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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 December 2005

HSBC Holdings plc

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Yes  No

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HSBC BANK (UK) PENSION SCHEME

HSBC Holdings plc on 22 December 2005 has subscribed for an additional GBP700 million of ordinary share capital in HSBC Bank plc in support of the injection by HSBC Bank plc on the same day of GBP1 billion into its defined benefit pension scheme, the HSBC Bank (UK) Pension Scheme, which closed to new members in July 1996.

HSBC is committed to ensuring that its pension schemes are properly supported and has taken this action to demonstrate that commitment.

Note to editors:

HSBC Holdings plc  
HSBC Holdings plc is headquartered in the UK. The HSBC Group serves over 110 million customers worldwide from more than 9,700 offices in 77 countries and

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territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$1,467 billion at 30 June 2005, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

### 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: 23 December 2005