

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-A**

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or (g) OF THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**England and Wales**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or  
Organization)

**None**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**8 Canada Square**

**London E14 5HQ**

**United Kingdom**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which

\$900,000,000 Subordinated Notes Due 2036

each class is to be registered  
New York Stock Exchange

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

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Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-92024

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

On June 28, 2002, HSBC Holdings plc (the *Registrant*) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *Commission*) a Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-92024) (the *Registration Statement*) relating, to among other securities, to subordinated debt securities of the Registrant. On October 1, 2002, the Registrant filed with the Commission Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement. On November 25, 2002, the Registrant filed Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement. On November 26, 2002, the Commission declared the Registration Statement, as amended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*).

On April 27, 2006, the Registrant filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) under the Securities Act, the prospectus dated November 26, 2002, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated April 26, 2006 (the *Prospectus* and the *Prospectus Supplement*, respectively). The Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement are incorporated herein by reference to the extent set forth below.

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

Reference is made to the information set forth on pages 8 through 21 (under Description of Subordinated Debt Securities ) and pages 36 through 43 (under Taxation ) contained in the Company's Prospectus contained in the Registration Statement and on the cover page, pages S-6 and S-7 (under Description of Notes ) and pages S-13 through S-17 (under Taxation ) of the Prospectus Supplement all of which information is incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits shall be, or have been, filed with the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. or the Securities and Exchange Commission:

1. Indenture between HSBC Holdings plc and The Bank of New York (incorporated herein by reference to the Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K dated December 12, 2002).
2. Subordinated Notes (global registered form).
3. Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Registrant providing for the issuance of 6.5% Subordinated Notes Due 2036.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized

Registrant: HSBC Holdings plc

By:           /S/ DOUGLAS J. FLINT          

Name: Douglas J. Flint

Title: Group Finance Director

Date: May 3, 2006