

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
February 28, 2012

FORM 6-K

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 February

HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes..... No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.....).

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS OF PERSONS DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
AND/OR CONNECTED PERSONS

This notification relates to a transaction notified in accordance with DTR 3.1.2 R and 3.1.4 R (1)(a)

- 1 Name of the issuer  
HSBC Holdings plc
- 2 Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities  
or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with  
a person discharging managerial responsibilities  
P A Thurston, a person discharging managerial  
responsibilities
- 3 Description of shares (including class), debentures,  
derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to  
shares  
US\$0.50 ordinary shares
- 4 State the nature of the transaction  
Release by the Trustees of 42,415 ordinary shares following  
the partial vesting of the 2010 Restricted Share award made  
to P A Thurston under the HSBC Share Plan. The Trustees of  
the Plan sold 4,246 shares to meet the tax liability and have  
transferred 38,169 shares to P A Thurston as beneficial  
owner.
- 5 Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial  
instruments relating to shares acquired  
38,169
- 6 Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial  
instruments relating to shares disposed  
4,246
- 7 Price per share sold  
£5.5520
- 8 Date and place of transaction  
27 February 2012, London
- 9 Date issuer informed of transaction  
28 February 2012
- 10 Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible  
for making notification  
Louisa Jenkinson, Senior Assistant Secretary, 020 7991 0593

11 Date of notification  
28 February 2012

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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: 28 February 2012