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Dear Sir/Madam

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ABSA GROUP LIMITED: SENS ANNOUNCEMENT:

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Attached please find a copy of an announcement by Absa Group Limited in respect of the appointment of Dr S F (Steve) Booysen to the position of Group Chief Executive of Absa Group Limited with effect from 1 August 2004, 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

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GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY

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 *FJ du Toit G Griffin LN Jonker P du P Kruger DF Mostert TMG Sexwale FA Sonn PEI Swartz T van Wyk (16/2001)

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