

# 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 100,000,000 Sappi Ltd Credit Linked Notes due 20 December 2027

## under its ZAR60,000,000,000 Master Structured Note Programme

This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with the Master Structured Note Programme Memorandum dated on or about 16 August 2021 and registered with the JSE on or about 18 August 2021, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time ("the Master Programme Memorandum"), prepared by Absa Bank Limited in connection with the Absa Bank Limited ZAR60,000,000,000 Master Structured Note Programme.

With effect from the date on which this Applicable Pricing Supplement is signed, this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall replace and supersede any previous Applicable Pricing Supplement in all respects and this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall constitute the only pricing supplement relating to the Notes of this Tranche.

Any capitalised terms not defined in this Applicable Pricing Supplement have the meanings ascribed to them in 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/or the Applicable Product Supplement of the Master Programme Memorandum and/or the Applicable Product Supplement, the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement will prevail.

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.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES			
1.	Issuer:	Absa Bank Limited ("Absa")	
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.	
4.	Listing:	Listed Notes	
5.	Issuance Currency:	ZAR	
6.	Series Number:	2023-007	
7.	Tranche Number:	1	
8.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:		
	(a) Series:	ZAR 100,000,000.00	
	(b) Tranche:	ZAR 100,000,000.00	
9.	Interest:	Interest-bearing	
10.	Interest Payment Basis:	Floating Rate Notes	
11.	Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Interest/Redemption/Payment Basis to another:	Not Applicable	
12.	Form of Notes:	Registered Listed Notes: The Notes in this Tranche will be issued in uncertificated form and held by the CSD.	
13.	Issue Date:	1 February 2023	
14.	Trade Date:	25 January 2023	

15.	Specified Denomination:	ZAR1,000,000.00 per Note.
16.	Issue Price:	100% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
17.	Interest Commencement Date	Issue Date
18.	Maturity Date:	20 December 2027, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Applicable Business Day Convention.
19.	Applicable Business Day Convention:	Following Business Day Convention.
20.	Business Days:	Johannesburg, London and TARGET
21.	Final Redemption Amount:	ZAR 100,000,000.00
22.	Credit Event Backstop Date:	Not Applicable
23.	Last Date to Register:	The 11th (eleventh) calendar day before each Floating Interest Payment Date, i.e. each of 09 March, 09 June, 09 September and 09 December 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.
24.	Books Closed Periods:	The Register will be closed for a period of 10 (ten) calendar days prior to each Floating Interest Payment Date and prior to the Maturity Date, i.e. each of the following periods, the 10 <sup>th</sup> of March to the 20 <sup>th</sup> of March, the 10 <sup>th</sup> of June to the 20 <sup>th</sup> of June, the 10 <sup>th</sup> of September to the 20 <sup>th</sup> of September and the 10 <sup>th</sup> of December to the 20 <sup>th</sup> of December of each calendar year during the term of the Notes
25.	Value of aggregate Nominal Amount of all Notes issued under the Structured Note Programme as at the Issue Date:	As at the date of this issue, the Issuer has issued Notes in the aggregate total amount of ZAR 44,863,146,993.54under the Master Structured Note Programme and have not been redeemed and remain in issue. The aggregate Nominal Amount of all Notes issued under the Master Structured Note Programme as at the Issue Date, together with the aggregate Nominal Amount of this Tranche (when issued), will not exceed the Programme Amount.

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26.	(a)	Floating Interest Payment Dates:	Means each of 20 March, 20 June, 20 September and 20 December of each calendar year during the term of the Notes, commencing on 1 February 2023 and ending on 20 December 2027, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day on which the interest will be paid, as determined in accordance with the Applicable Business Day Convention.
	(b)	Minimum Interest Rate:	Not Applicable
	(c)	Maximum Interest Rate:	Not Applicable
	(d)	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest ( <i>e.g.</i> : Day Count Fraction, rounding up provision):	The Day Count Fraction is Actual/365 (Fixed).
	(e)	Manner in which the Interest Rate is to be determined:	Screen Rate Determination
	(f)	Margin:	260 basis points (or 2.60%) to be added to the relevant Reference Rate.
	(h)	If Screen Determination:	
		<ul> <li>(i) Reference Rate         <ul> <li>(including relevant</li> <li>period by reference to</li> <li>which the Interest Rate</li> <li>is to be calculated):</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ZAR-JIBAR-SAFEX (3 months)
		(ii) Interest Rate Determination Dates:	The first Interest Determination Date will be the Issue Date and thereafter each of the 20 <sup>th</sup> of March, the 20 <sup>th</sup> of June, the 20 <sup>th</sup> of September, and the 20 <sup>th</sup> of December, in each calendar year, during the term of the Notes, commencing on the Issue Date and ending on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of June 2027.
		(iii) Relevant Screen Page and Reference Code:	Reuters RIC <sfx3myld> on Reuters Page "SAFEY" (Page number ZA01209).</sfx3myld>
	(i)	If Interest Rate to be calculated	Not Applicable

