

**ABSA GROUP LIMITED**

(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)

**REFERENCE TO ABSA GROUP IN BARCLAYS PLC INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

Shareholders of Absa Group are advised that Barclays PLC (“Barclays”) released its 2011 Quarter One interim management statement on 27 April 2011.

The following excerpt from the abovementioned statement makes specific reference to Absa’s financial performance:

“Absa profit before tax decreased 19% to £135m (2010: £167m). Favourable foreign exchange movements and the improved performance of the underlying business were offset by a £54m one-off credit in 2010 in relation to the Group’s recognition of a pension fund surplus. Excluding the one-off credit in 2010 profit before tax increased 19% driven by the impact of currency movements, income growth and significant improvements in impairment charges as a result of a continued improving economy. Operating expenses increased reflecting currency movements and inflationary pressures.”

Investors should note that this update includes the effects of currency translation from South African Rand into Pound Sterling and excludes the results of Absa Card and Absa Capital. It is prepared in terms of London Stock Exchange rules and Barclays accounting policies and includes Barclays consolidation adjustments.

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