

ABSA BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

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(Absa Bank)

ABSA BANK: PROFIT AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

BANK SALIENT FEATURES

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007 (Audited)	2006* (Audited)	
Income statement (Rm)			
Headline earnings**	7 476	5 861	27,6
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Bank	7 620	6 051	25,9
Balance sheet (Rm)			
Total assets	587 059	453 726	29,4
Loans and advances to customers	443 120	367 199	20,7
Deposits due to customers	304 877	275 407	10,7
Financial performance (%)			
Return on average equity	26,4	25,1	
Return on average assets	1,48	1,42	
Operating performance (%)			
Net interest margin on average assets	3,54	3,42	
Net interest margin on average interest-bearing assets	3,82	3,71	
Impairment losses on loans and advances as % of average loans and advances to customers	0,54	0,44	
Non-interest income as % of total operating income	41,5	44,3	
Cost-to-income ratio	54,2	57,2	
Effective tax rate, excluding			

	Year ended		Change
	31 December		
	2007	2006*	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	%
indirect taxation	29,2	28,4	
Share statistics (million)			
(including "A" ordinary shares)			
Number of shares in issue	337,3	337,3	
Weighted average number of shares	337,3	336,3	
Weighted average diluted number of shares	337,3	336,3	
Share statistics (cents)			
Earnings per share	2 259,4	1 799,0	25,6
Diluted earnings per share	2 259,4	1 799,0	25,6
Headline earnings per share	2 216,4	1 742,5	27,2
Diluted headline earnings per share	2 216,4	1 742,5	27,2
Dividends per ordinary share relating to income for the year	789,8	591,9	33,4
Dividend cover (times)	2,8	2,9	
Net asset value per share	9 149	7 630	19,9
Tangible net asset value per share	9 081	7 586	19,7
Capital adequacy (%)			
Absa Bank	12,5	12,3	

* The comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2006 have been reclassified throughout the document. See section on "Reclassifications" below.

** After allowing for R313 million (December 2006: R73 million) profit attributable to preference equity holders of the Bank.

BANK INCOME STATEMENT

	Year ended		Change
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	%
Net interest income	17 915	14 174	26,4
Interest and similar income	52 213	36 518	43,0
Interest expense and similar charges	(34 298)	(22 344)	(53,5)
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(2 207)	(1 515)	(45,7)
Net interest income after impairment losses on loans and advances	15 708	12 659	24,1
Net fee and commission income	10 046	8 973	12,0
Fee and commission income 1.1	10 620	9 486	12,0
Fee and commission expense	(574)	(513)	(11,9)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities 1.2	1 536	1 234	24,5
Gains and losses from investment activities 1.3	108	169	(36,1)
Other operating income	1 006	879	14,4
Operating income before operating expenses	28 404	23 914	18,8
Operating expenditure	(17 286)	(15 414)	(12,1)
Operating expenses 2.1	(16 584)	(14 547)	(14,0)
Non-credit related impairments 2.2	(58)	(71)	18,3
Indirect taxation	(644)	(796)	19,1
Share of retained earnings from associated undertakings and joint ventures	85	48	77,1
Operating profit before income tax	11 203	8 548	31,1
Taxation expense	(3 267)	(2 424)	(34,8)
Profit for the year	7 936	6 124	29,6
Attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders of the Bank	7 620	6 051	25,9
Preference equity holders of the Bank	313	73	>(100,0)
Minority interest	3	-	(100,0)
	7 936	6 124	29,6
Headline earnings 3	7 476	5 861	27,6

