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

HSBC Bank Canada, its subsidiaries and affiliates have published their seventh annual Public Accountability Statement entitled, *HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2008*. The document is available online at hsbc.ca.

Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Canada, said: “As part of ‘The world’s local bank’, HSBC Bank Canada takes its corporate responsibility very seriously. We believe in sharing our success with the communities in which we live and work. That’s why we support a range of not-for-profit organizations across the country, especially those that place an emphasis on education and the environment – both a primary focus for our community investment.”

HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2008 includes information on the bank’s charitable donations and sponsorships that support educational, environmental and community 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 290 offices, including over 140 bank branches, and is the leading international bank in Canada. With around 9,500 offices in 86 countries and territories and assets of US\$2,527 billion at 31 December 2008, the HSBC Group is one of the world’s largest banking and financial services organizations.

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