# CORPORATE SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER NOTICE

### Notice pursuant to s. 324 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571)

Form for use by a corporation giving notice of :

(i) First acquiring an interest in 5% or more of the shares of a listed corporation (I.e. first becoming a substantial shareholder);

(ii) Changes in the percentage level, or nature, of its interest or its short position in such shares; and

(iii) Ceasing to have an interest of 5% in such shares (complete Boxes 1 to 19 and 27 only).

#### This Form must be completed in accordance with the directions and instructions in the Notes to Form 2.

| 1. Name of listed corporation |                   |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| HSBC Holdings plc             | HSBC Holdings plc |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Stock code                 | 5                 | 4. Number of issued shares in class |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Class of shares            | Ordinary Shares   | 20,191,858,988                      |  |  |  |  |

| 5. Name of substantial shareholder          | 8. Business registration number                                  |                                  |  |  |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| BlackRock, Inc.                             | N/A  |                                  |  |  |
|   | 9. Place of incorporation  | Certificate of Incorporation No. |  |  |
|   | Delaware, USA  | 4109022                          |  |  |
| 6. Registered office                        | 10. Contact person   |                                  |  |  |
| 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801     | Beth Moore   |                                  |  |  |
|   | 11. Daytime tel. No.   | 12. e-mail address               |  |  |
|   | 0016092820986  | GroupUSThresholds@blackrock.com  |  |  |
| 7. Principal place of business in Hong Kong | 13. Exchange on which listed                                     |                                  |  |  |
| N/A   | New York Stock Exchange  |                                  |  |  |
|   | 14. Name of listed parent and exchange on which parent is listed |                                  |  |  |
|   | N/A  |                                  |  |  |

#### 15. Date of relevant event

| 22    | 02      | 2017   |
|-------|---------|--------|
| (day) | (month) | (year) |

## 16. Date when the substantial shareholder became aware

of the relevant event/ interest in the shares (if later)

| (day) | (month) | (year) |
|-------|---------|--------|

### 17. Details of relevant event

|                | code describing | Code describing ca<br>shares were/are he<br>(see Table 2) |                      | Number of shares<br>bought/sold or<br>involved | transaction | Highest price per |  | Average                    | change<br>Consideration |
|----------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                | ````            |   | After relevant event |  |             | share             |  | consideration per<br>share | Code<br>(see Table 3)   |
| Long position  | 107 -           | 205 -   | 205 🔫                | 98,714,641                                     | HKD 🚽       |                   |  |                            | - Select -              |
| Short position | - Select -      | - Select -  | - Select -           |  |             |                   |  |                            |                         |

## 18. Total shares immediately before the relevant event

|                | Total number of shares | Percentage figure (%) |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Long position  | 1,313,361,037          | 6.05                  |
| Short position | 11,002,525             | 0.05                  |
| Lending pool   |                        |                       |

## 20. Capacity in which interests disclosed in Box 19 are held

| Code describing capacity | Number of shares |                |  |  |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|--|--|
| (see Table 2)            | Long position    | Short position |  |  |
| 205 🔽                    | 1,313,361,037    | 11,002,525     |  |  |
| - Select -               |                  |                |  |  |
| - Select -               |                  |                |  |  |
| - Select -               |                  |                |  |  |
| - Select -               |                  |                |  |  |

### 19. Total shares immediately after the relevant event

|                | Total number of shares P |      |
|----------------|--------------------------|------|
| Long position  | 1,313,361,037            | 6.05 |
| Short position | 11,002,525               | 0.05 |
| Lending pool   |                          |      |

## 21. Further information in respect of derivative interests

| Code describing derivatives | Number of shares |                |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|--|--|
| (see Table 4)               | Long position    | Short position |  |  |
| 404 🔽                       | 5,049,917        | 8,130,309      |  |  |
| - Select -                  |                  |                |  |  |
| - Select -                  |                  |                |  |  |
| - Select -                  |                  |                |  |  |
| - Select -                  |                  |                |  |  |

