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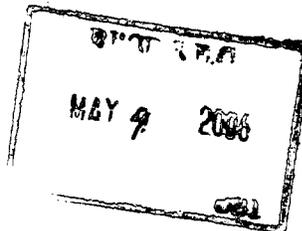


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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HSBC HOLDINGS PLC, \$900,000,000 Subordinated Notes Due 2036 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 9, 2006. Tentative listing date - May 10, 2006.

Sincerely,

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