

ABSA GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)
JSE share code: ASA
ISIN: ZAE000067237
("Absa Group")

RESULTS OF GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC COMBINATION OF BARCLAYS AFRICAN OPERATIONS WITH ABSA GROUP LIMITED ("THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION") AND THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME OF "ABSA GROUP LIMITED" TO "BARCLAYS AFRICA GROUP LIMITED"**1. Introduction**

Shareholders are referred to the announcement released on SENS dated 6 December 2012 and the circular to shareholders dated 14 December 2012 ("the Circular"), which provide details on the Proposed Transaction.

2. Results of the general meeting

Shareholders are advised that at the general meeting of Absa Group's shareholders ("Shareholders") held on Monday, 25 February 2013 ("General Meeting"), all of the ordinary and special resolutions proposed at the General Meeting were approved by the requisite majorities of Shareholders. These resolutions included an ordinary resolution to seek approval for the Proposed Transaction and special resolutions for the approval of the name change of "Absa Group Limited" to "Barclays Africa Group Limited" and for the authority to allot and issue Absa Group shares to Barclays Bank PLC (or its wholly-owned subsidiary, Barclays Africa Group Holdings Limited, and the Horizon Trust) in respect of the Proposed Transaction.

3. Outstanding conditions precedent

Shareholders are reminded that implementing the Proposed Transaction remains subject to fulfilling certain conditions precedent, including various regulatory approvals, as set out in the Circular.

Johannesburg

25 February 2013

Independent lead sponsor to Absa Group

J.P. Morgan Equities South Africa Proprietary Limited

Joint sponsor to Absa Group

Absa Corporate and Investment Banking, a division of Absa Bank Limited