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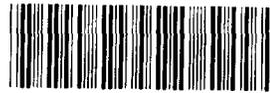
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Dear Sir/Madam

ABSA GROUP LIMITED: SENS ANNOUNCEMENT: DIRECTORS' DEALINGS

Attached please find copies of announcements in respect of Directors' dealings in share options of Absa Group Limited as published on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange's News Service (SENS) on Thursday, 14 July 2005.

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

Yours faithfully

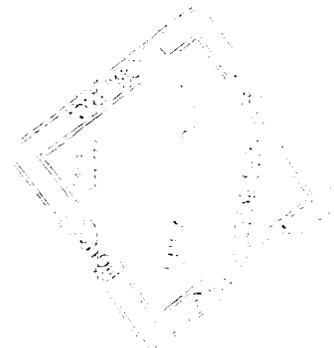
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ABSA GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)

("Absa")

JSE CODE: ASA

Issuer code: AMAGB

ISIN CODE: ZAE000013389

NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF OPTIONS IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 3.63 TO 3.74 OF THE JSE LISTINGS REQUIREMENTS

In compliance with paragraphs 3.63 to 3.74 of the Listings Requirements of the JSE Securities Exchange South Africa, notice is hereby given, as set out below, that the persons named below have exercised options in respect of Absa ordinary shares held in terms of the Absa Group Limited Share Incentive Scheme. The options are all indirect beneficial holdings.

Name of official	Designation	Date of transaction	Details of options exercised	Value of transaction	Date of clearance to deal
NP Mageza	Absa Bank Limited Alternate director	13 July 2005	8 000 options granted on 12 June 2000 at 2 653 cents per share (original grant price)	R212 240.00	27/05/05
NP Mageza	Absa Bank Limited Alternate director	13 July 2005	33 332 options granted on 19 June 2001 at 3 743 cents per share (original grant price)	R1 247 616.76	27/05/05
NP Mageza	Absa Bank Limited Alternate director	13 July 2005	26 666 options granted on 7 June 2002 at 3 367 cents per share (original grant price)	897 844.22	27/05/05
RR Emslie	Absa Bank Limited Alternate director	13 July 2005	25 000 options granted on 19 June 2001 at 3 743	R935 750.00	27/05/05

			cents per share (original grant)		
LA van Dyk	Absa Bank Limited Alternate director	13 July 2005	18 333 options granted on 19 June 2001 at 3 743 cents per share (original grant)	R686 204.19	27/05/05

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