

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 or Absa Group)

ABSA BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
(Registration number: 1986/004794/06)
ISIN: ZAE000079810
JSE share code: ABSP
(Absa Bank)

**ABSA GROUP AND ABSA BANK: RELEASE OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2011**

Shareholders of Absa Group and Absa Bank are advised that the financial results for the year ended 31 December 2011 will be released on SENS and placed on Absa's website (www.absa.co.za) on Friday, 10 February 2012. The date of the results announcement has been moved forward, to coincide with the release of the financial results of Barclays PLC, the Group's parent company.

A presentation of the results will be made in Johannesburg at 13:00 p.m. (South African time) on Friday, 10 February 2012. It will be broadcast live on Summit TV (DSTV channel 412). Webcast and conference call facilities will be available for the presentation and details thereof will be published on the Absa website prior to the presentation.

Shareholders are also informed that the salient dates for the payment of the Absa Group ordinary and Absa Bank preference share dividends, as set out in the Absa Group interim results booklet for the six months ended 30 June 2011, remain unchanged. Full details of the dividends will be included in the financial results announcement on 10 February 2012.

Johannesburg
11 January 2012

Enquiries:

Mr Alan Hartdegen
Head: Group Investor Relations
(+2711) 350-2598
E-mail: alan.hartdegen@absa.co.za

Sponsor:

J.P. Morgan Equities Limited