

**BARCLAYS AFRICA GROUP LIMITED**

**(Formerly known as Absa Group Limited)**

**(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)**

**(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)**

**ISIN: ZAE000174124**

**JSE share code: BGA**

**(“Barclays Africa Group” or “the Group”)**

**BARCLAYS AFRICA GROUP: TRADING STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

Shareholders are advised that Barclays Africa Group’s basic earnings per share (EPS) for the year ended 31 December 2013 is expected to be 19% to 20% higher than the pro forma (including Barclays Africa Limited, as disclosed on SENS on 2 December 2013) of 1180.4 cents for the prior year.

The Group’s diluted headline EPS for the period is expected to exceed 2012’s pro forma 1227.6 cents by 13% to 14%. The difference in growth rates arises largely because the Group’s headline earnings exclude the gain on disposing of its Custody and Trustee business in 2013 and net negative fair value adjustments in investment properties of R388 million in 2012.

The financial information on which the trading statement has been based has not been reviewed or reported on by Barclays Africa Group’s auditors. The Group’s 2013 results will be released on Tuesday, 11 February 2014.

Johannesburg

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J.P. Morgan Equities South Africa Proprietary Limited

**Joint sponsor to Barclays Africa Group**

Absa Corporate and Investment Banking, a division of Absa Bank Limited