

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
December 10, 2012

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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 December  
HSBC Holdings plc

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Yes..... No

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COMPLETION OF SALE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN  
BANKING OPERATIONS

\*\*\* Businesses sold for a consideration of US\$0.8bn \*\*\*

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On 24 January 2012, HSBC Bank (Panama) S.A., an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc ("HSBC"), announced that it had entered into an agreement to sell the whole of its banking operations in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras to Banco Davivienda S.A., a Colombian-listed banking group (the "Disposals")

The Disposals, which have received all regulatory and other approvals, have now been completed.

HSBC received an aggregated cash consideration of US\$801m for the Disposals, which is subject to minor adjustments based on the closing balance of shareholders' equity in each country.

HSBC remains committed to its Latin American business, focused primarily on Argentina, Brazil and Mexico, in line with the HSBC Group's strategy.

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Note to editors:

The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 6,900 offices in over 80 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, North and Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,721bn at 30 September 2012, the HSBC Group 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: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 10 December 2012