

## FINAL TERMS

Final Terms dated 9 September 2008

Series No: 13

Tranche No: 1

**HSBC Holdings plc**

**Debt Issuance Programme**

**Issue of**

**GBP 650,000,000**

**6.75 per cent. Subordinated Notes due September 2028**

**(the "Notes")**

### **PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of the Tranche of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 10 March 2008 in relation to the above Programme (incorporating the Registration Document dated 10 March 2008) and as supplemented by base prospectus supplements dated 20 March 2008, 14 April 2008, 30 May 2008, 16 June 2008 and 5 August 2008 and which together constitute a base prospectus (the "**Base Prospectus**") for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "**Prospectus Directive**"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus is available for viewing at HSBC Holdings plc, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ and copies may be obtained from such address.

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. | (i)                                                      | Issuer:          | HSBC Holdings plc                           |
|    | (ii)                                                     | Arranger(s):     | HSBC Bank plc                               |
| 2. | (i)                                                      | Series number:   | 13                                          |
|    | (ii)                                                     | Tranche number:  | 1                                           |
| 3. | Specified Currency or currencies:                        |                  |                                             |
|    | (i)                                                      | of denomination: | GBP                                         |
|    | (ii)                                                     | of payment:      | GBP                                         |
| 4. | Aggregate Principal Amount of notes admitted to trading: |                  |                                             |
|    | (i)                                                      | Series:          | GBP 650,000,000                             |
|    | (ii)                                                     | Tranche:         | GBP 650,000,000                             |
| 5. | (i)                                                      | Issue Price:     | 99.475 per cent. of the Aggregate Principal |

	Amount
(ii) Commission payable:	0.55 per cent.
(iii) Selling concessions:	None
(iv) Net proceeds:	GBP 643,012,500
6. (i) Specified Denomination(s) (Condition 1(b)):	GBP 50,000
(ii) Calculation Amount	GBP 50,000
7. (i) Issue Date:	11 September 2008
(ii) Interest Commencement Date:	11 September 2008
8. Maturity Date: (Condition 6(a))	11 September 2028
9. Interest basis: (Conditions 3 to 5)	6.75 per cent. Fixed Rate Notes
10. Redemption basis: (Condition 6)	Redemption at par
11. Change of interest or redemption basis:	Not Applicable
12. Put/Call options:	Not Applicable
13. (i) Status of the Notes: (Condition 2)	Subordinated Notes
(ii) Subordinated Notes:	Deferral of Payments, Condition 2(d) is not applicable
(iii) Date Board approval for issuance of Notes obtained:	Not Applicable
14. Method of distribution:	Syndicated

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

15. Fixed Rate Note provisions (Condition 3)	Applicable
(i) Rate of Interest:	6.75 per cent. per annum payable annually in arrear
(ii) Fixed Interest Payment Dates(s):	11 September in each year commencing on 11 September 2009 and ending on 11 September 2028

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|     | (iii) Day count fraction                                 | Actual/Actual (ICMA) |
| 16. | Floating Rate Note provisions<br>(Condition 4)           | Not Applicable       |
| 17. | Variable Coupon Amount Note provisions:<br>(Condition 5) | Not Applicable       |
| 18. | Zero Coupon Note provisions:<br>(Condition 5)            | Not Applicable       |

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

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| 19. | Issuer's optional redemption (Call):<br>(Condition 6(c))                                         | No                                |
| 20. | Noteholder's optional redemption (Put):<br>(Condition 6(d))                                      | No                                |
| 21. | Final redemption amount:<br>(Condition 6(a))                                                     | GBP 50,000 per Calculation Amount |
| 22. | Instalment Notes:<br>(Condition 6(a))                                                            | Not Applicable                    |
|     | (a) Instalment Amounts:                                                                          | Not Applicable                    |
|     | (b) Dates for payment of Instalments:                                                            | Not Applicable                    |
| 23. | Early redemption amount:                                                                         | Yes                               |
|     | (i) Early redemption amount ( <i>upon redemption for taxation reasons</i> )<br>(Condition 6(b)): | Par                               |
|     | (ii) Early redemption amount upon enforcement:<br>(Condition 10)                                 | Par                               |
|     | (iii) Other redemption provisions:<br>(Condition 6(h))                                           | None                              |

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

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| 24. | Form of Notes:<br>(Condition 1(a))                  |        |
|     | (a) Form of Notes:                                  | Bearer |
|     | (b) Bearer Notes exchangeable for Registered Notes: | No     |
| 25. | (A) If issued in bearer form:                       |        |