## 22. Further information in relation to interests of corporations controlled by substantial shareholder

| Name of controlled                      | Address and place of incorporation  | Name of controlling                     | %       | Direct            | Number o      | f shares       |
|---|---|---|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| corporation                             | Address and place of incorporation  | shareholder                             | control | interest<br>(Y/N) | Long position | Short Position |
| Trident Merger, LLC                     | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801, United States (Delaware, USA)                              | BlackRock, Inc.                         | 100.00  | N                 | 26,742,829    |                |
| BlackRock Investment<br>Management, LLC | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County,<br>Delaware 19801, United States (Delaware, USA) | Trident Merger, LLC                     | 100.00  | Y                 | 26,742,829    |                |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801, United States (Delaware, USA)                              | BlackRock, Inc.                         | 100.00  | N                 | 1,286,618,208 | 11,002,525     |
| BlackRock Financial<br>Management, Inc. | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County,<br>Delaware 19801, United States (Delaware, USA) | BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                | 100.00  | N                 | 1,274,384,443 | 11,000,525     |
| BlackRock Financial<br>Management, Inc. | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County,<br>Delaware 19801, United States (Delaware, USA) | BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                | 100.00  | Y                 | 12,233,765    | 2,000          |
| BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC                 | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801, United States (Delaware, USA)                              | BlackRock Financial<br>Management, Inc. | 100.00  | N                 | 522,387,321   | 2,852,328      |
| BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC                 | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801, United States (Delaware, USA)                              | BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC                 | 100.00  | N                 | 522,387,321   | 2,852,328      |
| BlackRock Delaware<br>Holdings Inc.     | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County,<br>Delaware 19801, United States (Delaware, USA) | BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC                 | 100.00  | N                 | 522,387,321   | 2,852,328      |

## 23. Further information in relation to interests held by substantial shareholder jointly with another person

| Name of joint shareholder | Address | Number of shares |                |  |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|--|
|                           |         | Long position    | Short Position |  |
|                           |         |                  |                |  |
|                           |         |                  |                |  |
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#### 24. Further information from a trustee, or beneficiary of a trust, or a founder of a Discretionary Trust

| Name of T | Name of Trust |        | Status Code<br>(see Table 5) | Number of shares |                |  |
|-----------|---------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Name of T | TUST          | Autess |                              | Long position    | Short position |  |
|           |               |        | - Select -                   |                  |                |  |
|           |               |        |                              |                  |                |  |
|           |               |        | - Select -                   |                  |                |  |
|           |               |        |                              |                  |                |  |
|           |               |        | - Select -                   |                  |                |  |
|           |               |        |                              |                  |                |  |

## 25. Further information from a party to an agreement under Section 317 (Please see Notes for further information required)

| Names of other parties      | Address  | Number of shares |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
|                             |  |                  |
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|                             |  |                  |
| Total number of shares in w | hich substantial shareholder is interested under section 317 and 318 |                  |

#### 26. Details of person(s) in accordance with whose directions the substantial shareholder or its directors are accustomed to act

| Names | Address | Relationship Code (see Table 6) | Percentage (%) |
|-------|---------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|       |         | - Select -                      |                |
|       |         |                                 |                |
|       |         | - Select -                      |                |
|       |         |                                 |                |
|       |         | - Select -                      |                |
|       |         |                                 |                |

| 27. Date of filing this Form 2 | 24    | 02      | 2017   |  |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|--|
|                                | (day) | (month) | (year) |  |

28. Number of continuation sheets



29. Number of attachments

Form 2.

