

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 or Absa)

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 PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

Shareholders of Absa Group and Absa Bank are advised that the financial results for the six-month period ended 30 June 2012 will be released on SENS and published on Absa's website (www.absa.co.za) on Friday, 27 July 2012.

A presentation of the results will be made in Johannesburg at 08:30 a.m. (South African time) on Friday, 27 July 2012. It will be broadcast live on Summit TV (DSTV channel 412). Webcast and conference call facilities will be available for the presentation and details thereof will be published on the Absa website prior to the presentation.

Shareholders are also informed that the salient dates for the payment of the Absa Group ordinary and Absa Bank preference share dividends, as set out in the Absa Group financial results booklet for the year ended 31 December 2011, remain unchanged. Full details of the dividends will be included in the financial results announcements on 27 July 2012.

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