ABSA GROUP LIMITED Registration number: 1986/003934/06 Authorised financial services and registered credit provider (NCRCP7) Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa ISIN: ZAE000067237 JSE share code: ASA Issuer code: AMAGB (Absa, Absa Group, the Group or the Company)

ABSA GROUP LIMITED: AMENDMENT OF PROFIT AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

With reference to the interim results announcement and dividend declaration released earlier today and in accordance with the JSE Listings Requirements, shareholders are hereby informed that the exact local dividend withholding tax amount per share is 47.25 cents and the exact net local dividend amount is 267.75 cents. No STC credits are utilised.

The original announcement contained, inter alia, the following information:

"Declaration of interim ordinary dividend number 52

- The dividend has been declared out of income reserves.
- The local dividends tax rate is 15% (fifteen per centum).
- The gross local dividend amount is 315 cents per ordinary share for shareholders exempt from the dividends tax.
- The net local dividend amount is 268 cents per ordinary share for shareholders liable to pay the dividends tax;
- The local dividend withholding tax amount is 47 cents per ordinary share for shareholders liable to pay the dividend withholding tax.
- Absa Group currently has 718 210 043 ordinary shares in issue (includes 988 870 treasury shares).
- Absa Group's income tax reference number is 9150116714."

Johannesburg 27 July 2012

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