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For the month of February, 2009

**HSBC Holdings plc**

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**HSBC BANK CANADA**

**RESULTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008<sup>W</sup>  
- HIGHLIGHTS**

- Net income attributable to common shares was C\$115 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2008, a decrease of 3.4 per cent compared to the same period in 2007<sup>WW</sup>.
- Net income attributable to common shares was C\$573 million for the year ended 31 December 2008, a decrease of 4.2 per cent compared with C\$598 million for the year ended 31 December 2007<sup>WW</sup>.
- Return on average common equity was 12.8 per cent for the quarter ended 31 December 2008 and 16.6 per cent for the year ended 31 December 2008 compared with 14.6 per cent and 19.6 per cent, respectively, for the same periods in 2007<sup>WW</sup>.
- The cost efficiency ratio was 49.3 per cent for the quarter ended 31 December 2008 and 49.6 per cent for the year ended 31 December 2008 compared with 54.1 per cent and 50.9 per cent, respectively, for the same periods in 2007<sup>WW</sup>.
- Total assets were C\$72.0 billion at 31 December 2008, an increase of C\$3.9 billion, or 5.7 per cent, from C\$68.1 billion at 31 December 2007<sup>WW</sup>.
- Total funds under management were C\$21.3 billion at 31 December 2008, a decrease of C\$4.9 billion, or 18.7 per cent, from C\$26.2 billion at 31 December 2007<sup>WW</sup>.
- Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.1 per cent and a total capital ratio of 12.5 per cent at 31 December 2008 compared to 8.8 per cent and 11.3 per cent respectively at 31 December 2007<sup>WWW</sup>.

<sup>W</sup> *Results are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.*

<sup>WW</sup> *Restated to reflect accounting for the acquisition of HSBC Financial Corporation Limited.*

<sup>WWW</sup> *The capital ratios for the year ended 31 December 2008 have been calculated in accordance with the new Basel II capital adequacy framework, while those for the previous period were calculated in accordance with the previous Basel I framework.*

**Effective 30 November 2008, the bank completed the acquisition of HSBC Financial Corporation Limited (HSBC Financial). Results for 2008 and prior years have been restated to combine the previously reported results of the bank with those of HSBC Financial to reflect the continuity of interests method of accounting. Information on the acquisition, including the impact on previously reported financial results of the bank is included as Appendix I. References in this news release to ‘banking operations’ relate to those excluding the ‘**

consumer finance' business of HSBC Financial.

## HSBC Bank Canada

## Financial Commentary

### Overview

**HSBC Bank Canada ( ' the bank ' ) recorded net income attributable to common shares of C\$115 million for the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2008, a decrease of C\$4 million, or 3.4 per cent, from C\$119 million on a restated basis for the fourth quarter of 2007. Net income attributable to common shares for the year ended 31 December 2008 was C\$573 million, a decrease of \$25 million or 4.2 per cent compared with C\$598 million on a restated basis for 2007.**

Net income attributable to common shares for the year ended 31 December 2008 from banking operations was C\$524 million, C\$6 million or 1.1 per cent worse than 2007 and from consumer finance was C\$49 million, C\$19 million or 27.9 per cent worse than 2007.

**The following individually significant items are relevant in an assessment of underlying performance. During the fourth quarter of 2008, the bank recorded an additional impairment charge in respect of its holdings of Canadian non-bank sponsored Asset Backed Commercial Paper ( ' non-bank ABCP ' ) of C\$39 million, net of related income taxes of C\$19 million, compared to a charge of C\$27 million, net of related taxes of C\$15 million for the fourth quarter of 2007. For the year ended 31 December 2008, the charge amounted to C\$49 million, net of income taxes of C\$24 million, compared to C\$30 million for 2007. In the third quarter of 2008, a loss of C\$24 million, net of related income taxes of C\$12 million, was recorded arising from the sale of the automobile loan portfolio, of which C\$4 million related to the portion of the portfolio previously held by HSBC Financial. In 2007 a gain of C\$21 million was recorded after related income taxes on disposal of shares in the Montreal Stock Exchange.**

**Commenting on the results, Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer, said:**

“Following a year marked by extreme market volatility and recessionary pressures, as well as a number of decisive actions we have taken to position the bank for the future, the results for the year as a whole as well as the fourth quarter showed resilience reflecting our prudent and diversified model and our strong customer proposition. Our underlying banking franchise remains strong and we continue to support our customers during these difficult economic conditions.

