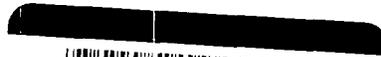


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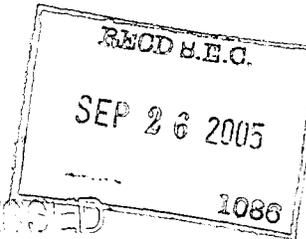
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HSBC HOLDINGS PLC, American Depositary Shares (Evidenced by American Depositary receipts, each representing one-fortieth of a Share of 6.20% Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series A) and 6.20% Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series A (application for the 6.20% Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series A is made for listing, not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received September 26, 2005. Tentative listing date – September 27, 2005.

Sincerely,