- (i) Initially represented by a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note: Temporary Global Note
- (ii) Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note and/or Definitive Notes and/or Registered Notes:  
(Condition 1(a)) Yes, exchangeable for Permanent Global Note
- (iii) Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes and/or Registered Notes: Yes. The Issuer waives its right to elect to exchange a Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes in the circumstances described in paragraph (d) of the Permanent Global Note.
- (iv) Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: Yes
- (v) Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: Yes
- (vi) (a) Definitive Notes to be security printed: Yes
- (b) If the answer to (a) is yes, whether steel engraved plates will be used: Yes
- (vii) Definitive Notes to be in ICMA or successor's format: Yes
- (viii) Issuer or Noteholder to pay costs of security printing: Issuer
- (B) If issued in registered form:
- (i) Rule 144A Global Registered Note exchangeable for U.S. Definitive Registered Notes: Not Applicable
- (ii) Restricted Global Registered Note exchangeable for U.S. Definitive Registered Notes: Not Applicable
26. Exchange Date for exchange of Temporary Global Note: 21 October 2008
27. Payments
- (Condition 8)
- (i) Method of payment: Condition 8 shall apply, subject as provided in the Temporary Global Note or as the case may be, the Permanent Global Note
- (ii) Relevant Financial Centre Day: As provided in Condition 8
28. Partly Paid Notes: No

*(Condition 1)*

If yes, specify number, amounts and dates for, and method of, payment of instalments of subscription monies and any further additional provisions (including forfeiture dates in respect of late payments of partly paid instalments)

## 29. Redenomination:

*(Condition 9)*

(i) Redenomination: Not Applicable

(ii) Exchange: Not Applicable

**DISTRIBUTION**

30. (i) If syndicated, names of Relevant Dealer/Lead Manager: HSBC Bank plc
- (ii) If syndicated, names of other Dealers/Managers (if any): Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A.; Banco Santander, S. A. Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG; Danske Bank A/S; Lloyds TSB Bank plc; National Australia Bank Limited (ABN (12 004 044 937)); Nordea Bank Danmark A/S; The Royal Bank of Scotland plc; and UBS Limited
- (iii) Date of Subscription Agreement: 9 September 2008
- (iv) Stabilising Manager (if any): HSBC Bank plc
31. If non-syndicated, name of Relevant Dealer: Not applicable
32. Selling restrictions:
- U.S. Selling Restrictions: Regulation S Category 2
- TEFRA D
- Not Rule 144A eligible
- Other: Not Applicable
33. Stabilisation: **In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which**



might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

#### **LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING APPLICATION**

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required to list and have admitted to trading the issue of Notes described herein pursuant to the Debt Issuance Programme of HSBC Holdings plc.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.

#### **CONFIRMED**

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

By: Chris D. Spooner



*Authorised Signatory*

Date: 9 September 2008

**PART B - OTHER INFORMATION****34. LISTING**

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|------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i)  | Listing              | Application has been made for the Notes to be admitted to listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority with effect from 11 September 2008          |
| (ii) | Admission to trading | Application has been made for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the London Stock Exchange plc with effect from 11 September 2008. |

**35. RATINGS**

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| Ratings: | The Notes have been rated: |
|          | S&P: A+                    |
|          | Moody's: Aa3               |
|          | Fitch: AA-                 |

**36. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE OFFER**

Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.

**37. REASONS FOR THE OFFER ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES**

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|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| (i)   | Reasons for the offer:    | See "Use of Proceeds" in Base Prospectus |
| (ii)  | Estimated net proceeds:   | GBP 643,012,500                          |
| (iii) | Estimated total expenses: | Approximately GBP 15,000                 |

**38. YIELD**

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| (i) | Indication of yield: | Calculated as 6.687 per cent. semi-annually on the Issue Date assuming redemption of Notes on 11 September 2028.                      |
|     |                      | As set out above, the yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield. |

**39. HISTORIC INTEREST RATES**

Not Applicable

**40. PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/OTHER VARIABLE, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING**

Not Applicable

The Issuer does not intend to provide post-issuance information

**41. PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT**

Not Applicable

**OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

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| 42. | ISIN Code:                                                                                                         | XS0387079907                                          |
| 43. | Common Code:                                                                                                       | 038707990                                             |
| 44. | New Global Note or Classic Global Note:                                                                            | Classic Global Note                                   |
| 45. | New Global Note intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:                          | Not Applicable                                        |
| 46. | Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): | None                                                  |
| 47. | Settlement procedures:                                                                                             | Eurobond                                              |
| 48. | Name and Address of Initial Paying Agent(s)                                                                        | HSBC Bank plc<br>8 Canada Square<br>London<br>E14 5HQ |
| 49. | Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):                                                                               | None                                                  |
| 50. | Common Depositary:                                                                                                 | HSBC Bank plc                                         |
| 51. | Agent Bank:                                                                                                        | Not Applicable                                        |
|     | — is Agent Bank to make calculations?                                                                              | Not Applicable                                        |
|     | if not, identify calculation agent:                                                                                | Not Applicable                                        |
| 52. | Notices:<br>(Condition 14)                                                                                         | Condition 14 applies                                  |
| 53. | City in which specified office of Registrar to be maintained:<br>(Condition 12)                                    | Not Applicable                                        |



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| 54. | Tradeable Amount:                    | Not Applicable |
| 55. | Other relevant Terms and Conditions: | None           |
| 56. | Other Final Terms:                   | None           |