	otherwise than Screen Determination, insert basis for determining Interest Rate/Margin/ Fallback provisions: (k) Interest Period	means each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the following Interest Payment Date; provided that the first Interest Period will commence on (and include) the interest commencement date and end on (but exclude) the following Interest Payment Date (each Interest Payment Date as adjusted in accordance with the Applicable Business Day Convention);
CRED	IT EVENT REDEMPTION:	
27.	Type of Credit Linked Note:	Single Name CLN
28.	Redemption at Maturity:	Final Redemption Amount
29.	Redemption following the occurrence of Credit Event:	Applicable
30.	Extension interest:	Not Applicable
31.	Reference Entity:	Sappi Ltd
32.	Financial Statements of the Primary Reference Guarantor:	The financial statements of the Reference Entity are available at: <u>https://www.sappi.com/investors</u> The Reference Entity is also listed on the Main Board of the JSE
33.	Standard Reference Obligation:	Applicable
34.	Reference Obligation:	The obligation identified as follows: Primary Obligor: Sappi Ltd Maturity: 15 April 2026 CUSIP/ISIN: XS1961852750
35.	Transaction Type:	Standard Emerging European Corporate
36.	Conditions to Settlement:	Applicable

		Credit Event Notice:	Applicable
		Notice of Publicly Av Applicable	
37.	7. Credit Events: The following Credit Events apply:		Events apply:
		Bankruptcy	
		Failure to Pay	
		Grace Period Ex	tension: Applicable
		Grace Period: 30	) calendar days
		Payment Require	ement: ZAR10,000,000.00
		Obligation Default	
		Obligation Accelerat	ion
		Restructuring	
		Default Requiremen	t: ZAR10,000,000.00
38.	Credit Event Accrued Interest:	Not Applicable	
39.	Obligations:	Obligation Category	: Bond or Loan
		Obligation Characte	ristics:
		Not Subordinated	
		Not Domestic Law	
		Not Domestic Curre	ncy
		Not Domestic Issuar	nce
40.	Excluded Obligations:	None	
41.	Issuer CLN Settlement Option:	Not Applicable	
42.	CLN Settlement Method:	Auction Settlement	
43.	CLN Fallback Settlement Method:	Physical Settlement	
	Deliverable Obligations:	Deliverable Obligation Category:	Deliverable Obligation Characteristics:
		Bond or Loan	Not Subordinated
			Not Contingent
			Assignable Loan

				Consent Required Loan
				Transferable
				Not Bearer
Dealers:		A dealer (other than the Issuer or the Noteholder or an Affiliate of one of the parties) in obligations of the type of the Reference Obligation for which Quotations are to be obtained as selected by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.		
PROVISIONS REGARDING REDEMPTION / MATURITY				
44.	Reder	mption at the option of the Issuer:	No	
45.	45. Redemption at the Option of Noteholders:		No	
	If yes:			
46.	<ol> <li>Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons, Change in Law or on Event of Default (if required):</li> </ol>		Yes	
	If yes:			
	(a)	Amount payable; or	calculated by the	ndition 8.5 of the Terms and
	(b)	Method of calculation of amount payable:	Not Applicable	
GENERAL				
47.	Finan	cial Exchange:	JSE Limited t/a The Exchange	Johannesburg Stock
48.	Settle	ment, Calculation and Paying		acting through its Corporate division) or an affiliate

	Agent:	thereof.
49.	Calculation Agent City:	Johannesburg
50.	Specified office of the Settlement, Calculation and Paying Agent:	15 Alice Lane Sandton 2196 Gauteng Republic of South Africa
51.	Additional selling restrictions:	Not Applicable
52.	ISIN No.:	ZAG000193343
53.	Stock Code:	ASN979
54.	Method of distribution:	Private Placement
55.	If syndicated, names of Managers:	Not Applicable
56.	If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:	Absa Corporate and Investment Banking (a division of Absa Bank Limited) or an affiliate thereof.
57.	Governing law:	The laws of the Republic of South Africa
58.	Issuer Rating on Issue Date:	Issuer National Rating: Aa1.za as assigned by Moody's on 06 April 2022 and to be reviewed by Moody's from time to time. Issuer National Rating: zaAA as assigned by Standard & Poor on 25 May 2022 and to be reviewed by Standard & Poor from time to time.
59.	Issuer Central Securities Depositary Participant (CSDP):	Absa Bank Limited
60.	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.
61.	Other Provisions:	Inward Listing. The Notes will be inward listed securities listed on the Financial Exchange in terms of the authority granted by the Financial Surveillance Department of the South African Reserve Bank.

Position Ap no po ap Un res Jui col	the Issuer confirms that as at the date of this oplicable Pricing Supplement, there has been material change in the financial or trading sition of the Issuer and subsidiaries (where oplicable) since the date of the Issuer's naudited condensed consolidated financial sults for the interim reporting period ended 30 ne 2022. This statement has not been nfirmed nor verified by the auditors of the suer.
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### **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 01 February 2023.

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