**“ We anticipate that 2009 will be a challenging year for both the Canadian economy and the bank with pressures on financial margins combined with a weakening credit quality environment quality. However with a strong capital base, diversified income stream and strong liquidity we will continue to focus on serving our customers and positioning the bank to benefit when economic conditions improve.”**

### Net interest income

As a result of the wider interest margin earned in the consumer finance business, net interest margins have increased compared to those previously reported.

Total net interest income was C\$375 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2008 compared with C\$429 million for the same quarter in 2007, a decrease of C\$54 million, or 12.6 per cent. Average interest earning assets decreased to C\$61.1 billion from C\$61.6 billion, which was further affected by the challenging interest rate environment that adversely impacted the net interest margin, which decreased to 2.44 per cent in the fourth quarter compared with 2.76 per cent in the same period in 2007.

**Net interest income from banking operations for the quarter ended 31 December 2008 decreased by C\$35 million compared to the same quarter in 2007, and the net interest margin decreased to 1.87 per cent from 2.13 per cent. Ongoing reductions in prime rates during 2008 resulted in reduced interest income on our floating rate loans, which was not offset by an equal reduction in interest expense as our deposits repriced downwards less quickly. As a result of the sale of the automobile loan portfolio, net interest income decreased by C\$11 million, which also had an adverse impact on net interest margin. Also impacting net interest margin was the reduction in the value of interest free funds and low interest deposits in a falling interest rate environment as well as the lower rate earned on government and other high quality securities, which have increased following a planned increase in liquidity. In addition, wider credit spreads experienced across the banking industry also adversely impacted the cost of wholesale funding.**

**Net interest income for the consumer finance business decreased by C\$19 million compared to the same quarter in 2007. Net interest margin increased slightly, from 9.70 per cent in 2007 to 9.82 per cent in 2008, but the impact was offset by lower average receivable and investment balances including the impact of a C\$7 million decrease in net interest income following the sale of the auto finance portfolio.**

**Total net interest income in the fourth quarter of 2008 was C\$46 million lower than the third quarter of 2008. While customer loans continued to grow during the quarter, this was partially offset by a decrease in interest income arising from a reduction in net interest margin, from 2.63 per cent in the third quarter of 2008 to 2.44 per cent in the fourth quarter 2008, driven by the factors referred to above.**

**Net interest income for banking operations decreased by C\$39 million and net interest margin decreased from 2.07 per cent in the third quarter of 2008 to 1.87 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2008 largely due to reductions in prime lending rates. Net interest income for consumer finance decreased by C\$7 million in the fourth quarter of 2008 due to lower average receivable and investment balances.**

**For the year ended 31 December 2008, total net interest income was C\$1,644 million compared with C\$1,718 million for 2007, a decrease of C\$74 million, or 4.3 per cent. For the year as a whole, the increases derived from the growth in assets were more than offset by the decrease in net interest margin to 2.59 per cent compared with 2.91 per cent in 2007. Net interest income from banking operations decreased by C\$55 million in 2008 compared to the prior year of which C\$15 million was related to the sale of the automobile loan portfolio, and the interest rate margin decreased from 2.26 per cent in 2007 to 1.99 per cent, resulting from impacts on margins noted above.**

**Net interest income for the consumer finance business decreased by C\$19 million including a C\$10 million impact from the sale of the auto finance portfolio and lower other average receivable balances.**

#### **Non-interest revenue**

Non-interest revenue was C\$223 million for the fourth quarter of 2008 compared with C\$198 million in the same quarter of 2007, an increase of C\$25 million, or 12.6 per cent. Trading revenue was C\$63 million higher in the fourth quarter, primarily due to a C\$73 million positive impact of widening credit spreads on the value of certain debt obligations recorded at fair value, a C\$54 million increase in foreign exchange trading revenue arising from increased

customer activity and volatile foreign exchange markets as well as the favourable impact of foreign currency funding in a lower interest rate environment. These increases were partially offset by C\$69 million of mark-to-market losses relating to the effect of falling interest rates on interest rate derivatives used for economic hedging and balance sheet management activities. Securitization income was C\$9 million higher as a result of increased transaction volumes as well as the beneficial impact of falling interest rates. Deposit and payment service charges were C\$3 million higher due to increased customer banking activities.

