

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
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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 August

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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Yes.....  No

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POSSIBLE SALE OF US CARD AND RETAIL SERVICES BUSINESS

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc ("HSBC") note the recent press speculation concerning a possible sale of HSBC's card and retail services business in the United States (the "Business").

HSBC confirms that it is in discussions regarding a possible sale of the Business. These discussions are ongoing and no decision has yet been made to proceed with any transaction.

HSBC will make a further statement if or when appropriate.

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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

By:

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 9, August, 2011