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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 March HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

(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 X

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This notification relates to a transaction notified in accordance with DTR 3.1.2 R and 3.1.4 R (1)(a)

- 1 Name of the issuer HSBC Holdings plc
- 2 Name of the person discharging managerial responsibilities or, where applicable, the name of the person connected with a person discharging managerial responsibilities
 - S Assaf, a person discharging managerial responsibilities
- 3 Description of shares (including class), debentures, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares US\$0.50 ordinary shares
- 4 State the nature of the transaction
 - Release by the Trustee of 137,025 ordinary shares upon the partial vesting of Restricted Shares awarded previously to S Assaf. The Trustee of the Plan sold 47,274 shares to meet the tax liability. 89,751 shares have been transferred to S Assaf as beneficial owner and must be retained for six months.
- 5 Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares acquired

N/A

- 6 Number of shares, derivatives or any other financial instruments relating to shares disposed 47,274
- 7 Price per share or value of transaction £7.2655
- 8 Date and place of transaction 15 March 2013, London
- 9 Date issuer informed of transaction

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- 10 Name of duly authorised officer/official of issuer responsible for making notification
 - Steve Owen, Assistant Secretary, 020 7991 3879
- 11 Date of notification

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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: 18 March 2013