ABSA GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)

ISIN: ZAE000067237 JSE share code: ASA

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ABSA BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Registration number: 1986/004794/06

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

ISIN: ZAE000079810 JSE share code: ABSP

(Absa Bank)

APPOINTMENT OF ABSA CAPITAL AS JOINT SPONSOR IN TERMS OF THE JSE LIMITED LISTINGS REQUIREMENTS

Absa Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Absa Capital, a division of Absa Bank, as joint sponsor to Absa Group and Absa Bank, with effect from Tuesday, 10 April 2012.

J.P. Morgan Equities Limited will retain the role as the lead independent sponsor.

Johannesburg

10 April 2012

Lead Independent Sponsor J.P. Morgan Equities Limited

Joint Sponsor

Absa Capital (the investment banking division of Absa Bank Limited, affiliated with Barclays)