

Athens, 24 June 2010

## HSBC

### Is awarded in the SUSTAINABLE Bank of the Year category

**HSBC** won the second place in the “**Sustainable Bank of the Year**” category, in the context of the “Banking Sustainability” annual awards organized by the Financial Times. This award recognizes the leadership position held by the bank with regard to achieving its social, environmental and business objectives.

Specifically for the 2010 Awards, 156 nominations from 110 organizations in 44 countries were submitted. HSBC’s nomination was based on the entire Groups’ data and activities. The award is the result of the efforts of the bank’s employees worldwide, confirming that sustainable development is directly linked to its business activities.

Mr. **John Laidlow**, Senior Manager, Group Corporate Sustainability HSBC, who received the award on behalf of HSBC, said “*we are delighted about the award*” and added: “*I would like to thank our colleagues, customers and partners who have contributed, this year too, to the achievement of our goals for sustainable development*”.

The ceremony took place two days before the World Environment Day, on 5 June, while a gala dinner was held in London, attended by more than 250 senior bank executives as well as environmental policy-makers on issues related to Sustainable Development.