The fourth quarter, following revisions to the terms of the Montreal Accord, as well as further deteriorations in market conditions, saw a further impairment write-down of C\$58 million on non-bank ABCP of which C\$9 million was recorded as a reduction of trading revenues and C\$49 million recorded as a loss on available-for-sale (‘ AFS ’ ) securities. The increased write-down of non-bank ABCP and an other than temporary impairment of C\$8 million recorded on holdings of preferred shares and other securities contributed to a C\$21 million increase in losses on AFS securities compared to the fourth quarter of 2007. Other non-interest revenue decreased by C\$18 million, primarily due to a reduction of mortgage brokerage fees as a result of the disposal of HSBC Financials mortgage brokerage businesses, and a decrease in credit insurance income. Capital market and investment administration fees were down by C\$12 million, as a result of lower trading volumes arising from decreased market trading and underwriting activity and decreases in the value of investments under management caused by lower equity markets.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, non-interest revenue was C\$52 million higher compared with the third quarter. Trading revenue increased by C\$67 million, primarily due to a C\$60 million increase in foreign exchange trading revenue, and a C\$61 million favourable change in the carrying value of certain debt obligations recorded at fair value and favourable impacts on foreign currency funding noted above. These increases were partially offset by C\$61 million of mark-to-market losses on interest rate derivatives noted above. Securitization income was C\$7 million higher as a result of increased transaction volumes. Other non-interest revenue was C\$18 million higher as a result of a C\$36 million loss before taxes recorded in the third quarter related to the sale of the automobile loan portfolio, of which C\$7 million related to the portion of the portfolio previously held by HSBC Financial. This was partially offset by a C\$4 million reduction in fees from the Canadian Immigrant Investor Program (‘ Canadian IIP ’ ). Capital markets fees were C\$5 million higher due to increased capital market activity in the fourth quarter. Losses on AFS securities were C\$42 million higher than in the prior quarter, primarily due to the impairment of non-bank ABCP and other AFS securities. Investment administration fees were C\$6 million lower due to a reduction in managed assets caused by lower equity markets.

**For the year ended 31 December 2008, non-interest revenue was C\$837 million, C\$56 million, or 7.2 per cent, higher compared with C\$781 million for 2007. Trading revenue increased by C\$97 million, primarily due to an C\$86 million increase in the fair value of certain debt obligations recorded at fair value due to widening credit spreads, a C\$62 million increase in foreign exchange revenue resulting from initiatives undertaken to improve business with customers and from the volatility in foreign exchange markets, the benefit of lower foreign currency funding in lower interest rate environments, and a C\$14 million increase in trading gains on fixed income securities. These increases were partially offset by C\$61 million of mark-to-market losses on interest rate derivatives used in balance sheet management activities. Securitization income increased by C\$45 million as a result of increased activity and from the beneficial impact of falling interest rates. Revenues from customer banking activities, including deposit and payment service charges and credit fees, were C\$20 million higher due to increased customer activity, reflecting the underlying strength of the banking business. Losses on AFS securities increased by C\$55 million, primarily due to increased write-downs of non-bank ABCP and an impairment recorded on AFS securities and 2007 included a gain of C\$25 million on the sale of Montreal Stock Exchange Shares. Other non-interest revenue decreased in 2008 by C\$26 million, mainly as a result of a C\$36 million loss on disposal of the automobile loan portfolio, partially offset by a \$10 million increase in fees from Canadian IIP. Capital market fees decreased by C\$21 million due to lower market activity in 2008, particularly new issue and underwriting mandates, resulting from market uncertainties. Gains on other securities decreased by C\$9 million due to a lower contribution from private equity fund investments compared with the prior year.**

### Non-interest expenses and operating efficiency

Non-interest expenses were C\$295 million for the fourth quarter of 2008 compared with C\$339 million in the same quarter of 2007, a decrease of C\$44 million, or 13.0 per cent. Salaries and employee benefit expenses were C\$31 million lower in the fourth quarter of 2008 as a result of lower variable compensation as well as a reduction in pension and benefit expense resulting from the release of a valuation allowance previously applicable to pension plan assets. Other expenses were C\$15 million lower, due to a restructuring charge recorded by HSBC Financial following a reduction of their branch network in 2007. The cost efficiency ratio for the fourth quarter of 2008 decreased to 49.3 per cent compared to 54.1 per cent for 2007.

Non-interest expenses of C\$295 million for the fourth quarter of 2008 were C\$19 million, or 6.1 per cent lower, compared with the third quarter of 2008. Salaries and employee benefits were C\$30 million lower due to reductions in variable compensation and pension and benefit expenses and lower staff levels in the consumer finance segment. This decrease was partially offset by slight increases in expenses related to premises and equipment and other costs.

