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**HSBC BANK CANADA PUBLISHES ANNUAL
PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT**

HSBC Bank Canada, its subsidiaries and affiliates have published their sixth annual Public Accountability Statement entitled, *HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2007*. The document is available online at hsbc.ca.

Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Canada, said: "At HSBC Bank Canada, we are proud to be known as 'The world's local bank' and with that pride comes our recognition of the importance of our relationship with the local communities in which we live, work and do business. That's why we support a wide and diverse range of community-based organizations across the country with a primary focus on education and environmental initiatives and programs. Helping these charitable organizations is our way of thanking the community for their support over the past 26 years."

HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2007 includes information on the bank's charitable donations and sponsorships that support education and environmental organizations, and its commitment to its employees and customers.

Printed copies of this publication are also available at any branch of HSBC Bank Canada.

HSBC Bank Canada, a subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, has more than 180 offices and is the leading international bank in Canada. With around 10,000 offices in 83 countries and territories and assets of US\$2,354 billion at 31 December 2007, the HSBC Group is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organizations.

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