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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 Friday 13 October 2006.

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

Yours faithfully

W R SOMERVILLE
GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY

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

Member of the **BARCLAYS** Group

Directors/Direkteure: DC Cronje (Chairman/Voorsitter) DC Brink (Deputy Chairman/Adjunk-voorsitter) *SF Booysen (Group Chief Executive/Groep Uitvoerende Hoof) LN Angel
DC Arnold DE Baloyi *D Bruynseels (British/Brits) BP Connellan AS du Plessis G Griffin MW Hlahla 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 *Executive Directors/Uitvoerende Direkteure/Sekretaris: WR Somerville (10/10/06)

Authorised Financial Services Provider/Gemagtigde Finansiële diensverskaffer

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

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 the JSE Limited the following information is disclosed.

Name:	D C Brink
Designation:	Absa Group Limited deputy chairman and Absa Bank Limited deputy chairman
Date of transaction:	12 October 2006
Number of shares purchased:	4 897 at 9 680 cents per share
Nature of transaction:	Purchase of shares
Class of securities:	Ordinary shares of 200 cents each
Value of transaction:	R474 029.60
Nature of interest:	Direct beneficial

Clearance has been obtained in respect of this dealing in securities.

Johannesburg
13 October 2006

Lead sponsor:
Merrill Lynch South Africa (Proprietary) Limited

Co-sponsor:
Absa Capital - Corporate Finance, a division of Absa Bank Limited