

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)

#### RENEWAL OF CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Shareholders of Absa are referred to the cautionary announcements dated 21 August and 21 September 2012 regarding the potential combination of the majority of the Barclays Africa operations with Absa.

Shareholders are advised that discussions are still in progress, which if successfully concluded, may have a material effect on the price of Absa's shares. Accordingly, shareholders are advised to continue exercising caution when dealing in Absa's shares until a further announcement is made.

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