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Standard Chartered PLC
(the "Company")

PUBLICATION OF RIGHTS ISSUE PROSPECTUS

The following Prospectus has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available to view on the Company's website at: <http://investors.standardchartered.com/dis.cfm>

Prospectus dated 15 October 2010 relating to a 1 for 8 Rights Issue of 260,525,763 New Ordinary Shares at 1,280 pence each by Standard Chartered PLC

In addition, copies of the Prospectus will be made available for inspection at the Company's offices, situated at:

1 Basinghall Avenue
London, EC2V 5DD
United Kingdom

A copy of the Prospectus has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: <http://hemscott.com/nsm.do>

A copy of the Prospectus will be sent to all Shareholders on the Hong Kong register of members.

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