For the year ended 31 December 2008, non-interest expenses were C\$1,230 million compared with C\$1,271 million for 2007, a decrease of C\$41 million, or 3.2 per cent. Salaries and employee benefits were C\$43 million lower primarily due to lower staff costs in consumer finance operations, lower variable compensation and a lower charge for pension and benefits. Expenses related to premises and equipment increased by C\$12 million due to new banking branches and higher information technology costs, but were largely offset by decreases in other expenses including the impact of a restructuring charge recorded by HSBC Financial in 2007. The cost efficiency ratio was 49.6 per cent compared with 50.9 per cent for 2007.

### Credit quality and provision for credit losses

The provision for credit losses was C\$136 million for the fourth quarter of 2008, compared with C\$72 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, and C\$86 million for the third quarter of 2008. The provision for the year ended 31 December 2008 was C\$379 million compared to C\$239 million for 2007. The increased charge in the fourth quarter of 2008 and for the year ended 31 December 2008 compared to the same periods in 2007 was due to an increase in credit losses arising from the deteriorating credit environment. The provision for credit losses from banking operations arose entirely in the commercial banking segment with an increase of C\$84 million arising from exposures across all business sectors compared to previous periods which reflected a benign credit environment with historically low losses. Credit loss provisions for consumer finance operations for 2008 increased by C\$56 million to C\$228 million compared with C\$172 million in 2007.

Gross impaired credit exposures were C\$932 million, C\$512 million higher compared with C\$420 million at 31 December 2007. Total impaired exposures, net of specific allowances for credit losses, were C\$770 million at 31 December 2008 and C\$336 million at 31 December 2007. However, the total of impaired exposures includes C\$207 million (2007 – C\$172 million) of consumer finance and other consumer loans, for which impairment is assessed collectively and no specific impairment is recorded. The increase in impaired credit exposures was driven by the deterioration of economic conditions across all business sectors.

The general allowance for credit losses of C\$259 million applicable to the banking portfolio remained unchanged from 30 September 2008 and a reduction of \$10 million compared to \$269 million at 31 December 2007 as a result of the sale of the automobile loan portfolio. During the fourth quarter provision methodologies were amended for retail and commercial portfolios to reflect increased granularity and risk sensitivity. The general allowance applicable to consumer finance loans was C\$194 million compared to C\$161 million at 31 December 2007. The total allowance for credit losses, as a percentage of loans and acceptances outstanding, was 1.24 per cent at 31 December 2008 compared with 1.09 per cent at 30 September 2008 and 1.03 per cent at 31 December 2007. The bank considers the total

allowance for credit losses to be appropriate given the credit quality of its portfolios and the current credit environment.

#### Income taxes

The effective tax rate in the fourth quarter of 2008 was 23.8 per cent, which compares to 40.7 per cent in the same quarter of 2007 and 33.3 per cent in the third quarter of 2008. The reduction in tax rate in the fourth quarter of 2008 was primarily due to lower statutory tax rates, the release of a pension plan allowance which is not taxable as well as the impact of lower tax on future income, while the tax rate in the fourth quarter of 2007 included the impact of a write-down of future taxes due to a change in tax rates.

The effective tax rate for the full year in 2008 was 29.9 per cent compared with 36.0 per cent in 2007. The lower tax rate in 2008 arises from a reduction in statutory tax rates, together with the impact of the release of a pension plan allowance which is not taxable as well as the impact of lower tax rates on future income.

#### Balance sheet

Total assets at 31 December 2008 were C\$72.0 billion, an increase of C\$3.9 billion from 31 December 2007 restated to reflect the acquisition of HSBC Financial. Although there has been a slowdown in business activity, commercial loans grew by C\$1.8 billion, partially offset by a reduction in acceptances of C\$0.5 billion. Residential mortgages increased by C\$0.9 billion during 2008 but, as a result of securitisation, there was a net decrease of C\$1.0 billion. We further strengthened our liquidity with increased holdings of Treasury bills and other government guaranteed securities. The securities portfolio increased by C\$3.8 billion, and there were increases in balances under reverse repurchase agreements of C\$0.6 billion. The mark-to-market amount of derivatives, principally interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, increased considerably as a result of significant changes in the underlying interest and foreign exchange rates on which derivative valuations are based.

