,622  | 361,337  |
| Transactions for the Group's own accounts       | 873,702  | 353,735  |
| Accounts for the Group's own registry           | 873,687  | 353,658  |
| Guarantees granted                              | 50       | 59       |
| Irrevocable lines of credit granted             | 6,334    | 3,918    |
| Goods in trust or mandate                       | 93,128   | 70,590   |
| Goods in custody or under administration        | 111,997  | 59,307   |
| Amounts committed in transactions with Fobaproa | 156      | 128      |
| Amounts contracted in derivative operations     | 657,957  | 214,487  |
| Securities in custody                           | 3,941    | 4,152    |
| Other contingent obligations                    | 124      | 1,017    |
| Repurchase/resale agreements                    |          |          |
| Securities receivable under repos               | 49,854   | 46,284   |
| (less) Repurchase agreements                    | (49,843) | (46,300) |
|   | 11       | (16)     |
| Reverse repurchase agreements                   | 3,016    | 16,607   |
| (less) Securities deliverable under repos       | (3,012)  | (16,515) |
|   | 4        | 92       |

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|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Figures in MXN millions | 31 Dec | 31 Dec |
|                         | 2006   | 2005   |

Memorandum Accounts

|   |           |         |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Guarantees granted                              | 50        | 59      |
| Other contingent obligations                    | 124       | 1,017   |
| Irrevocable lines of credit granted             | 6,334     | 3,918   |
| Goods in trust or mandate                       | 93,128    | 70,590  |
| Goods in custody or under administration        | 111,997   | 59,307  |
| Third party investment banking operations, net  | 21,964    | 17,568  |
| Amounts committed in transactions with Fobaproa | 156       | 128     |
| Amounts contracted in derivative operations     | 657,957   | 214,487 |
| Investments of retirement savings system funds  | 3,540     | 3,429   |
| Integrated loan portfolio                       | 168,049   | 136,759 |
| Other control accounts                          | 172,622   | 361,336 |
|   | 1,235,921 | 868,598 |



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| Securities receivable under repos         | 47,373   | 43,753   |  |
| (less) Repurchase agreements              | (47,358) | (43,767) |  |
|   | 15       | (14)     |  |
| Reverse repurchase agreements             | 532      | 14,074   |  |
| (less) Securities deliverable under repos | (532)    | (13,985) |  |
|   | -        | 89       |  |

### Consolidated Income Statement

Figures in MXN  
millions

|  | GROUP          |                | BANK           |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 31 Dec<br>2006 | 31 Dec<br>2005 | 31 Dec<br>2006 | 31 Dec<br>2005 |
| Interest income                            | 27,872         | 27,447         | 27,019         | 26,381         |
| Interest expense                           | (9,681)        | (11,287)       | (9,346)        | (10,902)       |
| Monetary position (margin), net            | (1,022)        | (334)          | (937)          | (251)          |
| Net interest income                        | 17,169         | 15,826         | 16,736         | 15,228         |
| Loan impairment charges                    | (4,137)        | (1,562)        | (4,106)        | (1,551)        |
| Risk adjusted net interest income          | 13,032         | 14,264         | 12,630         | 13,677         |
| Fees and commissions receivable            | 10,171         | 8,786          | 9,253          | 7,879          |
| Fees payable                               | (1,092)        | (955)          | (1,065)        | (915)          |
| Trading income                             | 2,049          | 1,420          | 2,043          | 1,412          |
| Total operating income                     | 24,160         | 23,515         | 22,861         | 22,053         |
| Administrative and personnel expenses      | (17,746)       | (16,489)       | (16,832)       | (15,310)       |
| Net operating income                       | 6,414          | 7,026          | 6,029          | 6,743          |
| Other income                               | 2,129          | 1,557          | 2,067          | 1,567          |
| Other expenses                             | (1,068)        | (1,063)        | (1,044)        | (1,035)        |
| Net income before taxes                    | 7,475          | 7,520          | 7,052          | 7,275          |
| Income tax and employee profit sharing tax | (1,521)        | (1,553)        | (1,434)        | (1,441)        |
| Deferred income tax                        | (1,235)        | (1,403)        | (1,203)        | (1,397)        |
| Net income before subsidiaries             | 4,719          | 4,564          | 4,415          | 4,437          |
| Undistributed income from subsidiaries     | 808            | 704            | (2)            | 17             |
| Income from ongoing operations             | 5,527          | 5,268          | 4,413          | 4,454          |