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS

1. NON INTEREST INCOME

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	
1.1 Fee and commission income			
Credit-related fees and commission	9 765	8 706	12,2
Credit cards	1 543	1 383	11,6
Cheque accounts	2 536	2 384	6,4
Electronic banking	2 657	2 248	18,2
Other	3 029	2 691	12,6
Corporate finance fees	289	136	>100,0
External administration fees	192	157	22,3
Insurance commission received	346	453	(23,6)
Portfolio and other management fees	16	16	-
Unit/property trust income	12	18	(33,3)
	10 620	9 468	12,0
1.2 Gains and losses from banking and trading activities			
Designated fair value	948	(105)	>100,0
Debt securities in issue	(112)	-	(100,0)
Loans and advances and deposits	261	(380)	>(100,0)
Investments	853	430	>100,0
Debt instruments	2	-	100,0
Equity instruments	851	430	97,9
Statutory liquid asset portfolio	(54)	(155)	65,2
Associated undertakings and joint ventures			
Dividends from associated banking			

	Year ended		
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	Change
	Rm	Rm	%
entities	8	-	100,0
(Loss)/profit realised on disposal	(6)	167	>(100,0)
Held for trading	507	1 173	(56,8)
Ineffective hedges	79	(1)	>100,0
Cash flow hedges	(60)	(5)	>(100,0)
Fair value hedges	139	4	>100,0
	1 536	1 234	24,5
1.3 Gains and losses from investment activities			
Associated undertakings and joint ventures			
Dividends received	3	-	100,0
Designated fair value			
Equity instruments	69	119	(42,0)
Subsidiaries			
Profit realised on disposal	36	50	(28,0)
	108	169	(36,1)

2. OPERATING EXPENDITURE

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	
2.1 Operating expenses			
Amortisation on intangible assets	63	18	>(100,0)
Audit fees	53	52	(1,9)
Audit fees current year	49	43	(14,0)
Other fees	4	9	55,6
Cash transportation	268	227	(18,1)
Depreciation	743	706	(5,2)
Computer equipment	461	377	(22,3)
Freehold property	30	30	-
Furniture and other equipment	226	272	16,9
Leasehold property	26	26	-
Motor vehicles	-	1	100,0
Equipment rental and maintenance	258	221	(16,7)
Information technology	1 079	1 064	(1,4)
Lease rentals on operating leases	762	699	(9,0)
Marketing costs	889	728	(22,1)
Other operating costs	1 278	1 117	(14,4)
Other professional fees	1 207	1 097	(10,0)
Printing and stationery	276	232	(19,0)
Staff costs	9 096	7 850	(15,9)
Telephone and postage	612	536	(14,2)
	16 584	14 547	(14,0)
2.2 Non-credit related impairments			
Financial instruments			
Available for sale investments	-	(5)	(100,0)
Other	58	76	23,7

	Year ended		
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	Change
	Rm	Rm	%
Computer software development costs	21	66	68,2
Investment in associated undertakings and joint ventures	-	10	100,0
Repossessed Properties	37	-	(100,0)
	58	71	18,3

3. DETERMINATION OF HEADLINE EARNINGS*

	Year ended		
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	Change
	Rm	Rm	%
Headline earnings is determined as follows:			
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Bank	7 620	6 051	25,9
Adjustments for:			
IAS 16 net profit on disposal of property and equipment	(57)	(8)	>(100,0)
IAS 21 recycle foreign currency translation reserve, disposal of investment in foreign operations	(38)	-	(100,0)
IAS 27 net profit on disposal of subsidiaries	(26)	(36)	27,8
IAS 28 & 31 net loss/(profit) on disposal of associated undertakings and joint ventures	6	(113)	>100,0
IAS 28 impairment of associated undertakings and joint ventures	-	7	(100,0)
IAS 28 underlying associated undertakings and joint ventures earnings		(54)	

	Year ended		
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	Change
	Rm	Rm	%
	(45)		16,7
IAS 38 net profit on disposal and impairment of intangible assets	(43)	47	>(100,0)
IAS 39 release of available-for sale reserves	59	(29)	>100,0
IAS 39 impairment of available-for sale assets and strategic investments	-	(4)	100,0
Headline earnings	7 476	5 861	27,6

* After tax and minorities.

