

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 June

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

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.....).

30 June 2010

HSBC ISSUANCE OF TIER 1 CAPITAL SECURITIES

On 30 June 2010, HSBC Holdings plc issued US\$400,000,000 of 8.00 per cent Perpetual Subordinated Capital Securities, Series 2 (the "New Series 2 Capital Securities") which are innovative tier 1 securities and will form part of HSBC Holdings plc's tier 1 capital.

The New Series 2 Capital Securities form a part of the same series as, and are fungible with, the outstanding US\$3,400,000,000 8.00 per cent Perpetual Subordinated Capital Securities, Series 2 issued by HSBC Holdings plc on 24 June 2010 (the "Existing Series 2 Capital Securities" and, together with the New Series 2 Capital Securities, the "Series 2 Capital Securities"). The aggregate principal amount of the Series 2 Capital Securities now outstanding is US\$3,800,000,000.

Application has been made to list the Series 2 Capital Securities on the New York Stock Exchange.

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HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 8,000 offices in 88 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,364 billion at 31 December 2009, 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: 30 June, 2010