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| Discontinued and extraordinary operations, and changes in accounting policies, net | -     | (80)  | -     | (80)  |
| Net income   | 5,527 | 5,188 | 4,413 | 4,374 |

Statement of Changes in Shareholder's Equity

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Figures in MXN millions

|   | Capital contributed | Capital reserves | Retained earnings | Result from foreign currency transactions | Deficit in restatement of stock holders' equity | Net income | Minority interest | Tot equi |
|---|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|---|------------|-------------------|----------|
| Balances at 31 Dec 05                                     | 20,680              | 661              | 7,957             | (7)                                       | (7,624)   | 5,188      | 2                 | 26,8     |
| Movements inherent to the shareholder's decision          |                     |                  |                   |   |   |            |                   |          |
| Capitalisation of retained earnings                       | -                   | -                | 5,188             | -   | -   | (5,188)    | -                 |          |
| Other movements   | -                   | 182              | (259)             | -   | -   | -          | -                 | (        |
| Total   | -                   | 182              | 4,929             | -   | -   | (5,188)    | -                 | (        |
| Movements for the recognition of the comprehensive income |                     |                  |                   |   |   |            |                   |          |
| Net income  | -                   | -                | -                 | -   | -   | 5,527      | -                 | 5,5      |
| Result from foreign currency transactions                 | -                   | -                | -                 | 7   | -   | -          | -                 |          |
| Gains on non-monetary asset valuation                     | -                   | -                | -                 | -   | 22  | -          | -                 |          |
| Total   | -                   | -                | -                 | 7   | 22  | 5,527      | -                 | 5,5      |

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|--------------|--------|-----|--------|---|---------|-------|---|------|--|
| Balances     |        |     |        |   |         |       |   |      |  |
| at 31 Dec 06 | 20,680 | 843 | 12,886 | - | (7,602) | 5,527 | 2 | 32,3 |  |

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Figures in MXN millions

|                 | Capital<br>contributed | Capital<br>reserves | Retained<br>earnings | Result from<br>valuation of<br>available-for<br>sale<br>securities | Result<br>from<br>foreign<br>currency<br>transactions | Deficit in<br>restatement<br>of stock<br>holders'<br>equity |      |     |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|---|---|------|-----|
| Balances        |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| at 31 Dec 05    | 13,038                 | 4,774               | -                    | 280  | 12  | (2,349)   | 4,3  |     |
| Movements       |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| inherent to     |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| the             |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| shareholder's   |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| decision        |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| Transfer of     |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| result of       |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| prior years     | -                      | -                   | 4,374                | -  | -   | -   | (4,3 |     |
| Other movements | -                      | 4,374               | (4,374)              | -  | -   | -   | -    |     |
| Total           | -                      | 4,374               | -                    | -  | -   | -   | (4,3 |     |
| Movements for   |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| the             |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| recognition     |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| of the          |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| comprehensive   |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| income          |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| Net income      | -                      | -                   | -                    | -  | -   | -   | -    | 4,4 |
| Result from     |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| valuation of    |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| available       |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| for sale        |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| securities      | -                      | -                   | -                    | 23   | -   | -   | -    |     |
| Cumulative      |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| effect of       |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| restatement     | -                      | -                   | -                    | -  | -   | 12  |      |     |
| Others          | -                      | -                   | -                    | -  | (12)  | (8)   |      |     |
| Total           | -                      | -                   | -                    | 23   | (12)  | 5   | 4,4  |     |
| Balances        |                        |                     |                      |  |   |   |      |     |
| at 31 Dec 06    | 13,038                 | 9,148               | -                    | 303  | -   | (2,345)   | 4,4  |     |

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### Consolidated Statement of Changes in Financial Position

