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Dear Sir/Madam

ABSA GROUP LIMITED: SENS ANNOUNCEMENT:

Attached please find a copy of an announcement by Absa Group Limited in respect of the appointment of Dr Johan Van Zyl to the Boards of Directors of both Absa Group Limited and Absa Bank Limited, which was released today.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address or telephone number.

Yours faithfully

W R SOMERVILLE
GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY

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ABSA Group Limited/Groep Beperk, Reg No 1986/003934/06

Directors/Direkteure: DC Cronjé (Chairman/Voorsitter) DC Brink (Deputy Chairman/Adjunkvoorsitter) *ER Bosman (Group Chief Executive/Groep Uitvoerende Hoof) NB Bam L Boyd BP Connellan AS du Plessis *RJ du Toit G Griffin LN Jonker P du P Kruger DF Mostert TMG Sexwale FA Sonn PEI Swartz T van Wyk (1/2/2001)

*Executive Directors/Uitvoerende Directeure

Secretary/Sekretaris: WVR Somerville

ABSA GROUP LIMITED ("ABSA")
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)
("Absa")
ISIN CODE: ZAE000013389
JSE CODE: ASA
Issuer code: AMAGB

APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 3.59 OF
THE LISTINGS REQUIREMENTS, THE FOLLOWING IS ADVISED:

Absa announces, with effect from 19 April 2004, the appointment of
Dr J van Zyl, Sanlam group chief executive as a non-executive
director of Absa Group Limited and the company's principal operating
subsidiary, Absa Bank Limited.

The composition of the Absa Group Limited board following the
appointment is as follows:

Independent non-executive directors:

D C CRONJÉ (CHAIRMAN)
D C BRINK (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)
D C ARNOLD
L BOYD
B P CONNELLAN
A S DU PLESSIS
G GRIFFIN
L N JONKER
P DU P KRUGER
T M G SEXWALE
F A SONN
P E I SWARTZ

Non-executive directors:

J VAN ZYL
T VAN WYK

Executive directors:

E R BOSMAN (GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE)
G R PARDOE (DEPUTY GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE)
F J DU TOIT

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