| 22. Further information in relation to interests of corporations controlle | ed by substantial shareholder |
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| 22. Further Information I                                      | n relation to interests of corporations controlled by   | substantial shareholder  | 1       | D'                 |               |                |
|--|---|--|---------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Name of controlled   | Address and place of incorporation  | Name of controlling  | %       | Direct<br>interest | Number        |                |
| corporation  |   | shareholder  | control | (Y/N)              | Long position | Short position |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust<br>Company, National Association | 1225 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202 (Colorado, USA)   | BlackRock Delaware Holdings<br>Inc.                            | 100.00  | Y                  | 316,306,913   | 2,852,328      |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors  | 400 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105, United States<br>(California, USA)   | BlackRock Delaware Holdings<br>Inc.                            | 100.00  | Y                  | 206,080,408   |                |
| BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.                               | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware<br>19801, United States (Delaware, USA)   | BlackRock Financial<br>Management, Inc.                        | 100.00  | N                  | 35,019,733    | 713,501        |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC  | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware<br>19801, United States (Delaware, USA)   | BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.                               | 100.00  | Y                  | 35,019,733    | 713,501        |
| BlackRock International<br>Holdings, Inc.                      | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware<br>19801, United States (Delaware, USA)   | BlackRock Financial<br>Management, Inc.                        | 100.00  | N                  | 716,977,389   | 7,434,696      |
| BR Jersey International<br>Holdings L.P.                       | 13 Castle Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands JE4 5UT<br>(Jersey)   | BlackRock International<br>Holdings, Inc.                      | 86.00   | N                  | 716,977,389   | 7,434,696      |
| BlackRock Cayco Limited  | c/o Walkers SPV Limited, P.O. Box 908GT, Walker House, Mary<br>Street, George Town, British West Indies, Cayman Islands<br>(Cayman Islands) | BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                                    | 100.00  | N                  | 27,863,785    |                |
| BlackRock Trident Holding<br>Company Limited                   | Taney Hall, Eglington Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14, Ireland (Ireland)  | BlackRock Cayco Limited  | 100.00  | Ν                  | 27,863,785    |                |
| BlackRock Japan Holdings GK                                    | Marunouchi Trust Tower Main, 1-8-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku,<br>Tokyo 100-8217 (Japan)  | BlackRock Trident Holding<br>Company Limited                   | 100.00  | N                  | 27,863,785    |                |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                                      | Marunouchi Trust Tower Main, 1-8-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku,<br>Tokyo 100-8217 (Japan)  | BlackRock Japan Holdings GK                                    | 100.00  | Y                  | 27,863,785    |                |
| BlackRock Canada Holdings LP                                   | 161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S1, Canada<br>(Ontario, Canada)   | BR Jersey International<br>Holdings L.P.                       | 99.90   | N                  | 10,114,263    |                |
| BlackRock Canada Holdings<br>ULC                               | 161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S1, Canada<br>(Ontario, Canada)   | BlackRock Canada Holdings LP                                   | 100.00  | N                  | 10,114,263    |                |
| BlackRock Asset Management<br>Canada Limited                   | 161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S1, Canada<br>(Ontario, Canada)   | BlackRock Canada Holdings<br>ULC                               | 100.00  | Y                  | 10,114,263    |                |
| BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty.<br>Ltd.                        | Level 26, 101 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia<br>(Victoria, Australia)  | BR Jersey International<br>Holdings L.P.                       | 100.00  | N                  | 7,214,581     |                |
| BlackRock Investment<br>Management (Australia) Limited         | Level 26, 101 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia<br>(Victoria, Australia)  | BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty.<br>Ltd.                        | 100.00  | Y                  | 7,214,581     |                |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco<br>Pte. Ltd.                      | 20 Anson Road #18-01 079912 Singapore (Singapore)   | BR Jersey International<br>Holdings L.P.                       | 100.00  | N                  | 62,303,244    |                |
| BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco,<br>LLC                              | 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801, United States<br>(Delaware, USA)   | BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco<br>Pte. Ltd.                      | 100.00  | N                  | 61,825,760    |                |
| BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                                    | 13th Floor, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong (Hong<br>Kong)   | BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco,<br>LLC                              | 100.00  | N                  | 61,825,760    |                |
| BlackRock Asset Management<br>North Asia Limited               | 15/F, 16/F, 17/F Champion Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden<br>Road, Central, Hong Kong   | BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                                    | 100.00  | Y                  | 33,961,975    |                |
| BlackRock Group Limited  | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom)  | BR Jersey International<br>Holdings L.P.                       | 90.00   | N                  | 637,345,301   | 7,434,696      |
| BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.                                   | Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam<br>Netherlands (Amsterdam, Netherlands)   | BlackRock Group Limited  | 100.00  | Y                  | 3,115,252     |                |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK)<br>Limited                             | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom)  | BlackRock Group Limited  | 100.00  | Y                  | 40,300,763    |                |
| BlackRock International Limited                                | Exchange Place One, 1 Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL,<br>United Kingdom (Scotland, United Kingdom)                                       | BlackRock Group Limited  | 100.00  | N                  | 252,888,629   |                |
| BlackRock International Limited                                | Exchange Place One, 1 Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL,<br>United Kingdom (Scotland, United Kingdom)                                       | BlackRock Group Limited  | 100.00  | Y                  | 1,435,673     | 243,857        |
| BlackRock Luxembourg Holdco<br>S.à r.l.                        | 35 A, avenue J.F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg   | BlackRock Group Limited  | 100.00  | N                  | 125,264,984   | 2,819,939      |
| BlackRock Investment<br>Management Ireland Holdings<br>Limited | JP Morgan House, International Financial Services Centre,<br>Dublin 1, Ireland (Ireland)  | BlackRock Luxembourg Holdco<br>S.å r.l.                        | 100.00  | N                  | 111,202,634   | 13,034         |
| BlackRock Asset Management<br>Ireland Limited                  | JP Morgan House, International Financial Services Centre,<br>Dublin 1, Ireland (Ireland)  | BlackRock Investment<br>Management Ireland Holdings<br>Limited | 100.00  | Y                  | 111,202,634   | 13,034         |

