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Dear Sir/Madam

**ABSA GROUP LIMITED: SENS ANNOUNCEMENT: DIRECTORS' DEALINGS**

Attached please find a copy of an announcement in respect of Directors' purchases of shares of Absa Group Limited as published on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange's News Service (SENS) on Monday, 05 December 2005.

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

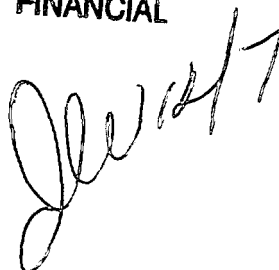
Yours faithfully

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

Directors/Direkteure: DC Cronjé (Chairman/Voorsitter) DC Brink (Deputy Chairman/Adjunk-voorsitter) \*SF Booysen (Group Chief Executive/Groep Uitvoerende Hoof)  
LN Angel DC Arnold DE Baloyi L Boyd \*D Bruynseels (British/Brits) BP Connellan AS du Plessis G Griffin LN Jonker N Kheraj (British/Brits)  
P du P Kruger LW Maasdorp DL Roberts (British/Brits) \*JH Schindehütte TMG Sexwale FA Sonn PEI Swartz \*LL von Zeuner (01/2005)

\*Executive Directors/Uitvoerende Direkteure

Secretary/Sekretaris: WR Somerville

ABSA GROUP LIMITED  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
(Registration number: 1986/003934/06)  
("Absa")  
JSE CODE: ASA  
Issuer code: AMAGB  
ISIN CODE: ZAE000067237

NOTICE OF DEALINGS IN SECURITIES 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 JSE Limited the following information is disclosed.

|                             |                                              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name:                       | D L Roberts                                  |
| Designation:                | Absa Group Limited non-executive<br>director |
| Date of transaction:        | 2 December 2005                              |
| Number of shares purchased: | 1,200 at 9055 cents per share                |
| Class of securities:        | Ordinary shares of 200 cents each            |
| Value of transaction:       | R108 660.00                                  |
| Nature of Interest:         | Direct Beneficial                            |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name:                       | N Kheraj                                     |
| Designation:                | Absa Group Limited non-executive<br>director |
| Date of transaction:        | 2 December 2005                              |
| Number of shares purchased: | 1,200 at 9055 cents per share                |
| Class of securities:        | Ordinary shares of 200 cents each            |
| Value of transaction:       | R108 660.00                                  |
| Nature of Interest:         | Direct Beneficial                            |

Clearance has been obtained in respect of these dealings in securities.

Johannesburg  
5 December 2005

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