#### GROUP

Figures in MXN millions

|  | 31 Dec<br>2006 | 31 Dec<br>2005 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Operating activities:</b>   |                |                |
| Net income   | 5,527          | 5,188          |
| Items included in operations not requiring<br>(providing) funds:         |                |                |
| Result from mark-to-market valuations                                    | (617)          | (285)          |
| Allowances for loan losses   | 4,137          | 1,562          |
| Depreciation and amortisation  | 870            | 885            |
| Deferred taxes   | 1,235          | 1,402          |
| Undistributed income from subsidiaries, net                              | (808)          | (704)          |
| Value loss estimation for foreclosed assets                              | 242            | 55             |
| Total operating items not requiring funds                                | 10,586         | 8,103          |
| <b>Changes in items related to operations:</b>                           |                |                |
| Increase / (decrease) in retail deposit<br>and money desk                | (2,103)        | 28,264         |
| (Increase) in loan portfolio   | (20,174)       | (20,664)       |
| Decrease in securities and derivative<br>transactions, net               | 2,600          | 4,171          |
| Decrease / (increase) in financial instruments                           | 2,238          | (9,521)        |
| (Decrease) / (increase) in other receivable<br>and payable accounts, net | (296)          | 1,651          |
| Funds provided by operating activities                                   | (7,149)        | 12,004         |
| <b>Financing activities:</b>   |                |                |
| Increase / (decrease) in bank deposits and<br>other liabilities          | 5,709          | (2,376)        |
| Subordinated debentures outstanding                                      | (480)          | (100)          |
| Funds used or provided in financing activities                           | 5,229          | (2,476)        |
| <b>Investing activities:</b>   |                |                |
| Decrease/(increase) in property, furniture and<br>equipment, net         | (804)          | (1,224)        |
| Decrease/(increase) in deferred charges<br>or credits, net               | 97             | 120            |
| Decrease in foreclosed assets  | 115            | 120            |
| Funds used in investing activities                                       | (592)          | (984)          |
| (Decrease)/increase in cash and equivalents                              | (2,512)        | 8,544          |
| Cash and equivalents at beginning of period                              | 57,593         | 49,049         |
| Cash and equivalents at end of period                                    | 55,081         | 57,593         |

#### BANK

Figures in MXN millions

|  | 31 Dec<br>2006 | 31 Dec<br>2005 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Operating activities:</b>                                     |                |                |
| Net income   | 4,413          | 4,374          |
| Items included in operations not requiring<br>(providing) funds: |                |                |
| Result from mark to market valuations                            | (627)          | (281)          |
| Allowance for loan losses  | 4,106          | 1,551          |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                    | 848            | 855            |

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|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Deferred taxes  | 1,203    | 1,397    |
| Undistributed income from subsidiaries, net                       | 2        | (17)     |
| Value loss estimation for foreclosed assets                       | 242      | 55       |
| Total operating items not requiring funds                         | 10,187   | 7,934    |
| Changes in operating accounts:                                    |          |          |
| Increase in retail deposit and money desk                         | 15,891   | 23,096   |
| (Increase) in loan portfolio                                      | (32,180) | (17,870) |
| Decrease in securities and derivative transactions, net           | 2,600    | 4,453    |
| Decrease/(increase) in financial instruments                      | 1,810    | (10,147) |
| (Increase)/decrease in other receivable and payable accounts, net | (737)    | 1,562    |
| Funds provided by operations                                      | (2,429)  | 9,028    |
| Financing activities:   |          |          |
| Increase/(decrease) in bank deposits and other liabilities        | 5,779    | (2,446)  |
| Subordinated debentures outstanding                               | (92)     | (67)     |
| Capital   | -        | 1,707    |
| Funds used or provided by financing activities                    | 5,687    | (806)    |
| Investing activities:   |          |          |
| Decrease/(increase) in property, furniture and equipment, net     | (1,459)  | (1,910)  |
| Decrease/(increase) in deferred charges or credits, net           | 50       | 251      |
| Decrease in foreclosed assets                                     | 74       | 108      |
| Funds used in investing activities                                | (1,335)  | (1,551)  |
| Increase in cash and equivalents                                  | 1,923    | 6,671    |
| Cash and equivalents at beginning of period                       | 53,157   | 46,486   |
| Cash and equivalents at end of period                             | 55,080   | 53,157   |

### Differences between Mexican GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent of Grupo Financiero HSBC S.A de C.V reports its results under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). There follows a reconciliation of the results of Grupo Financiero HSBC S.A. de C.V from Mexican GAAP to IFRS for the years ended 31 December 2005 and 2006 and an explanation of the key reconciling items.

| Figures in MXN millions   | YTD<br>2006 | YTD<br>2005 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Grupo Financiero HSBC - Net Income Under Mexican GAAP                                       | 5,527       | 5,188       |
| Inflation   | 838         | 287         |
| Differences arising on the classification and valuation of hedging derivatives ^            | -           | 72          |
| Differences arising on the valuation of pensions and post retirement healthcare benefits ^  | 190         | 82          |
| Differences arising on acquisition costs relating to long-term investment contracts ^       | (48)        | 121         |
| Differences arising from the deferral of fees received and paid on the origination of loans | (39)        | (65)        |
| Differences arising from the recognition and provisioning for loan impairments ^            | 1,148       | 709         |
| Differences arising from purchase accounting  |             |             |