Total deposits increased C\$3.1 billion to C\$52.0 billion at 31 December 2008 from C\$48.9 billion at 31 December 2007. Growth in personal deposits resulted largely from the new High Rate and Direct Savings accounts. Commercial deposits were higher due to growth in term products, driven by improved product offerings in the Payments and Cash Management business and growth in commercial banking relationships as we targeted an increase in our portfolio of core customer deposits. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in wholesale deposits of C\$1.8 billion.

#### Total assets under administration

Declines in equity markets, particularly over the last few months of 2008 had an adverse impact on funds under management which declined to C\$21.3 billion at 31 December 2008 compared with C\$24.6 billion at 30 September 2008 and C\$26.2 billion at 31 December 2007. Including custody and administration balances, total assets under administration were C\$30.5 billion compared with C\$33.3 billion at 30 September 2008 and C\$37.1 billion at 31 December 2007.

#### Capital management

During the fourth quarter, the bank issued preferred shares with a fair value of C\$346 million as consideration for the acquisition of HSBC Financial. For further information refer to Appendix I.

On 1 January 2008, the bank adopted the revised Basel Capital Framework commonly known as 'Basel II' to comply with new regulations issued by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada ('OSFI'). In February

2008, OSFI provided the bank with conditional approval, subject to certain conditions, to use the Advanced Internal Ratings Based approach for calculating regulatory capital requirements under the new Framework. In September 2008, OSFI advised the bank that it had satisfied the conditions that allowed the bank to reduce the transitional floor for Regulatory Capital, as required under OSFI's capital adequacy guidelines, from 100 per cent to 90 per cent, commencing with the third quarter 2008 regulatory reporting period. However in accordance with OSFI requirements for new subsidiaries, the bank used the standardized approach for calculating regulatory capital requirements applicable to consumer finance assets. The bank's Tier 1 and overall capital ratios calculated in accordance with the new framework were 10.1 per cent and 12.5 per cent respectively, compared with 10.6 per cent for Tier 1 and 13.2 per cent overall at 30 September 2008, which was not restated to reflect the acquisition of HSBC Financial.

**Capital adequacy ratios calculated in accordance with the previous 'Basel I' framework were 8.8 per cent for Tier 1 and 11.3 per cent overall at 31 December 2007, which were not restated to reflect the acquisition of HSBC Financial. Further details of the bank's capital management process, including details of the calculation of capital adequacy under the new 'Basel II' framework will be included in the bank's annual report to shareholders.**

#### Accounting policies adopted in 2008

Effective 1 January 2008, the bank adopted new Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) Handbook Standards requiring additional disclosures particularly relating to the management of risk associated with Capital and Financial Instruments. There was no impact on reported results in 2008 arising from the adoption of these new presentation and disclosure standards, which will be reflected in HSBC Bank Canada's Annual Report to Shareholders. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

#### Dividends

During the fourth quarter of 2008, C\$65 million in dividends were declared and paid on the bank's common shares and dividends of C\$2.2 million were declared on Class 2 Preferred Shares – Series B, which were paid on 15 January 2009. In addition, C\$50 million in dividends were declared and paid on Common Shares of HSBC Financial.

Quarterly dividends of 31.875 cents per share have been declared on HSBC Bank Canada Class 1 Preferred Shares – Series C and 31.25 cents per share on Class 1 Preferred Shares – Series D. The dividends will be payable on 31 March 2009, to shareholders of record on 13 March 2009.

#### About HSBC Bank Canada

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Copies of HSBC Bank Canada's Annual Report for 2008 will be sent to shareholders in March 2009.

#### **Caution regarding forward-looking financial statements**



This document may contain forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the business and anticipated financial performance of HSBC Bank Canada. These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Some of the factors that could cause such differences include legislative or regulatory developments, technological change, global capital market activity, changes in government monetary and economic policies, changes in prevailing interest rates, inflation level and general economic conditions in geographic areas where HSBC Bank Canada operates. Canada is an extremely competitive banking environment and pressures on interest rates and the banks net interest margin may arise from actions taken by individual banks acting alone. Varying economic conditions may also affect equity and foreign exchange markets, which could also have an impact on the banks revenues. The factors disclosed above may not be complete and there could be other uncertainties and potential risk factors not considered here which may impact the banks results and financial condition.

