

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
Form 6-K
July 16, 2012

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 July
HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

(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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Yes..... No

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

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BLOCK LISTING

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority and the London Stock Exchange for a block listing of 70,000,000 Ordinary Shares of US\$0.50 each for issue under the Employee SAYE Plan, to be admitted to the Official List and to trading upon issue. The issue of new Ordinary Shares will create additional core tier 1 capital for HSBC Holdings plc.

The new Ordinary Shares will rank pari passu with the existing issued Ordinary Shares of the Company.

R G Barber
Group Company Secretary
16 July 2012

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: 16 July 2012