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|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| adjustments ^                                | 484    | 611    |
| Exclusion of results from HSBC Panama ^ ^    | (162)  | (236)  |
| Other differences in accounting principles ^ | (238)  | 402    |
| <br>   |        |        |
| HSBC Mexico net income under IFRS            | 7,700  | 7,171  |
| US dollar equivalent (millions)              | 706    | 659    |
| Add back tax expense                         | 3,266  | 2,880  |
| <br>   |        |        |
| HSBC Mexico profit before tax under IFRS     | 10,966 | 10,051 |
| US dollar equivalent (millions)              | 1,006  | 923    |
| <br>   |        |        |
| Exchange rate used for conversion            | 10.90  | 10.89  |

^ Impact shown net of taxes at 29 per cent and 30 per cent for 2006 and 2005 respectively.

^ ^ Refers to 12 months of Panama for 2005 and 7 months for 2006, removed in order to arrive at IFRS results for Mexico only.

Summary of key differences between Grupo Financiero's results as reported under Mexican GAAP and IFRS

### Inflation

#### Mexican GAAP

Mexican GAAP Bulletin - 10 requires recognition of inflation on financial statements to reflect the current purchasing power of the currency in which such financial information is stated.

#### IFRS

IAS 29 'Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies' requires recognition of inflation on financial statements only if the entity's functional currency is the currency of a hyperinflationary economy. As Mexico's economy does not meet the characteristics established in this standard to be considered as hyperinflationary, no inflationary effects are included for IFRS reporting.

### Hedge Accounting

Difference on valuation arose on transition to IFRS due to financial instruments that are designated as hedging instruments under Mexican GAAP that did not qualify under IFRS. This difference was taken to the income statement on termination of the hedges in 2005. No further differences exist.

Summary of key differences between Grupo Financiero's results as reported under Mexican GAAP and IFRS (continued)

### Retirement benefits

#### Mexican GAAP

Post-retirement benefit liabilities are not recognized on the balance sheet. The income statement charge is based on contributions made to the schemes.

#### IFRS

Obligations for defined benefit pension and post-retirement healthcare benefits are recorded on the balance sheet and the income statement based on actuarial calculations.

### Acquisition costs of long term investment contracts

#### Mexican GAAP

All costs related to the acquisition of long-term investment contracts are expensed as they are incurred.

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### IFRS

Incremental costs relating to the acquisition of long-term investment contracts are deferred and amortised over the expected life of the contract. However, a decrease in the expected life of a portfolio of contracts has led to accelerated amortization in 2006.

Fees paid and received on origination of loans

### Mexican GAAP

All fees and expenses received or paid on loan origination are recognized as they are incurred.

### IFRS

Fees and expenses received or paid on origination of a loan that are directly attributable to the origination of that loan are accounted for under the effective interest rate method over the expected life of the loan.

Loan impairment charges

### Mexican GAAP

Loan impairment charges are calculated following the rules issued by the Mexican Ministry of Finance and the National Banking and Securities Commission. Such rules establish authorized methodologies for determining the amount of provision for each type of loan.

### IFRS

Loan loss provisions for collectively assessed loans are determined based on a roll-rate methodology reflecting history of losses for each category of loan, past due payments and collateral values. For individually assessed loans, loan loss provisions are calculated based on the discounted cash flow value of the collateral.

### Purchase accounting adjustments

These arise from valuations made by HSBC on acquiring Grupo Financiero Bital in November 2002 on various assets and liabilities that differed from the valuation in the local Mexican GAAP books.

### Appendix A:

Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. (HBMX)

Consolidated balance sheet on a like-for-like basis

Figures in MXN millions

|   | Total<br>Group<br>2006 | Mexico<br>^<br>2005 | Panama<br>2005 | Total<br>Group<br>2005 |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                           |                        |                     |                |                        |
| Cash and deposits in banks              | 55,081                 | 53,160              | 4,433          | 57,593                 |
| Investments in securities               | 57,097                 | 58,205              | 1,125          | 59,330                 |
| Trading securities                      | 12,627                 | 7,234               | -              | 7,234                  |
| Available-for-sale-securities           | 40,471                 | 46,812              | 1,125          | 47,937                 |
| Held to maturity securities             | 3,999                  | 4,159               | -              | 4,159                  |
| Securities and derivative<br>operations | 235                    | 592                 | -              | 592                    |
| Repurchase agreements                   | 69                     | 194                 | -              | 194                    |
| Derivative transactions                 | 166                    | 398                 | -              | 398                    |
| Performing loans                        |                        |                     |                |                        |
| Commercial loans                        | 58,112                 | 42,429              | 5,226          | 47,655                 |

