

BARCLAYS AFRICA GROUP LIMITED

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

Registration number: 1986/003934/06

ISIN: ZAE000174124

JSE share code: BGA

("Barclays Africa" or "the Group")

ABSA BANK LIMITED

Authorised financial services and registered credit provider (NCRCP7)

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

Registration number: 1986/004794/06

JSE share code: ABSP

ISIN: ZAE000079810

("Absa Bank")

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PROTECTOR'S FINAL REPORT

The Public Protector released a final report on Monday ("the report") regarding her investigation into the assistance provided by the South African Reserve Bank to Bankorp between 1985 and 1995. Bankorp was acquired by Absa in 1992.

Barclays Africa and Absa Bank shareholders are advised that Absa has decided to approach the High Court in order to have the report reviewed and set aside. This is due to numerous misrepresentations and factual inaccuracies which form the basis of the Public Protector's findings, and what we submit are the irrational and unreasonable legal conclusions in the report. The misconceptions and inaccuracies in the report are profound and damaging to Absa's reputation.

We have accordingly instructed our lawyers to immediately prepare an application to the High Court to have the report and its remedial actions set aside.

We deny that Absa received R1,125bn by way of unlawful assistance and we firmly maintain our position that all of Absa's obligations to the South African Reserve Bank were met in full by October 1995.

We will update shareholders on this matter as appropriate.

Johannesburg

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