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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 May, 2007

HSBC Holdings plc

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Yes..... No

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HANG SENG ANNOUNCES
FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2007

The Board of Directors of Hang Seng Bank today declared a first interim dividend of HK\$1.10 per share in respect of the year ending 31 December 2007.

The first interim dividend will be payable on Tuesday, 5 June 2007, to shareholders on the Register of Shareholders as at Tuesday, 22 May 2007.

The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed for one day on Tuesday, 22 May 2007, during which no transfer of shares can be registered. To qualify for the first interim dividend for 2007, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged for registration not later than 4:30pm on Monday, 21 May 2007, with the Bank's Registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The results for the first half of 2007 will be announced on Monday, 30 July 2007.

The proposed timetables for the second, third and fourth interim dividends in respect of 2007 are:

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Second interim dividend for 2007

Announcement	30 July 2007
Book close and record date	21 August 2007
Payment date	30 August 2007

Third interim dividend for 2007

Announcement	5 November 2007
Book close and record date	27 November 2007
Payment date	11 December 2007

Fourth interim dividend for 2007

Announcement	3 March 2008
Book close and record date	18 March 2008
Payment date	28 March 2008

Note to editors:

Hang Seng Bank

Founded in 1933, Hang Seng Bank is a principal member of the HSBC Group. It operates around 150 branches and automated banking centres and 13 business banking centres in Hong Kong; a branch in Macau; and a network of 17 mainland outlets, including seven branches (in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Shenzhen, Fuzhou and Nanjing), nine sub-branches (six in Shanghai, two in Guangzhou and one in Shenzhen) and one representative office (in Xiamen). The Bank also has a representative office in Taipei.

With consolidated assets of HK\$669.1 billion at the end of 2006, the Bank reported a profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$12.04 billion for 2006. For further information on Hang Seng, please visit the Bank's website at www.hangseng.com and the mainland website at www.hangseng.com.cn.

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: 03 May 2007