| BLACKROCK (Luxembourg)  | 35 A, avenue J.F. Kennedy L-1855 Luxembourg  | BlackRock Luxembourg Holdco                     | 100.00 | Y | 13,956,976  | 2,806,905 |
|---|--|---|--------|---|-------------|-----------|
| S.A.  |  | S.à r.l.  |        |   |             |           |
| BlackRock Investment<br>Management (UK) Limited                                 | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom) | BlackRock Group Limited                         | 100.00 | N | 159,446,646 | 4,246,001 |
| BlackRock Investment<br>Management (UK) Limited                                 | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom) | BlackRock Group Limited                         | 100.00 | Y | 54,893,354  | 124,899   |
| BlackRock Asset Management<br>Deutschland AG                                    | Max-Joseph-Straße 6, D-80333, München, Germany (Germany)                                     | BlackRock Investment<br>Management (UK) Limited | 100.00 | N | 11,846,200  |           |
| BlackRock Asset Management<br>Deutschland AG                                    | Max-Joseph-Straße 6, D-80333, München, Germany (Germany)                                     | BlackRock Investment<br>Management (UK) Limited | 100.00 | Y | 16,464,582  |           |
| BlackRock Fund Managers<br>Limited  | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom) | BlackRock Investment<br>Management (UK) Limited | 100.00 | Y | 131,135,864 | 4,246,001 |
| BlackRock Life Limited  | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom) | BlackRock International Limited                 | 100.00 | Y | 252,888,629 |           |
| iShares (DE) I<br>Investmentaktiengesellschaft mit<br>Teilgesellschaftsvermögen | Max-Joseph-Straße 6, 80333 Munich Germany (Germany)  | BlackRock Asset Management<br>Deutschland AG    | 100.00 | Y | 11,846,200  |           |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Limited   | 20 Anson Road #18-01 079912 Singapore (Singapore)  | BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco<br>Pte. Ltd.       | 100.00 | Y | 477,484     |           |
| BlackRock UK Holdco Limited   | 12 Throgmorton Avenue. London, EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom<br>(England & Wales, United Kingdom) | BlackRock Luxembourg Holdco<br>S.à r.l.         | 100.00 | N | 105,374     |           |
| BlackRock Asset Management<br>(Schweiz) AG                                      | Bahnhofstrasse 39 8001 Zurich, Switzerland (Switzerland)                                     | BlackRock UK Holdco Limited                     | 100.00 | Y | 105,374     |           |
|   |  |   |        |   |             |           |