



**Corporate & Merchant Bank  
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**To Whom It May Concern:**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNTS FOR FOREIGN BANKS**

***Certification pursuant to Sections 5318(j) and 5318(k) of Title 31 of the United States Code, as added by sections 313 and 319(b) of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001.***

A. The undersigned financial institution, **Absa Group Limited** incorporating Absa Bank Limited (**Absa**), on behalf of each of its domestic and foreign branches, representative offices, subsidiaries and affiliates (**Annexure 1**) hereby certifies as follows:

**B. Correspondent Accounts Covered by this Certification:**

This Certification applies to **all** accounts established for Absa by any U.S. bank or U.S. broker-dealer in securities (covered financial institutions).

**C. Physical Presence/Regulated Affiliate Status:**

Absa maintains a **physical presence** in a number of countries under the trading names contained in column 1 of **Annexure 1**. That means:

- The physical presence are in the countries referred to in column 2 of **Annexure 1**, where Absa is authorized to conduct banking activities.
- Absa place of business are situated at the street addresses contained in column 3 of **Annexure 1**, where Absa employs one or more individuals on a full-time basis and maintains operating records related to its banking activities.
- Absa is subject to inspection by the banking authorities referred to in column 4 of **Annexure 1**, which has licensed Absa to conduct banking activities.

**D. Indirect Use of Correspondent Accounts:**

Absa hereby certifies that it does not use any Correspondent Account with a Covered Financial Institution to indirectly provide banking services to any foreign bank that does not maintain a physical presence in any country and that is not a regulated affiliate.

Authorised Financial Services Provider

**ABSA Bank Limited, Reg No 1986/004794/06 Trading as ABSA Corporate & Merchant Bank**

Directors: DC Cronjé (Chairman) DC Brink (Deputy Chairman) \*SF Booysen (Chief Executive)  
LN Angel DC Arnold L Boyd BP Connellan AS du Plessis \*RR Emslie (Alternate) \*C Erasmus G Griffin LN Jonker  
P du P Kruger LW Maasdorp \*NP Mageza (Alternate) PT Motsepe \*JH Schindehütte TMG Sexwale \*IB Skosana FA Sonn PEI Swartz  
\*JP van der Merwe \*LA van Dyk (Alternate) T van Wyk J van Zyl \*LL von Zeuner (01/2005)

\*Executive Directors

Secretary: WR Somerville

**E. Ownership Information:**

**Barclays Bank Plc** owns a direct interest of **56.4%** in Absa (as on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2005).

Absa Group Limited is listed on the **Johannesburg Stock Exchange** where its shares are publicly trade.

Refer Annexure II for details of ownership of subsidiaries and affiliates.

**F. Process Agent:**

The following entity: **Barclays Bank Plc, New York Branch**, is a resident of the United States at the following street address: **4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY10166**, and is authorized to accept service of legal process on behalf of Absa from the Secretary of the Treasury or the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Section 5318(k) of title 31, United States Code.

**G. General**

Absa hereby agrees to notify in writing each Covered Financial Institution at which it maintains any Correspondent Account of any change in facts or circumstances reported in this Certification. Notification shall be given within 30 calendar days of such change.

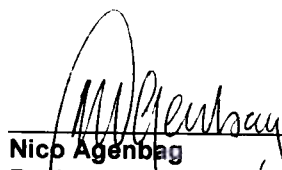
Absa understands that each Covered Financial Institution at which it maintains a Correspondent Account may provide a copy of this Certification to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General of the United States. Absa further understands that the statements contained in this Certification may be transmitted to one or more departments or agencies of the United States of America for the purpose of fulfilling such departments' and agencies' governmental functions.

We, **Daisy Pillay, Head International Financial Institutions**, and, **Nico Agenbag, Regional Head: North America**, certify that we have read and understand this Certification, that the statements made in this Certification are complete and correct, and that we are authorized to execute this Certification on behalf of Absa Bank Limited.



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Executed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **November 2005**.

## Annexure I: Physical Presence / Regulatory Authority

### Domestic Branch Network

Nr	Branch name	Country	Address (Head Office)	Regulatory Authority
1.	Absa Bank	South Africa	180 Commissioner Street Johannesburg, 2001	South African Reserve Bank

### Foreign Branches

Nr	Branch name	Country	Address	Regulatory Authority
1.	Absa London	United Kingdom	75 King William Street London, EC4N 7AB	Financial Services Authority

### Representative Offices

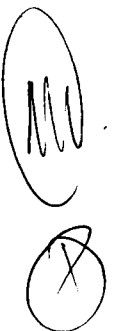
Nr	Office name	Country	Address	Regulatory Authority
2.	Absa Hamburg	Germany	Herrengaben 74 Hamburg D-20459 Germany	Deutsche Bundesbank

### Subsidiaries

Nr	Bank name	Country	Address	Regulatory Authority
1.	Banco Austral SARL	Mozambique	Avenida 25 de Setembro Maputo	Banco de Mozambique
2.	National Bank of Commerce Ltd	Tanzania	NBC House Sokoine Drive Dar es Salaam	Central Bank of Tanzania
3.	Banco Comercial Angolana SARL	Angola	83A Avenida Comandante Valodia CP6900 Luanda Angola	Banco Nacional de Angola
4.	Bankhaus Wölbern & Co	Germany	Herrengaben 74 Hamburg D-20459 Germany	Deutsche Bundesbank

### Affiliates

Nr	Bank name	Country	Address	Regulatory Authority
1.	Capricorn Investment Holdings t/a Bank Windhoek	Namibia	Bank Windhoek Building 262 Independence Avenue Windhoek Namibia	Bank of Namibia
2.	Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	60 Kwame Nkrumah Avenue Harare Zimbabwe	Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe



## Annexure II: Ownership

<b>Nr</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Ownership (person with &gt; 25% voting power)</b>
1.	Absa Bank Ltd	100% owned by Absa Group Ltd
2.	Banco Austral SARL	80% owned by Absa Group Ltd
3.	National Bank of Commerce Ltd	55% owned by Absa Group Ltd
4.	Banco Comercial Angolano SARL	50% owned by Absa Group Ltd
5.	Bankhaus Wölbern & Co	100 % owned by Absa Bank Ltd
6.	Capricorn Investment Holdings t/a Bank Windhoek	34.8% owned by Absa Group Ltd
7.	Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe	24.9% owned by Absa Group Ltd

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