

**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 Group)

**ABSA BANK LIMITED**

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

**NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEPPING DOWN FROM ABSA BOARDS OF DIRECTORS**

Absa Shareholders are hereby informed that Ivan Ritossa has resigned from the Boards of Absa Group and Absa Bank as a Barclays Bank PLC (Barclays) representative, effective 31 December 2012.

Ivan, an Absa Board member since 21 September 2011, is leaving Barclays at the end of December 2012, and accordingly stepping down from his Barclays appointments.

In addition to the Boards of Absa Group and Absa Bank, Ivan served on the Absa Board Finance Committee and the Absa Group Remuneration and Human Resources Committee.

The replacement for Ivan on the Absa Boards will be announced in due course.

Johannesburg  
19 December 2012

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