

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
April 26, 2010

**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 April

**HSBC Holdings plc**

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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

**GRANT OF SHARE OPTIONS**

This announcement is made pursuant to rule 17.06A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

On 21 April 2010 HSBC Holdings plc granted share options ("Options") to employees to subscribe for a total of 22,017,216 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each of the Company under the savings-related share option plans adopted on 27 May 2005. The following are the details of the grant:

| Price at which the Options granted                        | Option Period | Number of shares under Option |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------|
| GBP5.4573   | 1 year        | 4,855,376                     |
|   | 3 years       | 6,042,388                     |
|   | 5 years       | 2,871,133                     |
| EUR6.0657   | 1 year        | 216,485                       |
|   | 3 years       | 249,136                       |
|   | 5 years       | 90,182                        |
| HKD62.9770  | 1 year        | 3,017,668                     |
|   | 3 years       | 1,573,724                     |
|   | 5 years       | 565,737                       |
| USD8.1232   | 1 year        | 350,623                       |
|   | 3 years       | 1,236,768                     |
|   | 5 years       | 313,833                       |
| USD8.6309   | 1 year        | 634,163                       |
| Total number of options granted                           | 1 year        | 9,074,315                     |
|   | 3 years       | 9,102,016                     |
|   | 5 years       | <u>3,840,885</u>              |
|   |               | 22,017,216                    |
| Closing price of the ordinary shares on the date of grant | 6.82          |                               |

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Validity period of the Options         1 year, exercisable from 1 August 2011 to 31 Oct 2011  
  3 years, exercisable from 1 August 2013 to 31 Jan 2014  
  5 years, exercisable from 1 August 2015 to 31 Jan 2016

By Order of the Board

R G Barber

Group Company Secretary

26 April 2010

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

Hong Kong Stock Code: 5

**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: 26 April, 2010