Barclays PLC

Announcement in relation to the proposed strategic combination of Barclays African operations with Absa

Absa Group Limited, a subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC, has today made the following announcement:

ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC COMBINATION OF BARCLAYS AFRICAN OPERATIONS WITH ABSA GROUP LIMITED, AND THE PROPOSED CHANGE
OF NAME OF “ABSAGROUP LIMITED” TO “BARCLAYS AFRICA GROUP LIMITED” (“THE TRANSACTION”)

Further to our announcement dated 6 December 2012, the circular to shareholders posted on 14 December 2012 and the results of the general meeting announcement on 25 February
2013, shareholders are reminded that the Transaction remains subject to various conditions precedent as set out in the circular, including, inter alia, various regulatory approvals.

While good progress continues to be made, the indicative corporate actions timetable in the circular is no longer applicable. However, it is still expected that the Transaction will be
completed within the dates allowed for under the sale and purchase agreement entered into between Absa Group, Barclays Africa Group Holdings Limited and Barclays Bank PLC. A
further announcement, setting out a revised corporate actions timetable with regards to the Transaction will be released in due course.

The listing of Barclays Bank Botswana Limited on the Botswana Stock Exchange will continue to be maintained as only the shares held by Barclays Bank PLC in this entity will be
transferred in the Proposed Transaction. The Proposed Transaction will not impact the number of shares held by the minorities in Barclays Bank Botswana Limited.

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money for customers and clients worldwide.

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About Barclays in Africa

The businesses in scope for the proposed combination employ more than 9,100 people and have a network of more than 400 branches and 840 ATMs serving approximately 2.2 million
customers. As at 31 December 2012, the Barclays Africa businesses in scope for the proposed combination had total assets of approximately R86.1 billion.

About Absa

Absa Group Limited (Absa), listed on the JSE Limited, is one of South Africa’s largest financial services groups offering a complete range of banking, insurance and wealth management
products and services. Absa’s business is conducted primarily in South Africa. It also has equity holdings in banks in Mozambique and Tanzania, representative offices in Namibia and
Nigeria and bancassurance operations in Botswana and Mozambique.

At 31 December 2012, the Group had 718.2 million shares in issue and a market capitalisation of R117.79 billion. The Group had assets of R807.9 billion, 10.9 million customers, 9,929
automated teller machines and 33,717 permanent employees.

Absa is a subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC which holds a stake of 55.5%. Barclays is a major global financial services provider engaged in retail banking, credit cards, corporate and
investment banking, and wealth management with an extensive international presence.

For more information, please visit the Absa website: www.absa.co.za