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Dear Sir/Madam

ABSA GROUP LIMITED: SENS ANNOUNCEMENT: ABSA'S DMTN PROGRAMME

Attached please find a copy of a NOTICE OF Absa Group Limited's intention to increase the aggregate nominal amount of Absa Bank Limited's Domestic Medium Term Note Programme ("DMTN"), from ZAR2 000 000 000 to ZAR15 000 000 000.

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

Yours faithfully



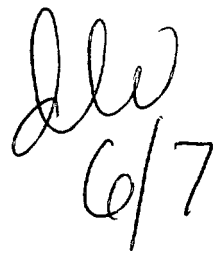
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Absa Group Limited
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
(Registration number 1986/003934/06)
(JSE Code: ASA)(Issuer Code: AMAGB)
(ISIN : ZAE 000013389)
("Absa")

Notice of intention to increase the aggregate nominal amount of Absa Bank Limited's Domestic Medium-Term Note Programme from ZAR2 000 000 000 to ZAR15 000 000 000

In March 2004 Absa Bank Limited ("Absa Bank") established a ZAR2 000 000 000 Domestic Medium Term Note ("DMTN") Programme on the Bond Exchange of South Africa. In the light of current market conditions and future expected funding requirements, the board of directors of Absa Bank has approved the increase of the aggregate nominal amount of the DMTN Programme from ZAR2 000 000 000 to ZAR15 000 000 000. In accordance with the provisions of Condition 16 of the Terms and Conditions of the DMTN Programme, Absa Bank hereby gives notice of its intention to increase the aggregate nominal amount of its DMTN Programme from ZAR2 000 000 000 to ZAR15 000 000 000 with immediate effect.

The following people may be contacted at Absa Bank in respect of the increase in the size of the DMTN programme:

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