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STANDARD CHARTERED PLC

渣打集團有限公司

*(Incorporated as a public limited company in England and Wales with registered number 966425)
(Stock Code: 02888)*

18 November 2015

PUBLICATION OF RIGHTS ISSUE PROSPECTUS

Further to the announcement of Standard Chartered PLC's (the "**Company**") strategic review and GB£3.3 billion (net of expenses) capital raise made on 3 November 2015, the Company announces that the Prospectus in respect of the proposed 2 for 7 Rights Issue of 728,432,451¹ ordinary shares at 465 pence each was approved today by the UK Listing Authority (the "**UKLA**") and will shortly be available to view on the Company's website at: <http://investors.sc.com/en/disclaimer-page.cfm>.

In addition, copies of the Prospectus will be made available for inspection at the Company's registered office, 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://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM>

A copy of the Prospectus will not be posted to Shareholders on the Company's register, except that Shareholders on the Hong Kong branch register of members who have not agreed or are not taken to have agreed to receive corporate communications by electronic means will receive a printed copy of the Prospectus on or around 23 November 2015.

UK

A Provisional Allotment Letter and accompanying shareholder guide will be posted to Qualifying Non-CREST Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) on or around 20 November 2015 and it is expected that Nil Paid Rights will be credited to the stock accounts in CREST of Qualifying CREST Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) on 23 November 2015.

¹ Reflecting shares issued after 2 November 2015.

HK

A Provisional Allotment Letter and accompanying shareholder guide will be posted to Qualifying Non-CCASS Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) on or around 23 November 2015 and it is expected that Nil Paid Rights will be credited to the stock accounts in CCASS of CCASS Participants (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) in respect of Qualifying CCASS Shareholders on 25 November 2015.

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Neither the content of Standard Chartered's website nor any website accessible by hyperlinks on Standard Chartered's website is incorporated in, or forms part of, this announcement. The Prospectus will give further details of the New Ordinary Shares, the Nil Paid Rights and the Fully Paid Rights being offered pursuant to the Rights Issue. The Provisional Allotment Letters are expected to be despatched shortly after the Prospectus is published.

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By Order of the Board
Annemarie Durbin
Group Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 18 November 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of Standard Chartered PLC comprises:

Chairman:
Sir John Wilfred Peace

Executive Directors:
Mr William Thomas Winters; Mr Andrew Nigel Halford and Mr Alun Michael Guest Rees

Independent Non-Executive Directors:
Mr Om Prakash Bhatt; Dr Kurt Michael Campbell; Dr Louis Chi-Yan Cheung; Dr Byron Elmer Grote; Dr Han Seung-soo, KBE; Mrs Christine Mary Hodgson; Ms Gay Huey Evans; Mr Naguib Kheraj (Senior Independent Director); Mr Simon Jonathan Lowth; Ms Ruth Markland; Mr Paul David Skinner, CBE; Dr Lars Henrik Thunell and Ms Jasmine Whitbread