BANK BALANCE SHEET

	31 December		Change
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	
Assets			
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	15 069	12 022	25,3
Statutory liquid asset portfolio	22 957	20 829	10,2
Loans and advances to banks	52 691	20 833	>100,0
Trading assets	25 876	17 742	45,8
Hedging assets	725	641	13,1
Other assets	5 002	3 151	58,7
Current tax assets	168	-	100,0
Loans and advances to customers	443 120	367 199	20,7
Loans to Absa Group companies	8 308	1 728	>100,0
Loans to holding company	1 130	1 301	(13,1)
Deferred tax assets	48	63	(23,8)
Investments	6 109	3 960	54,3
Investments in associated undertakings and joint ventures	1 370	601	>100,0
Intangible assets	228	147	55,1
Property and equipment	4 258	3 509	21,3
Total assets	587 059	453 726	29,4
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	65 167	28 897	>100,0
Trading liabilities	22 947	16 140	42,2
Hedging liabilities	2 226	1 257	77,1
Other liabilities and sundry provisions	10 113	8 015	26,2
Current tax liabilities	56	941	(94,0)
Deposits due to customers	304 877	275 407	10,7
Debt securities in issue	134 023	83 866	59,8
Deferred tax liabilities	2 259	2 133	5,9
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	67	76	(11,8)
Borrowed funds	9 796	8 268	18,5
Total liabilities	551 531	425 000	29,8
Equity			

	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	Change
	Rm	Rm	%
Capital and reserves			
Attributable to equity holders of the Bank:			
Share capital	303	303	-
Share premium	5 415	5 415	-
Preference share capital	1	1	-
Preference share premium	4 643	2 991	55,2
Other reserves	1 605	1 682	(4,6)
Retained earnings	23 535	18 334	28,4
	35 502	28 726	23,6
Minority interest	26	0	>100,0
Total equity	35 528	28 726	23,7
Total equity and liabilities	587 059	453 726	29,4
Contingent liabilities - banking related	53 734	49 706	8,1

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS

1. BORROWED FUNDS

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	
Subordinated callable notes			
14,25% (AB02)	3 100	3 100	-
10,75% (AB03)	1 100	1 100	-
3-month JIBAR + 0,75% (AB04)	400	400	-
8,75% (AB05)	1 500	1 500	-
8,10%(AB06)	2 000	2 000	-
8,80% (AB07)	1 725	-	100,0
Accrued interest	297	253	17,4
Fair value adjustment*	(326)	(85)	>(100,0)
	9 796	8 268	18,5

* The fair value adjustment relates to subordinated callable notes designated as hedged item in a hedge relationship.

BANK STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	31 December		Change %
	2007		
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	
Share capital	303	303	-
Opening balance	303	303	-
Shares issued	-	0	(100,0)
Share premium	5 415	5 415	-
Opening balance	5 415	4 665	16,1
Shares issued	-	750	(100,0)
Preference share capital	1	1	-
Opening balance	1	-	100,0
Shares issued	0	1	>(100,0)
Preference share premium	4 643	2 991	55,2
Opening balance	2 991	-	100,0
Shares issued	1 658	2 999	(44,7)

	31 December		Change
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	%
Costs incurred	(6)	(8)	25,0
Other reserves	1 605	1 682	(4,6)
Opening balance	1 682	1 817	(7,4)
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve	(53)	178	>(100,0)
Movement in regulatory general credit risk reserve	381	50	>100,0
Movement in available-for-sale reserve	61	67	(9,0)
Movement in cash flow hedges reserve	(540)	(485)	(11,3)
Movement in associated undertakings and joint ventures' retained earnings reserve	85	48	77,1
Disposal of associated undertakings and joint ventures - release of reserves	-	(48)	100,0
Share-based payments for the year	75	78	(3,8)
Transfer from share-based payment reserve	(86)	(23)	>(100,0)
Retained earnings	23 535	18 334	28,4
Opening balance	18 334	14 224	28,9
Transfer to regulatory general credit risk reserve	(381)	(50)	>(100,0)
Transfer to associated undertakings and joint ventures' retained earnings reserve	(85)	(48)	(77,1)
Disposal of associated undertakings and joint ventures - release of reserves	-	48	(100,0)
Transfer from share-based payment reserve	86	23	>100,0
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders	7 620	6 051	25,9
Profit attributable to preference equity holders	313	73	>100,0
Dividends paid during the year	(2 352)	(1 987)	(18,4)
	35 502	28 726	23,6
Minority interest	26	0	>100,0
Opening balance	0	40	>(100,0)