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|  |         |         |        |         |
|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Loans to financial intermediaries              | 5,973   | 7,080   | 103    | 7,183   |
| Consumer loans                                 | 35,477  | 24,952  | 1,777  | 26,729  |
| Mortgage loans                                 | 20,565  | 15,956  | 4,980  | 20,936  |
| Loans to government entities                   | 37,217  | 37,668  | -      | 37,668  |
| Loans to Fobaproa or IPAB                      | -       | 1,142   | -      | 1,142   |
| Total performing loans                         | 157,344 | 129,227 | 12,086 | 141,313 |
| Impaired loans                                 |         |         |        |         |
| Commercial loans                               | 1,540   | 1,691   | 46     | 1,737   |
| Consumer loans                                 | 1,667   | 840     | 11     | 851     |
| Mortgages loans                                | 1,103   | 995     | 69     | 1,064   |
| Immediate collection, remittances and other    | 10      | 29      | -      | 29      |
| Total impaired loans                           | 4,320   | 3,555   | 126    | 3,681   |
| Gross loans and advances to customers          | 161,664 | 132,782 | 12,212 | 144,994 |
| Allowance for loan losses                      | (6,776) | (5,968) | (175)  | (6,143) |
| Net loans and advances to customers            | 154,888 | 126,814 | 12,037 | 138,851 |
| Other accounts receivable                      | 10,924  | 15,739  | 113    | 15,852  |
| Foreclosed assets                              | 53      | 369     | 41     | 410     |
| Property, furniture and equipment, net         | 6,094   | 5,467   | 236    | 5,703   |
| Long term investments in equity securities     | 2,642   | 2,338   | -      | 2,338   |
| Deferred taxes                                 | -       | 738     | 40     | 778     |
| Goodwill                                       | 2,648   | 2,649   | 725    | 3,374   |
| Other assets, deferred charges and intangibles | 603     | 1,546   | 207    | 1,753   |
| Total assets                                   | 290,265 | 267,617 | 18,957 | 286,574 |

On 8 August 2006, HSBC Panama was sold by Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A de C.V to HSBC Asia Holdings BV. Therefore, the balance sheet as at 31 December 2005 has been restated to exclude HSBC Panama to compare on a like-for-like basis.

Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. (HBMX)

Figures in MXN millions

|  | Total Group 2006 | Mexico^ 2005 | Panama 2005 | Total Group 2005 |
|--|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Liabilities</b>                     |                  |              |             |                  |
| Deposits                               | 219,051          | 204,747      | 16,407      | 221,154          |
| Demand deposits                        | 133,735          | 123,756      | 6,982       | 130,738          |
| Time deposits                          | 81,074           | 80,991       | 9,425       | 90,416           |
| Bonds                                  | 4,242            | -            | -           | -                |
| Bank deposits and other liabilities    | 12,962           | 7,183        | 70          | 7,253            |
| On demand                              | 100              | -            | -           | -                |
| Short-term                             | 10,621           | 4,968        | 70          | 5,038            |
| Long-term                              | 2,241            | 2,215        | -           | 2,215            |
| Securities and derivative transactions | 6,320            | 4,689        | -           | 4,689            |
| Repurchase agreements                  | 54               | 118          | -           | 118              |
| Loans with collateral                  | 6,266            | 4,571        | -           | 4,571            |
| Other accounts payable                 | 16,815           | 23,404       | 510         | 23,914           |



