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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 October, 2005

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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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-

DAR ES SALAAM INVESTMENT BANK

HSBC confirmed on 17 May 2005 that it was in negotiations to acquire a majority stake in Dar Es Salaam Investment Bank of Iraq.

Having concluded those negotiations successfully and obtained all necessary regulatory and other approvals, HSBC has completed the acquisition of a 70.1 per cent equity interest in Dar Es Salaam Investment Bank which, at 31 August 2005, had gross assets of IQD35,562 million[^] (US\$91.9 million).

Footnote:

[^] Unaudited and based on local accounting rules.

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 territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East

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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: 28 October 2005