



13 November 2006

HSBC INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICE LOCATION

HSBC Investments (Japan) K.K. today announced that it has relocated to Shiodome Sumitomo Building in Higashi-Shinbashi. The start of business in the new location is effective from today.

Located in the heart of the redeveloped Shiodome area, the new office offers state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure. The move reflects the recent success of the company's investment funds in Japan and its ambitious business expansion plans in the market.

Speaking about the relocation, Sean Matsuda, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Investments (Japan), commented, "This relocation highlights our strong commitment to our local clients and staff. The enhanced facilities of our new office will allow us to better serve the needs of our clients. I am very proud to be undertaking this significant strategic move during the 140th anniversary since the establishment of HSBC operations in Japan."

Investment funds issued by HSBC Investments Japan focusing on the so-called BRICs countries have proven extremely popular over the past two years. The company presently offers eight funds, including HSBC BRICs Open, HSBC Brazil Open and HSBC India Open via more than 70 distributors nationwide.

Details of the New Office

Shiodome Sumitomo Building

Higashi-shinbashi 1-9-2, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Tel: 03-6254-5600

Fax: 03-6254-5679

more

HSBC INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICE LOCATION/2

ends/more

Notes to editors:

HSBC Group

The HSBC Group is one of the largest banking and financial services organisations in the world. The Group has over 9,500 offices in 76 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa, serves over 110 million customers and has assets of US\$1,738 billion at 30 June 2006.

ends/all