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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of March 2009

**HSBC Holdings plc**

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**Results of General Meeting**

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General Meeting of HSBC Holdings plc (  
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held on Thursday 19 M  
arch 2009 in connection with its 5 for 12  
rights issue (the  
**Rights  
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all the  
Resolutions  
proposed in the circular to shareholders dated 3 March 2009  
were  
passed on a poll.

The results of the poll on each Resolution are set out below:

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Total Votes For</b>	<b>Total Votes Against</b>	<b>Withheld*</b>
	<b>(%)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	
1. To increase the authorised ordinary share capital	5,254,691,415 (99.40%)	31,694,321 (0.60%)	12,356,062
2. To give the Directors the authority to allot the New Ordinary Shares in connection with the Rights Issue	5,213,207,317 (99.05%)	50,209,768 (0.95%)	27,846,336
3. To disapply pre-emption rights, where necessary, in connection with the Rights Issue (Special Resolution)	4,883,607,464 (92.91%)	372,863,036 (7.09%)	34,828,118

\* A 'Vote Withheld' is not a vote in law and is not counted towards the proportion of votes 'For' or 'Against' a resolution

The total number of Ordinary Shares entitling the Shareholders to attend and vote for or against the Resolutions at the General Meeting was 12,144,573,757 Ordinary Shares

The scrutineers of the poll were Electoral Reform Services Limited and Computershare Investor Services PLC

**Resolutions submitted to the UK Listing Authority**

Copies of the Resolutions passed at the General Meeting have been submitted to the UK Listing Authority, and

will shortly be available for inspection  
at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility  
situated at:

The Financial Services Authority  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary

Wharf  
London  
E14 5HS

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**Dispatch of Provisional Allotment Letters**

It is expected that Provisional Allotment Letters in relation to the New Ordinary Shares to be issued pursuant to the Rights Issue will be posted to Qualifying Non-CREST Shareholders, Qualifying Non-CCASS Shareholders and Qualifying Bermuda Shareholders later today.

**Lifting of suspension of  
removals between registers**

The suspension of removals of Ordinary Shares to or from the principal register in the United Kingdom and/or overseas branch registers of shareholders in Hong Kong and Bermuda will be lifted from 8.00 a.m. (UK time) on Friday 20 March 2009 in London, 9.00 a.m. (Bermuda time) on Friday 20 March 2009 in Bermuda and from 4.30 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on Friday 20 March 2009 in Hong Kong.

Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, capitalised terms shall have the meaning given to them in the Prospectus.

By Order of the Board

R G Barber  
*Group Company Secretary*

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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†.

\* Non-executive Director

† Independent non-executive Director

*It is expected that*

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*Admission will take place and that the dealings in the New*

Ordinary

Shares (nil paid) on the London Stock Exchange'

s main market will commence at 8.00 a.m. (UK time) on 20 March 2009 in London and that

HK Admission will take place at 9:30 a.m. (Hong Kong time) on 20 March 2009 and that the dealings in the New Ordinary Shares (nil paid) will commence at

9.30 a.m. (Hong Kong time) on 23 March 2009 in Hong Kong

. It is expected that Nil Paid Rights will be credited to the stock accounts of Qualifying CREST Shareholders and enabled in CREST as soon as practicable after 8.00

a.m.

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time)

on

20 March 2009

and to stock accounts of Qualifying CCASS Shareholders by

9.30 a.m.

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time) on

23 March 2009

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*a registration statement in the*

*United States*

*under the*

*United States*

*Securities Act of 1933, as amended*

*(the "Securities Act")*

*, in connection with the offer and sale of the securities.*

*A written prospectus*

*satisfying the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act and*

*containing the detailed terms of the Rights Issue is available on the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's website at*

*[www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)*

*, or may be obtained from HSBC Holdings plc, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom or c/o HSBC Bank USA, National Association, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018, United States, Attention: Regional Compliance Officer.*

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**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 19, 2009