

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
Form 6-K
August 28, 2008

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 August, 2008

HSBC Holdings plc

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(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

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**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2008
SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE**

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On 4 August 2008, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared a second interim dividend for 2008 of US\$0.18 per ordinary share payable on 8 October 2008 to shareholders on the Register on 22 August 2008. The dividend is payable in cash in United States dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies, with a scrip dividend alternative. The "Market Value" for the issue of new shares under the scrip dividend alternative is:

US\$15.2466 for each new share

The "Market Value" is the United States dollar equivalent of £8.266 being the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange as derived from the Daily Official List for the five business days beginning on 20 August 2008 (the day on which the shares were first quoted ex-dividend).

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars on 8 October 2008 will be converted from United States dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at or about 11.00 am on 29 September 2008. These exchange rates will be announced to the London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda stock exchanges.

Particulars of the dividend arrangements will be mailed to shareholders on or about 3 September 2008, and elections must be received by the Registrars by 24 September 2008.

R G Barber
Group Company Secretary
HSBC Holdings plc

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:

August 28, 2008