

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
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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 October 2008

**HSBC Holdings plc**

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**HSBC FURTHER STRENGTHENS CAPITAL BASE OF UK SUBSIDIARY FROM GROUP'S OWN RESOURCES**

HSBC Holdings plc has today further strengthened the capital base of it

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UK subsidiary, HSBC Bank plc,  
fulfilling its  
agreed  
commitment to the  
UK government's banking sector scheme announced yesterday,  
through an equity injection of  
£750million, representing  
one per cent  
of the total shareholders' equity of the HSBC Group  
as at 30 June 2008.

The capital injection has been funded from the Group's own resources.

As previously announced, HSBC has no plans to utilise the  
UK  
government's recapitalisation initiative. With a tier one capital ratio of 8.8  
per cent  
and a loan to deposit ratio of 90  
per cent  
as at 30 June 2008, the Group remains one of the most strongly capitalised and liquid banks in the world.

HSBC also continues to support efforts to stabilise the operation of financial markets and over the last three days has provided significant amounts of liquidity to the London Sterling interbank market, lending around £4 billion of three-month and six-month money to other banks. HSBC will continue to support the  
London  
interbank market.

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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: October 09, 2008