

ABSA GROUP LIMITED
Authorised financial services
and registered credit provider (NCRCP7)
Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa
Registration number: 1986/003934/06
ISIN: ZAE000067237
JSE share code: ASA
Issuer code: AMAGB
(Absa Group)

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

Premature Release of Absa Interim Results

The JSE Limited (JSE) and Absa Group Limited (Absa) confirm that the independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the premature release of Absa's interim results has been concluded. It has been established that an unintentional breach of Rule 3.5 of the JSE Listings Requirements occurred in that price sensitive information was provided to the media prior to its release over SENS. Rule 3.5 stipulates that price sensitive information may not be provided to the media prior to its release on SENS even where such information is only to be published after release over SENS.

The JSE has decided not to impose a further penalty on Absa after considering the following:

- the mitigation implemented by Absa to prevent or minimise any potential undesirable effects;
- the public censure that has already occurred;

- that the Absa results were in line with the trading update published on 29 July 2010;
- that the results had very little impact on the volumes and value traded after their release; and
- the immediate notification of the JSE by Absa once it was discovered that the breach had occurred.

Absa is also further implementing a number of enhanced governance actions and controls to ensure that a similar incident does not occur in future, including reviewing third party supplier governance and limiting publication to daily newspapers.

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