	31 December		Change
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	%
Acquisitions/(disposals)	25	(40)	>100,0
Other reserve movements	(2)	(0)	>(100,0)
Minority share of profit	3	-	100,0
Total equity	35 528	28 726	23,7

BANK CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Year ended		Change
	31 December		
	2007	2006	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
	Rm	Rm	%
Net cash generated/(utilised) from operating activities	4 735	(6 054)	>100,0
Net cash utilised from investing activities	(4 237)	(1 660)	>(100,0)
Net cash generated from financing activities	1 025	3 755	(72,7)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1 523	(3 959)	>100,0
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year 1	3 498	7 462	(53,1)
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash on cash equivalents	2	(5)	>100,0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year 2	5 023	3 498	43,6
NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT			
1 Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	3 619	3 210	12,7
Loans and advances to banks	(121)	4 252	>(100,0)
	3 498	7 462	(53,1)
2 Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	4 673	3 619	29,1
Loans and advances to banks	350	(121)	>100,0
	5 023	3 498	43,6

PROFIT CONTRIBUTION BY BUSINESS AREA

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007	2006*	
	(Audited) Rm	(Audited) Rm	
Banking operations			
Retail banking	4 989	4 095	21,8
Absa Private Bank	237	178	33,1
Personal Bank	1 2 144	1 400	53,1
Absa Home Loans and Repossessed Properties	1 279	1 086	17,8
Absa Card	706	700	0,9
Absa Vehicle and Asset Finance	623	731	(14,8)
Absa Corporate and Business Bank	1 922	1 384	38,9
Absa Capital	1 533	929	65,0
African operations	(31)	(44)	29,5
Corporate centre	2 (95)	83	>(100,0)
Capital and funding centre	94	131	(28,2)
Total earnings from business areas	8 412	6 578	27,9
Synergy costs (after tax)	3 (479)	(454)	(5,5)
Profit attributable to preference equity holders	(313)	(73)	>(100,0)
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders	7 620	6 051	25,9
Headline earnings adjustments	(144)	(190)	24,2
Total headline earnings	7 476	5 861	27,6

REVENUE CONTRIBUTION BY BUSINESS AREA

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007	2006*	
	(Audited) Rm	(Audited) Rm	
Banking operations			
Retail banking	21 259	17 799	19,4
Absa Private Bank	1 403	1 208	16,1

	Year ended		Change %
	31 December		
	2007	2006*	
	(Audited) Rm	(Audited) Rm	
Personal Bank 1	10 647	8 582	24,1
Absa Home Loans and Repossessed Properties	3 880	3 170	22,4
Absa Card	2 466	2 134	15,6
Absa Vehicle and Asset Finance	2 863	2 705	5,8
Absa Corporate and Business Bank	6 152	5 168	19,0
Absa Capital	3 595	2 318	55,1
African operations	(5)	(3)	(66,7)
Corporate centre 2	(493)	(37)	>(100,0)
Capital and funding centre	103	184	(44,0)
Total revenue	30 611	25 429	20,4

Notes

1. Personal Bank includes the results of Digital Banking, Micro Lending, Personal Bank Ventures and Alliances, Small Business, Telephone Banking and Entry Level Banking.
 2. In the prior year the Corporate centre included the gains on disposal of Bankhaus Wölbern and AST.
 3. Synergies relate to the integration of Absa and Barclays following the acquisition by Barclays of a majority share in Absa. Synergy costs are one-off costs incurred in achieving synergy benefits.
- * The comparative period has been restated for:
- Migration of clients from Private Bank to Personal Bank in the current year.
 - Absa Development Company Holdings (Proprietary) Limited was moved from Corporate centre to Absa Corporate and Business Bank during the year under review.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