**HSBC Bank Canada**

Summary

<i>Figures in C\$ millions (except per share amounts)</i>	<i>Quarter ended</i>		<i>31 December 2007</i>	<i>Year ended</i>	
	<i>31 December 2008</i>	<i>30 September 2008</i>		<i>31 December 2008</i>	<i>31 December 2007</i>
<b>Earnings</b>					
Net income attributable to common shares	<b>115</b>	120	119	<b>573</b>	598
Basic earnings per share (C\$)	<b>0.22</b>	0.23	0.23	<b>1.09</b>	1.16
<b>Performance ratios</b>					
<i>(%)<sup>W</sup></i>					
Return on average common equity	<b>12.8</b>	13.6	14.6	<b>16.6</b>	19.6
Return on average assets	<b>0.61</b>	0.65	0.66	<b>0.77</b>	0.88
Net interest margin <sup>W</sup>	<b>2.44</b>	2.63	2.76	<b>2.59</b>	2.91
Cost efficiency ratio <sup>WW</sup>	<b>49.3</b>	53.0	54.1	<b>49.6</b>	50.9
Non-interest revenue:total revenue ratio	<b>37.3</b>	28.9	31.6	<b>33.7</b>	31.3
<b>Credit information</b>					
Gross impaired credit exposures	<b>932</b>	467	420		
Allowance for credit losses	<b>615</b>	549	514		
– As a percentage of gross impaired credit exposures	<b>66%</b>	118%	122%		
– As a percentage of gross loans and acceptances	<b>1.24%</b>	1.09%	1.03%		

**Average balances**<sup>W</sup>

Assets	<b>75,161</b>	73,930	71,730	<b>73,952</b>	68,194
Loans	<b>44,643</b>	44,178	44,035	<b>44,331</b>	42,351
Deposits	<b>53,522</b>	52,096	49,756	<b>52,109</b>	47,484
Common equity	<b>3,565</b>	3,512	3,228	<b>3,462</b>	3,051

**Capital ratios (%)**<sup>WWW</sup>

Tier 1	<b>10.1</b>	10.6	8.8
Total capital	<b>12.5</b>	13.2	11.3

**Total assets under administration**

Funds under management	<b>21,287</b>	24,629	26,213
Custodial accounts	<b>9,221</b>	8,667	10,914
Total assets under administration	<b>30,508</b>	33,296	37,127

<sup>W</sup> Net interest margin is net interest income divided by average interest earning assets for the period.

<sup>WW</sup> The cost efficiency ratio is defined as non-interest expenses divided by total revenue.

<sup>WWW</sup> The capital ratios for the quarters ended 31 December 2008 and 30 September 2008 have been calculated in accordance with the new Basel II capital adequacy framework, while those for the previous period were calculated in accordance with the previous Basel I framework.

**HSBC Bank  
Canada****Consolidated Statement of Income (Unaudited)**

	<i>Quarter ended</i>		<i>Year ended</i>		
	<i>31</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31 December</i>	<i>31 December</i>
	<i>December</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>(except per share amounts)</i>					
<b>Interest and dividend income</b>					
Loans	<b>670</b>	751	854	<b>3,016</b>	3,234
Securities	<b>68</b>	75	73	<b>288</b>	285
Deposits with regulated financial institutions	<b>21</b>	16	60	<b>94</b>	242
	<b>759</b>	842	987	<b>3,398</b>	3,761
<b>Interest expense</b>					
Deposits	<b>332</b>	366	492	<b>1,520</b>	1,791
Interest bearing liabilities of subsidiaries	<b>42</b>	46	56	<b>195</b>	213
Debentures	<b>10</b>	9	10	<b>39</b>	39
	<b>384</b>	421	558	<b>1,754</b>	2,043

