

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

REFERENCE TO BARCLAYS PLC INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Shareholders of Absa Group are advised that Barclays PLC (Barclays) released its 2013 first quarter interim management statement today.

Although it makes no substantial reference to the financial performance of Absa Group, part of the Group's performance is included in the Africa Retail and Business Banking (RBB) segment that Barclays disclosed in the statement.

Shareholders are advised not to draw inferences in respect of the Absa Group's performance from this disclosure. Absa's contribution to Barclays Africa RBB excludes Absa Card and Absa Corporate, Investment Banking and Wealth. These constituted 56% of Absa's FY12 headline earnings. The Barclays Africa RBB disclosure includes the results of Barclays' other African subsidiaries, the impact of Rand depreciation, accounting policy differences as well as consolidation and overlay adjustments. In combination, these adjustments make the numbers incomparable.

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