BANK BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 2006

Reclassification of certain assets and liabilities

		31 December		31 December
		2006		2006
		((Audited))		((Audited))
		(As previously reported)	Reclassi- fications	(Restated)
Rm	Commentary			
Assets				
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks		12 022		12 022
Statutory liquid asset portfolio		20 829	-	20 829
Loans and advances to banks		20 833	-	20 833
Trading assets	1	17 711	31	17 742
Hedging assets	1	672	(31)	641
Other assets		3 151	-	3 151
Loans and advances to customers	2	368 320	(1 121)	367 199
Loans to Absa Group companies		1 728	-	1 728
Loan to holding company		1 301	-	1 301
Deferred tax assets		63	-	63
Investments	2	2 839	1 121	3 960
Investments in associated undertakings and joint ventures		601	-	601
Intangible assets		147	-	147
Property and equipment		3 509	-	3 509
Total assets		453 726	-	453 726
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	3	39 236	(10,339)	28 897
Trading liabilities		15 499	641	16 140
Hedging liabilities		1 898	(641)	1 257
Other liabilities and sundry provisions		8 015	-	8 015
Current tax liabilities		941	-	941
Deposits due to customers	3	348 934	(73 527)	275 407
Debt securities in issue	3	-	83 866	83 866
Deferred tax liabilities		2 133	-	2 133

		31 December		31 December
		2006		2006
		((Audited))		((Audited))
		(As previously reported)	Reclassi- fications	(Restated)
Rm	Commentary			
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts		76	-	76
Borrowed funds		8 268	-	8 268
Total liabilities		425 000	-	425 000
Equity				
Capital and reserves				
Attributable to equity holders of the Bank:				
Share capital		303	-	303
Share premium		5 415	-	5 415
Preference share capital		1	-	1
Preference share premium		2 991	-	2 991
Other reserves		1 682	-	1 682
Retained earnings		18 334	-	18 334
		28 726	-	28 726
Minority interest		0	-	0
Total equity		28 726	-	28 726
Total equity and liabilities		453 726	-	453 726

BANK INCOME STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

IFRS 7 and other reclassifications

		Year ended		Year ended
		31 December		31 December
		2006		2006
		(Audited)		(Audited)
		(As previously reported)	Reclassi- fications	(Restated)
Rm	Commentary			
Net interest income	4	14 184	(10)	14 174
Interest and similar income		36 551	(33)	36 518
Interest expense and similar charges		(22 367)	23	(22 344)
Impairment losses on loans and advances		(1 515)	-	(1 515)
Net interest income after impairment losses on loans and advances		12 669	(10)	12 659
Net fee and commission income		9 434	(461)	8 973
Fee and commission income	5 & 6	9 468	18	9 486
Fee and commission expense	6	(34)	(479)	(513)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	6	1 274	(40)	1 234
Gains and losses from investment activities	6	169	-	169
Other operating income	5	897	(18)	879
Operating income before operating expenses		24 443	(529)	23 914
Operating expenditure		(15 943)	529	(15 414)
Operating expenses	6	(15 070)	523	(14 547)
Non-credit related impairments		(71)	-	(71)
Indirect taxation		(802)	6	(796)
Share of retained earnings of associated undertakings and joint ventures		48	-	48
Operating profit before income tax		8 548	-	8 548
Taxation expense		(2 424)	-	(2 424)

		Year ended		Year ended
		31 December		31 December
		2006		2006
		(Audited)		(Audited)
		(As previously reported)	Reclassi- fications	(Restated)
Rm	Commentary			
Profit for the year		6 124	-	6 124
Attributable to:				
Ordinary equity holders of the Bank		6 051	-	6 051
Preference equity holders of the bank		73	-	73
Minority Interest		-		-
		6 124	-	6 124
Headline earnings		5 861	-	5 861

COMMENTARY ON THE RECLASSIFICATION

1. Trading and hedging assets and liabilities

Certain trading assets and liabilities previously aggregated with hedging assets and liabilities have been separated.