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<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>375</b>	421	429	<b>1,644</b>	1,718
<b>Non-interest revenue</b>					
Deposit and payment service charges	<b>30</b>	27	27	<b>112</b>	100
Credit fees	<b>30</b>	32	29	<b>124</b>	116
Capital market fees	<b>22</b>	17	27	<b>88</b>	109
Investment administration fees	<b>28</b>	34	35	<b>130</b>	131
Foreign exchange	<b>13</b>	12	13	<b>49</b>	44
Trade finance	<b>7</b>	6	5	<b>24</b>	23
Trading revenue	<b>104</b>	37	41	<b>209</b>	112
Losses on available-for-sale securities	<b>(55)</b>	(13)	(34)	<b>(68)</b>	(13)
Gains on other securities	<b>—</b>	—	2	<b>2</b>	11
Securitization income	<b>22</b>	15	13	<b>87</b>	42
Other	<b>22</b>	4	40	<b>80</b>	106
	<b>223</b>	171	198	<b>837</b>	781
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>598</b>	592	627	<b>2,481</b>	2,499
<b>Non-interest expenses</b>					
Salaries and employee benefits	<b>137</b>	167	168	<b>644</b>	687
Premises and equipment	<b>44</b>	39	42	<b>165</b>	153
Other	<b>114</b>	108	129	<b>421</b>	431
	<b>295</b>	314	339	<b>1,230</b>	1,271
<b>Net operating income before provision for credit losses</b>					
	<b>303</b>	278	288	<b>1,251</b>	1,228
Provision for credit losses	<b>136</b>	86	72	<b>379</b>	239
<b>Income before taxes and non-controlling interest in income of trust</b>					
	<b>167</b>	192	216	<b>872</b>	989
Provision for income taxes	<b>38</b>	62	85	<b>253</b>	347
Non-controlling interest in income of trust	<b>7</b>	6	7	<b>26</b>	26
<b>Net income</b>	<b>122</b>	124	124	<b>593</b>	616
Preferred share dividends	<b>7</b>	4	5	<b>20</b>	18
<b>Net income attributable to common shares</b>	<b>115</b>	120	119	<b>573</b>	598
Average common shares outstanding (000)	<b>517,122</b>	526,349	521,349	<b>524,042</b>	517,599
Basic earnings per share (C\$)	<b>0.22</b>	0.23	0.23	<b>1.09</b>	1.16

HSBC Bank Canada

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

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	<i>At 31 December</i> <i>2008</i>	<i>At 31 December</i> <i>2007</i>
<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and non-interest bearing deposits with banks	434	554
Interest bearing deposits with regulated financial institutions	1,421	3,120
	<b>1,855</b>	3,674
Available-for-sale securities	9,683	5,704
Trading securities	1,079	1,227
Other securities	56	60
	<b>10,818</b>	6,991
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	6,682	6,122
Loans		
– Businesses and government	23,067	21,322
– Residential mortgage	11,869	12,920
– Consumer finance loans	4,029	5,041
– Other consumer loans	5,296	4,826
– Allowance for credit losses	(615)	(514)
	<b>43,646</b>	43,595
Customers liability under acceptances	5,209	5,727
Derivatives	2,448	623
Land, buildings and equipment	180	172
Other assets	1,211	1,226
	<b>9,048</b>	7,748
Total assets	<b>72,049</b>	68,130
<b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>		
Deposits		
– Regulated financial institutions	1,264	1,535
– Individuals	21,064	18,292
– Businesses and governments	29,634	29,051
	<b>51,962</b>	48,878
Acceptances	5,209	5,727
Interest bearing liabilities of subsidiaries, other than deposits	4,164	5,182
Derivatives	2,023	660
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	715	320
Securities sold short	631	623
Other liabilities	1,974	1,897
Non-controlling interest in trust and subsidiary	430	430
	<b>15,146</b>	14,839
Subordinated debentures	788	801
Shareholders equity		

– Preferred shares	<b>696</b>	350
– Common shares	<b>1,225</b>	1,293
– Contributed surplus	–	232
– Retained earnings	<b>1,950</b>	1,736
– Accumulated other comprehensive income	<b>282</b>	1
	<b>4,153</b>	3,612
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	<b>72,049</b>	68,130

**HSBC Bank Canada****Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>	<i>Quarter ended</i>			<i>Year ended</i>	
	<i>31</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>
	<i>December</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>December</i>
	<b>2008</b>	2008	2007	<b>2008</b>	2007
Cash flows provided by (used in):					
– operating activities	<b>62</b>	417	14	<b>1,212</b>	1,259
– financing activities	<b>342</b>	(718)	1,001	<b>2,073</b>	5,440
– investing activities	<b>(503)</b>	298	(844)	<b>(3,393)</b>	(6,553)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	<b>(99)</b>	(3)	171	<b>(108)</b>	146
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<b>519</b>	522	357	<b>528</b>	382
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<b>420</b>	519	528	<b>420</b>	528
Represented by:					
– Cash and non-interest bearing deposits with the Bank of Canada and other banks	<b>434</b>	535	554		
– less non-operating deposits with regulated financial institutions <sup>W</sup>	<b>(14)</b>	(16)	(26)		
– Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<b>420</b>	519	528		

<sup>W</sup> *Non-operating deposits comprise cash restricted for recourse on securitization transactions.*

