



## APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT

### ABSA BANK LIMITED

*(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa with limited liability with company registration number 1986/004794/06)*

### Issue of ZAR 65,000,000 R2037 Credit-Linked Notes

**under its ZAR40,000,000,000 Master Structured Note Programme approved by the JSE Limited t/a The Johannesburg Stock Exchange**

This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with the Master Programme Memorandum, dated 7 November 2018 and approved by the JSE on 09 November 2018 prepared by Absa Bank Limited in connection with the Absa Bank Limited ZAR40,000,000,000 Master Structured Note Programme, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the “**Master Programme Memorandum**”) and the Applicable Product Supplement, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the “**Applicable Product Supplement**”).

Any capitalised terms not defined in this Applicable Pricing Supplement have the meanings ascribed to them in the section of the Master Programme Memorandum headed the “Glossary of Terms”, as amended by the Applicable Product Supplement.

This document constitutes the Applicable Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein. The Notes described herein are issued on and subject to the Terms and Conditions as replaced, amended and/or supplemented by the Applicable Product Supplement and/or this Applicable Pricing Supplement. To the extent that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the provisions of the Master Programme Memorandum and/or the Applicable Product Supplement, the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement will prevail.

This Applicable Pricing Supplement supersedes any previous pricing supplement, confirmation, term sheet or other communication with respect to the Notes described below.

The Holders of the Notes should ensure that: (i) they fully understand the nature of the Notes and the extent of their exposure to risks, and (ii) they consider the suitability of the Notes as an investment in the light of their own circumstances and financial position.

The Notes involve a high degree of risk, including the risk of losing some or a significant part of the Noteholder’s initial investment. A Noteholder should be prepared to sustain a total loss of its investment in the Notes. The Notes represent general, unsecured, unsubordinated, contractual obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other.

Noteholders are reminded that the Notes constitute obligations of the Issuer only and of no other person. Therefore, potential Noteholders should understand that they are relying on the credit worthiness of the Issuer.

<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES</b>	
1. Issuer:	Absa Bank Limited
2. Applicable Product Supplement:	2014 Credit Linked Notes Applicable Product Supplement contained in Section IV-B of the Master Programme Memorandum.
3. Status of Notes:	Unsubordinated and Unsecured. (The default status of the Notes under the Master Structured Note Programme is 'unsubordinated and unsecured' per Condition 5 ( <i>Status of Notes</i> ) of the Master Programme Memorandum.)
4. Listing:	Listed Notes
5. Issuance Currency:	ZAR (South African Rand)
6. Series Number:	2020-121
7. Tranche Number:	1
8. Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
a) Series:	ZAR65,000,000 (Sixty-Five Million South African Rand)
b) Tranche:	ZAR65,000,000 (Sixty-Five Million South African Rand)
9. Interest:	Interest-bearing
10. Interest Payment Basis:	Fixed Rate Notes
11. Form of Notes:	Registered Listed Notes: The Notes in this Tranche will be issued in uncertificated form and held by the CSD
12. Issue Date:	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
13. Trade Date:	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
14. Specified Denomination:	ZAR1,000,000 per Note.
15. Issue Price:	100%
16. Interest Commencement Date	Issue Date

17.	Maturity Date:	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2037
18.	Applicable Business Day Convention:	Following Business Day Convention
19.	Business Days:	Johannesburg
20.	Final Redemption Amount:	ZAR 65,000,000 (Sixty-Five Million South African Rand)
21.	Credit Event Backstop Date:	Applicable
22.	Last Date to Register:	The 11 <sup>th</sup> (eleventh) calendar day before each Fixed Interest Payment Date, i.e. each of the 20 <sup>th</sup> January and the 20 <sup>th</sup> July of each calendar year or if such day is not a business day then the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the first day of a books closed period during the period commencing on the Issue Date and ending on the Maturity Date
23.	Books Closed Periods:	The Register will be closed for a period of 10 (ten) calendar days prior to each Fixed Interest Payment Date and prior to the Maturity Date, i.e. each of the following periods, the 21 <sup>st</sup> of January to the 31 <sup>st</sup> January and the 21 <sup>st</sup> July to the 31 <sup>st</sup> July of each calendar year during the term of the Notes, the first 10 calendar days period being the 21 <sup>st</sup> July to the 31 <sup>st</sup> July and the last period being the 10 day period ending with the Maturity Date
24.	Value of aggregate Nominal Amount of all Notes issued under the Structured Note Programme as at the Issue Date:	ZAR 28,683,205,357.96
<b>FIXED RATE NOTES:</b>		Applicable
25.	a) Fixed Interest Payment Dates:	Each of 31 <sup>st</sup> January and 31 <sup>st</sup> July of each calendar year during the term of the Notes, commencing on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 and ending on the Maturity Date or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day on which interest will be paid, as determined in accordance with the Applicable Business Day Convention (as specified in this Applicable Pricing Supplement)
	b) Fixed Interest Rate:	11.05% per annum payable semi-annually on the Fixed Interest Payment Dates

