



Notice of publication of a supplement to the Base Prospectus dated 30 July 2009 relating to the Programme for the Issuance of Notes and Warrants of HSBC Bank plc (the “Base Prospectus”)

Withdrawal right of investors pursuant to Article 95-bis, paragraph 2 of Legislative Decree No. 58 dated 1998

This notice is addressed to the investors of the “Up to Euro 18,000,000 of HSBC Emerging Currencies Linked Notes due June 2015” (ISIN code XS0505429802) (the “Notes”) that on 5 May 2010 HSBC Bank plc published a supplement to the Base Prospectus by filing it with the United Kingdom Financial Services Authority. The supplement has been published in Italy pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 3 of Consob Regulation No. 11971 dated 14 May 1999 as subsequently amended.

Investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for the Notes shall have the right, pursuant to Article 95 bis, paragraph 2 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 1998, to withdraw their acceptances within two working days after the publication of this notice, and in particular within close of business on 12 May 2010.

This notice is made available to the public in Italy only, at the offices of the Milan branch of HSBC Bank plc and on the website of the Entity Responsible for the Placement MPS Capital Services Banca per le Imprese S.p.A. www.mpscapitalservices.it and on the distributors’ websites: Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. www.mps.it and Banca Antonveneta S.p.A. www.antonveneta.it.

London, 10 May 2010