## Acquisition of HSBC Financial Corporation Limited

Effective November 30, 2008, the Bank acquired HSBC Financial, the consideration for which was an issue to another HSBC Group company of 86,450,000 Class 2, Series B Preferred Shares, with a fair value of C\$346 million, which approximated the net book value of HSBC Financial at November 30, 2008. The transaction has been accounted for as a transfer of a business under common control using the continuity of interests method and results and financial position for current and prior periods have been restated to include the income, assets, liabilities and shareholders equity of HSBC Financial at their recorded net book values. As no new equity was contributed, the issue of Class 2 preferred shares was recorded as a recapitalization of shareholders equity as follows:

*Figures in C\$ millions*

Cancellation of common shares of HSBC Financial Corporation	68
Charge to contributed surplus	239
Charge to retained earnings	39
Total	346

**The impact of this restatement on net income for 2008 and 2007 including earnings previously reported in 2008 was as follows:**

<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>	<i>31 December</i>	<i>Quarter ended</i>	<i>31 December</i>	<i>Year ended</i>	<i>31</i>
	<i>2008</i>	<i>30 September</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>31 D</i>	<i>December</i>
		<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>ecember</i>	<i>2007</i>
HSBC Bank Canada	<b>107</b>	121	111	<b>524</b>	530
HSBC Financial Corporation	<b>8</b>	(1)	8	<b>49</b>	68
Total	<b>115</b>	120	119	<b>573</b>	598

**The effects of the acquisition on the consolidated income statements and consolidated balance sheets of the bank as at or for the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2007 are as follows:**

## Consolidated Income Statement

	2008		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Pro -forma</i> <i>excluding HSBC</i> <i>Financial</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	<i>Impact of</i> <i>HSBC Financial</i>	
<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>			
Net interest income	1,168	\$ 476	1,644
Non-interest revenue	778	59	837

Total revenue	1,946	535	2,481
Non-interest expense	1,008	222	1,230
Net operating income before provision for credit losses	938	313	1,251
Provision for credit losses	151	228	379
Income before provision for income taxes and non-			
controlling interest in income of trust	787	85	872
Provision for income taxes	219	34	253
Non-controlling interest in income of trust	26	–	26
Net income	542	51	593
Preferred shares	18	2	20
Net income attributable to common shares	524	49	573

### Consolidated Balance Sheet

<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>	<i>Pro-forma excluding HSBC Financial<sup>(1)</sup></i>	<i>2008 Impact of HSBC Financial</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash resources	1,815	40	1,855
Securities	10,772	46	10,818
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	6,682	–	6,682
Loans	39,812	3,834	43,646
Other assets	8,909	139	9,048
	67,990	4,059	72,049
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</b>			
Deposits	51,961	1	51,962
Other liabilities	11,435	3,711	15,146
Subordinated debt	788	–	788
Shareholders equity	3,806	347	4,153
	67,990	4,059	72,049

(1) Represents the following customer groups: Personal Financial Services, Commercial Banking, and Global Banking and Markets; excluding Consumer Finance.

### Consolidated Income Statement

<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>	<i>2007 HSBC Bank Canada as previously reported</i>	<i>2007 Impact of HSBC Financial</i>	<i>As restated</i>
Net interest income	1,222	496	1,718
Non-interest revenue	708	73	781
Total revenue	1,930	569	2,499

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Non-interest expense	997	274	1,271
Net operating income before provision for credit losses	933	295	1,228
Provision for credit losses	67	172	239
Income before provision for income taxes and non-			
controlling interest in income of trust	866	123	989
Provision for income taxes	292	55	347
Non-controlling interest in income of trust	26	–	26
Net income	548	68	616
Preferred shares	18	–	18
Net income attributable to common shares	530	68	598

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	2007		
	<i>HSBC Bank Canada as previously reported</i>	<i>Impact of HSBC Financial</i>	<i>As restated</i>
<i>Figures in C\$ millions</i>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash resources	3,573	101	3,674
Securities	6,926	65	6,991
Securities purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	6,122	–	6,122
Loans	38,715	4,880	43,595
Other assets	7,595	153	7,748
	62,931	5,199	68,130
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</b>			
Deposits	48,877	1	48,878
Other liabilities	10,005	4,834	14,839
Subordinated debt	801	–	801
Shareholders equity	3,248	364	3,612
	62,931	5,199	68,130

**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: February 20, 2009