c) Day Count Fraction:	The Day Count Fraction is Actual/365 (Fixed).
d) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating amount of principal and interest:	Absa Corporate and Investment Banking (a division of Absa Bank Limited) or an affiliate thereof, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.
<b>CREDIT EVENT REDEMPTION:</b>	
26. Type of Credit Linked Note:	Single Name CLN
27. Redemption at Maturity:	Final Redemption Amount
28. Redemption following the occurrence of Credit Events:	Applicable
29. Extension interest:	Not Applicable
30. Reference Entity:	Republic of South Africa
31. Financial Statements of the Reference Entity:	The notes issued by the issuer of Reference Obligation are listed on the JSE Interest Rate Market and as per Rule 4.30(c)(i) of the JSE Debt Listings Requirements, no additional information is required to be provided herein
32. Standard Reference Obligation:	Not Applicable
33. Reference Obligation:	The obligation identified as follows: Primary Obligor: Republic of South Africa Maturity Date: 31 January 2037 Coupon: 8.5% CUSIP/ISIN: ZAG000107012
34. Substitute Reference Obligation:	Applicable
35. Transaction Type:	Not Applicable
36. All Guarantees:	Applicable
37. Conditions to Settlement:	Applicable Credit Event Notice: Applicable Notice of Publicly Available Information: Applicable

38. Credit Events:	<p>The following Credit Events apply:</p> <p>Bankruptcy</p> <p>Failure to Pay</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Grace Period Extension: Applicable</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Grace Period: 30 calendar days</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Payment Requirement: ZAR 10,000,000</p> <p>Obligation Acceleration</p> <p>Repudiation/Moratorium</p> <p>Restructuring</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Default Requirement: ZAR 25,000,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mod R: Not Applicable</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mod Mod R: Not Applicable</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Multiple Holder Obligation: Not Applicable</p> <p>Governmental Intervention</p>
39. Credit Event Accrued Interest:	Not Applicable
40. Obligations:	<p>Obligation Category: Reference Obligation Only</p> <p>Obligation Characteristics: None</p>
41. Excluded Obligations:	None
42. Issuer CLN Settlement Option:	Not Applicable
<b>SETTLEMENT:</b>	
43. (a) CLN Settlement Method:	Cash Settlement
b) Credit Event Redemption Amount:	Means in respect of each Note an amount equal to the CLN Cash Settlement Amount (as defined below) minus such Note's pro rata share of the Settlement Expenses.
(c) CLN Cash Settlement Amount:	<p>Means an amount in ZAR calculated by the Calculation Agent, which amount shall not be less than zero, equal to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) The amount equal to: the product of (a) the Reference Obligation Aggregate Nominal Amount and (b) Final Price; plus</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) The Hedging Costs (as defined below).</p>

	<p><b>“Hedging Costs”</b> means in respect of the Notes, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner equal to any expense, loss or costs (in which case expressed as a negative number) or gain (in which case expressed as a positive number) incurred (or expected to be incurred) by or on behalf of the Issuer as a result of its terminating, liquidating, modifying, obtaining or re-establishing any hedge term deposit, related interest rate swap position or funding arrangements entered into by it (including with its internal treasury function) specifically in connection with the Notes.</p> <p><b>“Reference Obligation Aggregate Nominal Amount”</b> means ZAR 80,305,070</p>
<p><b>PROVISIONS REGARDING REDEMPTION / MATURITY</b></p>	
<p>44. Redemption at the option of the Issuer:</p>	<p>Yes in the event of an Optional Call Redemption Event as described below.</p>

If yes:	
<b>A) Optional Call Redemption Event:</b>	
(a) Optional Call Redemption Event:	The Issuer may elect, in its sole and absolute discretion, to redeem the Notes on the Optional Call Redemption Dates, as notified by the Issuer to the Noteholder(s) in an Optional Call Redemption Notice and at the Optional Call Redemption Amount as determined in accordance with paragraph (c) below:
(b) Optional Call Redemption Date:	31 July 2024, 31 July 2027, 31 July 2031 and 31 July 2034, subject to Following Business Day Convention.
(c) Optional Call Redemption Amount:	An amount in ZAR as determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Note multiplied by two; plus</li> <li>(ii) Any accrued interest from the last Fixed Interest Payment Date until (but excluding) the Optional Call Redemption Date.</li> </ul>
(d) Minimum period of notice	The minimum period of written or oral notice for the purposes of this provision shall be seven (7) Business Days and the notice shall be called an " <b>Optional Call Redemption Notice</b> ".
45. Redemption at the Option of Noteholders:	No
46. Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons, Change in Law or on Event of Default (if required):	Yes
If yes:	
(a) Amount payable; or	The Early Redemption Amount determined and calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with Condition 8.5 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes
(b) Method of calculation of amount payable:	Not Applicable