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|  |         |         |        |         |
|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Income tax and employee profit sharing payable | 1,052   | 1,266   | 86     | 1,352   |
| Sundry creditors and others accounts payable   | 15,763  | 22,138  | 424    | 22,562  |
| Subordinated debentures outstanding            | 2,206   | 2,299   | 387    | 2,686   |
| Deferred tax                                   | 556     | -       | -      | -       |
| Deferred credits                               | 19      | 17      | 4      | 21      |
| Total liabilities                              | 257,929 | 242,339 | 17,378 | 259,717 |
| Equity   |         |         |        |         |
| Paid in capital                                | 20,680  | 19,400  | 1,280  | 20,680  |
| Capital stock                                  | 7,909   | 6,629   | 1,280  | 7,909   |
| Additional paid in capital                     | 12,771  | 12,771  | -      | 12,771  |
| Other reserves                                 | 11,654  | 5,876   | 299    | 6,175   |
| Capital reserves                               | 843     | 661     | -      | 661     |
| Retained earnings                              | 12,886  | 7,891   | 66     | 7,957   |
| Result from translation of foreign operations  | -       | -       | (7)    | (7)     |
| Cumulative effect of restatement               | (3,843) | (3,843) | -      | (3,843) |
| Gains on non monetary asset valuation          |         |         |        |         |
| Valuation of permanent investments             | (3,759) | (3,781) | -      | (3,781) |
| Net income                                     | 5,527   | 4,948   | 240    | 5,188   |
| Minority interest in capital                   | 2       | 2       | -      | 2       |
| Total equity                                   | 32,336  | 25,278  | 1,579  | 26,857  |
| Total liabilities and equity                   | 290,265 | 267,617 | 18,957 | 286,574 |

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Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A. de C.V. (HBMX)  
Consolidated income statement on a like-for-like basis

Figures in MXN millions

|                                   | For the year ended 31 December |                |                        |                 |                |                        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
|                                   | Mexico^<br>2006                | Panama<br>2006 | Total<br>Group<br>2006 | Mexico^<br>2005 | Panama<br>2005 | Total<br>Group<br>2005 |
| Interest income                   | 27,147                         | 725            | 27,872                 | 26,505          | 942            | 27,447                 |
| Interest expense (-)              | (9,389)                        | (292)          | (9,681)                | (10,982)        | (305)          | (11,287)               |
| Monetary position (margin), net   | (1,017)                        | (5)            | (1,022)                | (325)           | (9)            | (334)                  |
| Net interest income               | 16,741                         | 428            | 17,169                 | 15,198          | 628            | 15,826                 |
| Loan impairment charges (-)       | (4,106)                        | (31)           | (4,137)                | (1,551)         | (11)           | (1,562)                |
| Risk adjusted net interest income | 12,635                         | 397            | 13,032                 | 13,647          | 617            | 14,264                 |
| Fees and commissions receivable   | 9,994                          | 177            | 10,171                 | 8,530           | 256            | 8,786                  |

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|  |          |       |          |          |       |          |
|--|----------|-------|----------|----------|-------|----------|
| Fees payable   | (1,061)  | (31)  | (1,092)  | (907)    | (48)  | (955)    |
| Trading income   | 2,049    | -     | 2,049    | 1,424    | (4)   | 1,420    |
| Total operating income   | 23,617   | 543   | 24,160   | 22,694   | 821   | 23,515   |
| Administrative and<br>personnel<br>expenses (-)  | (17,418) | (328) | (17,746) | (16,002) | (487) | (16,489) |
| Net operating income   | 6,199    | 215   | 6,414    | 6,692    | 334   | 7,026    |
| Other income   | 2,129    | -     | 2,129    | 1,557    | -     | 1,557    |
| Other expenses (-)   | (1,068)  | -     | (1,068)  | (1,058)  | (5)   | (1,063)  |
| Net income before<br>taxes   | 7,260    | 215   | 7,475    | 7,191    | 329   | 7,520    |
| Income tax and<br>employee profit<br>sharing   | (1,459)  | (62)  | (1,521)  | (1,463)  | (90)  | (1,553)  |
| Deferred income tax  | (1,244)  | 9     | (1,235)  | (1,403)  | -     | (1,403)  |
| Net income before<br>subsidiaries  | 4,557    | 162   | 4,719    | 4,325    | 239   | 4,564    |
| Undistributed income<br>from subsidiaries  | 808      | -     | 808      | 704      | -     | 704      |
| Income from ongoing<br>operations  | 5,365    | 162   | 5,527    | 5,029    | 239   | 5,268    |
| Discontinued and<br>extraordinary<br>operations and<br>changes in<br>accounting<br>policies, net | -        | -     | -        | (80)     | -     | (80)     |
| Net income   | 5,365    | 162   | 5,527    | 4,949    | 239   | 5,188    |

^ On 8 August 2006, HSBC Panama was sold by Grupo Financiero HSBC, S.A de C.V to HSBC Asia Holdings BV. Therefore, results for the year ended 31 December 2005 have been restated to exclude 12 months results for HSBC Panama. Results for the year ended 31 December 2006 have been restated to exclude results for HSBC Panama up until the date of disposal in order to compare on a like-for-like basis.

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: 27 February, 2007

