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If you are in any doubt as to any aspect of the proposals contained in the shareholder documents or as to the action you should take, you should consult a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other appropriate independent professional adviser. If you have recently sold or transferred all your shares in Standard Chartered PLC, please notify the person who arranged the sale or transfer. This document does not contain sufficient information to allow you to gain an understanding of the proposals contained in the shareholder documents published online and should not be regarded as a substitute for reading the shareholder documents or relied on as the basis upon which to make decisions. It is recommended that you read the shareholder documents carefully before taking any action.

Viewing important shareholder documents

Please visit our website at <http://investors.standardchartered.com/en/downloads.cfm> to view and/or download the following documents:

Half Year Report 2012
Dividend Terms and Conditions

2012 Interim Dividend Circular

All of these documents can be downloaded in PDF format. To view PDF documents, you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader software installed on your computer. This program is available free of charge on the Adobe website at www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html. Please note the time taken to download these documents will depend on your internet connection.

Make your dividend election

The dividend options available to you are clearly explained in the 2012 Interim Dividend Circular. You can register your instructions to receive your dividend in new ordinary shares or to choose the currency (sterling, US dollars or Hong Kong dollars) in which you would like your dividend to be paid online at www.computershare.com/hk/investors. The advantage of submitting these instructions online is that you can change your instructions any number of times before the offer expires. You cannot do this if you complete a printed form; once it is received by our branch registrar you cannot amend or cancel it. Before you can use the online facility you need to contact our branch registrar at 2862 8555 or email to hkinfo@computershare.com.hk to register with the Investor Centre at www.computershare.com/hk/investors and click on 'Register' and follow the simple online instructions (once registered, select 'Dividend Plans'). Please register with the Investor Centre without delay as you may need to receive an activation code which is issued to safeguard your interests. For security purposes the code will be sent to you by post. If you wish to make your election in printed form, please contact our branch registrar (see contact details below).

You can view your entitlement to new ordinary shares under the 2012 interim dividend by visiting our branch registrar's website at www.computershare.com/scplc/hk/en/statement. You will need your Shareholder Reference Number to do this.

The share dividend price for this dividend is US\$21.041 (£13.417) for each new ordinary share and the terms for the share dividend are set out in the 2012 Interim Dividend Circular and the Dividend Terms and Conditions. **The deadline for receipt of any election in respect of the dividend is 4.00pm on 25 September 2012.**

Paper copies and website enquiries

If now or at any point in the future you would prefer to receive paper copies of any shareholder documents, including the documents listed above, please contact our branch registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

If you have any difficulty with accessing any of the documents mentioned above, please contact our branch registrar at hkinfo@computershare.com.hk or by telephone on **2862 8555**.