<b>GENERAL</b>	
47. Financial Exchange:	JSE Limited t/a The Johannesburg Stock Exchange
48. Calculation & Paying Agent	Absa Corporate and Investment Banking (a division of Absa Bank Limited) or an affiliate thereof.
49. Calculation Agent City:	Johannesburg
50. Paying Agent:	Absa Corporate and Investment Banking (a division of Absa Bank Limited) or an affiliate thereof.
51. Specified office of the Calculation & Paying Agent:	15 Alice Lane Sandton 2196 Gauteng Republic of South Africa
52. Settlement Agent:	Standard Chartered Bank
53. Specified office of the Settlement Agent:	4 Sandown Valley Crescent, Sandton, South Africa
54. Additional selling restrictions:	Not Applicable
55. ISIN No.:	ZAG000172008
56. Stock Code:	ASN525
57. Method of distribution:	Private Placement
58. If syndicated, names of Managers:	Not Applicable
59. If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:	Absa Corporate and Investment Banking (a division of Absa Bank Limited) or an affiliate thereof.
60. Governing law:	The laws of the Republic of South Africa
61. Issuer Rating on Issue Date:	Issuer Rating: zaAA being the National Long-Term Credit Rating as assigned by Standard & Poor's on 26 November 2019 and to be reviewed by Standard & Poor's from time to time.



62. Issuer Central Securities Depository Participant (CSDP):	Standard Chartered Bank
63. Debt Listing Requirements:	In accordance with Section 4.17 of the Debt Listing Requirements, the Issuer confirms that the Programme Amount has not been exceeded at the time of the issuing of the Notes.
64. Other Provisions:	<p>Condition 9 titled "<i>Taxation</i>" in the section II-A of the Master Programme Memorandum titled "<i>Terms and Conditions of the Notes</i>" is amended in relation to this Tranche of Notes by (i) the replacement of the words after the dash in Condition 9.3 with the words "<i>provided that this exception shall only apply to that portion of the withholding or deduction which could lawfully have been so reduced</i>", (ii) the deletion of Condition 9.8 and (iii) the insertion of the following additional paragraphs immediately after Condition 9.7:</p> <p>"9.8 where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC (or any other directive implementing the conclusions of the 2312<sup>th</sup> Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) meeting of 26 and 27 November 2000) on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such directive; or</p> <p>9.9 held by or on behalf of a Noteholder in circumstances where such party could lawfully reduce the amount of taxation otherwise levied or leviable upon the principal or interest by virtue of any tax treaty or non-South African tax laws applicable to such Noteholder, whether by way of a tax credit, rebate deduction or reduction equal to all or part of the amount withheld or otherwise, and whether or not it is actually claimed and/or granted and/or allowed; or</p> <p>9.10 in respect of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature which are payable otherwise than by withholding from payment of principal or interest, if any, with respect to such Note; or</p> <p>9.11 where any combination of the scenarios or occurrences contemplated in Conditions 9.1 to 9.10 above occurs.</p> <p>The Issuer is not liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any taxes that may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer or redemption of any Note.</p>

	If the Issuer becomes subject generally at any time to any taxing jurisdiction, authority or agency other than or in addition to South Africa, references in Conditions 8.2 ( <i>Redemption for Tax Reasons or due to a Change in Law</i> ) and 9 ( <i>Taxation</i> ) to South Africa shall be read and construed as references to South Africa and/or to such other jurisdiction, authority or agency.”
65. Material Change in Financial or Trading Position	The Issuer confirms that as at the date of this Applicable Pricing Supplement, there has been no material change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since the date of the Issuer’s unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial results for the reporting period ended 30 June 2020. This statement has not been confirmed nor verified by the auditors of the Issuer.

**Responsibility:**

The Issuer certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no facts that have been omitted which would make any statement false or misleading and that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made as well as that this Applicable Pricing Supplement contains all information required by law and the JSE Debt Listing Requirements. The Issuer accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the annual financial report, the amendments to the annual financial report or any supplements from time to time, except as otherwise stated therein.

The JSE takes no responsibility for the contents of the Applicable Pricing Supplement and the annual financial report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents. The JSE makes no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the Applicable Pricing Supplement and the annual financial report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents and expressly disclaims any liability for any loss arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the aforementioned documents. The JSE’s approval of the registration of the Programme Memorandum and listing of the debt securities is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Issuer or of the debt securities and that, to the extent permitted by law, the JSE will not be liable for any claim whatsoever.

Application is hereby made to list this issue of Notes on 27 October 2020

**ABSA BANK LIMITED**

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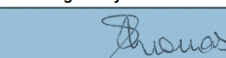
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