

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 or the Company)

POSTING OF THE ABSA GROUP 2010 ANNUAL REPORT AND DETAILS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Audited financial statements

Shareholders are advised that the Company's annual report will be lodged with the JSE Limited and posted to shareholders today, Wednesday, 30 March 2011. The annual report is also available on Absa Group's website. An abridged report has not been published as the information previously published in Absa Group's audited results on Tuesday, 15 February 2011 is unchanged. Ernst & Young Inc. and PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. audited Absa's results and their unqualified audit reports are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company.

Notice of the annual general meeting

Notice is hereby given that Absa's annual general meeting will be held in the P W Scales Auditorium, Absa Towers, 160 Main Street, Johannesburg on Thursday, 21 April 2011 at 11:00 to transact business as stated in the notice of annual general meeting.

Johannesburg

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