HSBC HOLDINGS PLC Form 6-K March 13, 2013

## 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 HSBC Holdings plc

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(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

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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

Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities

A Almeida, 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 transactions
  - (i) Acquisition of an interest in 105,834 shares arising from a conditional award of shares under the Group Performance Share Plan being the long-term incentive plan of the HSBC Share Plan 2011.
  - (ii) Acquisition of an interest in 56,298 shares arising from a deferred award of Restricted Shares under the HSBC Share Plan 2011.
  - (iii) Acquisition of an interest in 37,532 shares arising from a non-deferred award of Restricted Shares under the HSBC Share Plan 2011. The Trustees of the Plan sold 19,517 shares to meet the tax liability arising on the immediate vesting of this award. The interest in the balance of 18,015 shares has been transferred to A Almeida as beneficial owner and must be retained for six months.
  - (iv) Release by the Trustees of 52,974 ordinary shares upon the partial vesting of Restricted Shares awarded previously to A Almeida. The Trustees of the Plan sold a total of 40,261 shares including 27,548 to meet the tax liability. 12,713 shares have been transferred to A Almeida as beneficial owner and must be retained for six months.
- Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired
  - (i) 105,834
  - (ii) 56,298
  - (iii) 37,532
- 6 Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed
  - (iii) 19,517
  - (iv) 40,261

Price per share or value of transaction

	(i)and (ii) N/A
	(iii) £7.3220
	(iv) £7.3294
8	Date and place of transactions
	(i), (ii) and (iii) 11 March 2013, London
	(iv) 12 March 2013, London
9	Date issuer informed of transactions
	13 March 2013
10	Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification
	Steve Owen, Assistant Secretary, 020 7991 3879
11	Date of notification
	13 March 2013
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: 13 March 2013