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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 October, 2005

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 X

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

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC

SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2005

SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE

Pursuant to HSBC Holdings plc's second interim dividend for 2005 a total of 19,180,779 Ordinary Shares of US\$0.50 each have been issued. Accordingly, application has been made to The UK Listing Authority for these shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for these shares to be admitted to trading. The Shares rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company. Dealings are expected to commence on 5 October 2005.

Nicola Black Assistant Secretary 020 7991 2652

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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

Ву:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 5 October 2005