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, Absa Group or the Group)

ABSA BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) (Registration number: 1986/004794/06)

ISIN: ZAE000079810 JSE share code: ABSP

(Absa Bank)

ABSA GROUP AND ABSA BANK: RELEASE OF INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS

ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

Shareholders of Absa Group and Absa Bank are advised that the financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2011 will be released on SENS and placed on Absa's website (www.absa.co.za) on Tuesday, 2 August 2011. This release will coincide with the release of the financial results of Barclays PLC, the Group's parent company.

A presentation of the Group's results will be made in Johannesburg at 11:00 a.m. (South African time). The presentation will also be broadcast live on Summit TV (DSTV channel 412). Webcast and conference call facilities will be available for the presentation and the details thereof will be published on the Absa website prior to the presentation.

Shareholders are also informed that the indicative dates pertaining to the declaration of Absa Group ordinary and Absa Bank preference share dividends, as set out in the Absa Group and Absa Bank annual reports for the year ended 31 December 2010, will remain unchanged. Full details of the dividends will be included in the interim financial results announcements.

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