

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, Absa or the Company)

POSTING OF CIRCULAR AND NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

POSTING OF CIRCULAR

Further to the announcement released on SENS on 6 December 2012 relating to the proposed strategic combination of Barclays African operations with Absa Group Limited and the proposed name change of "Absa Group Limited" to "Barclays Africa Group Limited" (the "Proposed Transaction"), Absa Group wishes to advise that the circular containing details of the Proposed Transaction and the notice of general meeting (the "Notice") was posted to all shareholders today (the "Circular").

NOTICE OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given for the general meeting as set out in the Circular to be held in the P W Scales Auditorium, Absa Towers, 160 Main Street, Johannesburg on Monday, 25 February 2013 at 10:00 to transact the business as stated in the Notice (the "General Meeting").

SALIENT DATES AND TIMES

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| Circular posted to Shareholders   | Tuesday, 18 December 2012  |
| Last day to trade in order to be eligible to attend and vote at the General Meeting | Friday, 8 February 2013    |
| Absa Group results announcement for the year ended 31 December 2012                 | Tuesday, 12 February 2013  |
| Record date for attending and voting at the General Meeting                         | Friday, 15 February 2013   |
| Last day to lodge forms of proxy in respect of the General Meeting by 10:00         | Thursday, 21 February 2013 |
| General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 10:00                                 | Monday, 25 February 2013   |

Johannesburg  
18 December 2012

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