

ABSA GROUP LIMITED  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)  
ISIN: ZAE000067237  
JSE share code: ASA  
Issuer code: AMAGB  
(Absa Group or Absa)

REFERENCE TO ABSA GROUP IN BARCLAYS PLC INTERIM MANAGEMENT  
STATEMENT

Shareholders of Absa Group are advised that Barclays PLC  
(Barclays) released its 2010 Quarter Three interim  
management statement on 9 November 2010.

The following excerpt from the abovementioned statement  
makes specific reference to Absa's financial performance:  
"Absa profit before tax increased 20% to £448m (2009:  
£372m), reflecting a credit relating to the Group's  
recognition of a pension surplus and the appreciation of  
the Rand against Sterling. In Rand terms, income was  
broadly flat, impairment charges improved while operating  
expenses increased."

Investors should note that this update excludes Absa Card  
and Absa Capital. It is prepared in terms of London Stock  
Exchange rules and Barclays accounting policies and  
includes Barclays consolidation adjustments.

Absa Group's performance trends for the nine months ended  
30 September 2010 were similar to those reported for the  
interim period.

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