

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 8-A12B  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or (g) OF THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**England and Wales**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or  
Organization)

**None**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**8 Canada Square**

**London E14 5HQ**

**United Kingdom**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which

Perpetual Subordinated Capital Securities

each class is to be registered  
New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-135007

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

On June 14, 2006, HSBC Holdings plc (the *Registrant*) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *Commission*) a Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-135007) (the *Registration Statement*) relating, to among other securities, to subordinated debt securities of the Registrant.

On June 14, 2006, the Registrant filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*) the base prospectus dated June 14, 2006, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated April 2, 2008 (the *Prospectus* and the *Prospectus Supplement*, respectively). The Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement are incorporated herein by reference to the extent set forth below.

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

Reference is made to the information set forth on the cover page, pages S-20 through S-37 (under "Description of the Capital Securities") and pages S-38 through S-42 (under "Taxation") of the Prospectus Supplement all of which information is incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits shall be, or have been, filed with the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. or the Securities and Exchange Commission:

1. Indenture dated April 8, 2008 by and among HSBC Holdings plc, The Bank of New York, as trustee, and HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as paying agent, registrar and exchange rate agent.
2. Capital Security (global bearer form).
3. Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Registrant providing for the issuance of the Perpetual Subordinated Capital Securities.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Registrant: HSBC Holdings plc

By:           /s/ Chris D. Spooner          

Name: Chris D. Spooner

Title: Head of Group Financial Planning and Tax

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