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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 May

HSBC Holdings plc

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

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Yes..... No X

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24 May 2016

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC BASE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED 17 MAY 2016

A Base Prospectus Supplement dated 17 May 2016 to the Base Prospectus dated 4 March 2016 relating to the Debt Issuance Programme prepared by HSBC Holdings plc has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and is

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available for inspection at http://www.hemscott.com/nsm.do.

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Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 6,000 offices in 71 countries and territories in Europe, Asia, North and Latin America, and the Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,596bn at 31 March 2016, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

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: Ben J S Mathews

Title: Group Company Secretary

Date: 24 May 2016