2. Equity and shareholder loans

Shareholder loans granted to Private Equity, Commercial Property Finance and Incubator Fund clients have been reclassified as part of the net investment in that entity. Previously these were shown as "Loans and advances to customers".

3. Debt securities in issue

Negotiable certificates of deposits and other funding paper issued were previously reported as a sub-category of "Deposits due to customers" and "Deposits from banks". This is disclosed on a separate line on the face of the balance sheet, called "Debt securities in issue".

4. Reclassification of interest

Hedging income and expenses have been reclassified to better eliminate mismatches.

5. Fees from trust and other fiduciary activities

Unit/property trust income has been reclassified from "Other operating income" to "Fee and commission income".

6. Fee expenses and similar

While implementing IFRS 7, the Group adopted a policy where all fees paid relating to either a financial instrument or fee income, should be classified as a fee expense. Similarly any fees related to trading should be moved to "Gains and losses from banking and trading activities".

PROFIT AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

Introduction

Absa Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Absa Group Limited (Absa Group or the Group), which is listed on the JSE Limited (the JSE).

Absa Bank and its subsidiaries' financial results for the year ended 31 December 2007 and its preference dividend declaration for the period 1 September 2007 to 28 February 2008 are contained in this announcement.

Commentary pertaining to the operating environment and the results of Absa Bank's core subsidiaries are set out in the Absa Group's annual financial results announcement. The Absa Group announcement was released on the JSE Securities Exchange News Services (Sens) and Absa Group's website (www.absa.co.za) on 19 February 2008, and published in the press on 20 February 2008.

Basis of presentation and changes in accounting policies

Absa Bank's annual results have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The Bank adopted IFRS 7 - Financial Instruments: Disclosures and IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements: Capital Disclosures (amendment) during the year ended 31 December 2007. The adoption of IFRS 7 and the amendment to IAS 1 impacted disclosures made in the financial statements. The Bank also made some reclassifications in the income statement as a result of the implementation of IFRS 7. The adoption of the standard had no impact on the reported profits or financial position of the Bank.

The Bank's results for the year ended 31 December 2007 have been audited by the Group's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. and Ernst & Young Inc. Their audit report is available for inspection at the Bank's registered address, 3rd floor, Absa Towers East, 170 Main Street, Johannesburg, 2001.

Declaration of preference dividend number 4: Absa Bank non-cumulative, non-redeemable preference shares (Absa Bank preference shares)

Notice is hereby given that preference dividend number 4 of 4 436 cents per share has been declared for the period from 1 September 2007 to 28 February 2008.

The Absa Bank preference shares have an effective coupon rate of 63% of the prime overdraft lending rate. The dividend is payable on Monday, 17 March 2008, to shareholders of Absa Bank preference shares recorded in the books of the company at the close of business on Friday, 14 March 2008.

In compliance with the requirements of Strate, the electronic settlement and custody system used by the JSE, the relevant dates for the payment of the preference dividend are as follows:

Last day to trade cum dividend	Friday, 7 March 2008
Shares commence trading ex dividend	Monday, 10 March 2008
Record date	Friday, 14 March 2008
Payment date	Monday, 17 March 2008

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 10 March 2008, and Friday, 14 March 2008, both dates inclusive.

On Monday, 17 March 2008, the dividend will be electronically transferred to the bank accounts of certificated shareholders who use this facility. In respect of those who do not, cheques dated 17 March 2008 will be posted on or about that date. The accounts of those shareholders that have dematerialised their shares (which are held at their central securities depository participant or broker) will be credited on Monday, 17 March 2008.

On behalf of the board

S Martin

Group secretary

19 February 2008

Please note that the preference dividend calculation dates are 28 (29) February and 31 August of each year and that the payment date may not be later than 45 days after the preference dividend calculation date.