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Dear Sir/Madam

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

Attached please find a copy of an announcement in respect of Directors' dealings in Absa Group Limited shares as published on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange's News Service (SENS) on Thursday, 15 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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**GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY**

Authorised Financial Services Provider/Gemagtigde Finansiële diensteverskaffer

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 (07/2005)

\*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: S F Booyesen  
Designation: Absa Group Limited and Absa Bank  
Limited Chief Executive  
Date of transaction: 14 December 2005  
Number of options exercised: 23 333 at 3743 cents per share which  
was granted on 19 June 2001  
Class of securities: Ordinary shares of 200 cents each  
Value of transaction: R873 354.19  
Nature of Interest: Direct Beneficial

Name: S F Booyesen  
Designation: Absa Group Limited and Absa Bank  
Limited Chief Executive  
Date of transaction: 14 December 2005  
Number of shares purchased: 23 333 at 3743 cents per share  
Class of securities: Ordinary shares of 200 cents each  
Value of transaction: R873 354.19  
Nature of Interest: Direct Beneficial

Clearance to deal in terms of the Listings Requirements of the JSE  
Limited has been obtained in respect of both these transactions.

Johannesburg  
15 December 2005

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