

APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT

ABSA BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated with limited liability in South Africa under registration number 1986/004794/06

(the "Issuer")

Issue of ZAR 246,771,250.00 Series 2013-55 Transnet SOC Limited Credit Linked Notes

Under its ZAR 20,000,000,000 Credit-linked Note Programme

The Notes described in this Applicable Pricing Supplement are subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the General Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out in the Programme Memorandum dated 19 July 2007 relating to the Issuer's Credit-linked Note Programme (the "**Programme Memorandum**"). Unless inconsistent with the context, terms used but not defined in this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Programme Memorandum. This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with the Programme Memorandum. To the extent that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the contents of this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the Programme Memorandum, the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall prevail.

This Applicable Pricing Supplement supersedes any previous Pricing Supplement, confirmation, term sheet or other communication with respect to the transaction set out below and evidences a complete and binding agreement between you and us.

NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT MAY BE LINKED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ONE OR MORE REFERENCE ENTITIES. THE ATTENTION OF NOTEHOLDERS IS DRAWN TO THE RISK FACTORS ON PAGES 13 to 16 OF THE PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM DATED 19 JULY 2007.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

1. Issuer:	Absa Bank Limited (" Absa ")
2. Arranger and Programme Dealer:	Absa Capital, a division of Absa Bank Limited (" Absa Capital ")
3. Series Number:	2013-55
4. Tranche Number:	A
5. Listed / Unlisted:	Listed
6. Total Notes in Issue:	ZAR 9,951,609,513.91
7. Method of Distribution:	Private Placement
8. Issue Date:	30 January 2013. The Noteholder bears the risk of loss from the Credit Event Backstop Date, which may fall prior to the Trade Date.
9. Trade Date:	23 January 2013
10. Issue Price:	100%

11. Aggregate Principal Amount of this Tranche:	ZAR 246,771,250.00, which is the ZAR equivalent of the USD 27,500,000.00 Aggregate Principal Amount, converted at a spot USD/ZAR fx rate of 8.9735 on Trade Date.
12. Settlement Mechanism	The Aggregate Principal Amount shall be converted at a spot USD/ZAR fx rate of 8.9735 on the Trade Date for settlement purposes only. Repayment of the Principal Amount on each Note will be made in USD, but for settlement purposes only, will be converted into ZAR on the Interest Payment Dates as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion. Each Note is thus a USD obligation, but for settlement and JSE purposes is converted to ZAR on the basis that this is merely a settlement mechanism. Calculations will be made in USD.
13. Interest/Payment Basis:	Floating Rate
14. Issue Price:	100%
15. Margin:	2.55 per cent. per annum
16. Reference Rate:	BBA USD 3month Libor
17. Default Rate:	The sum of: i. Reference Rate; ii. Margin; and iii. 2 per cent. per annum.
18. Interest Period(s):	Each period from and including one Interest Payment Date to, but excluding the next Interest Payment Date, provided that the first Interest Period shall commence on the Interest Commencement Date and the final Interest Period shall end on the Interest Termination Date
19. Interest Payment Date(s):	The 30 th of April, July, October and January, in each year, commencing on 30 April 2013
20. Interest Commencement Date:	The Issue Date
21. Interest Termination Date:	If an Event Determination Date occurs during the Notice Delivery Period, Interest will cease to accrue as of the earlier to occur of the day prior to (a) the Interest Payment Date occurring on or immediately preceding the Event Determination Date and (b) the Scheduled Redemption Date or, if no Interest Payment Date has occurred, the Issue Date, as applicable, such date being the Interest Termination Date.
22. Denomination:	USD (evidenced for settlement purposes only in tranches of ZAR 1,000,000.00 each) Notes are subject to a minimum denomination of ZAR 1,000,000.00, the transfer must only be in respect of a minimum of the Specified Denomination of the Notes or a multiple thereof, however the Issuer will



	recognise a fraction of any such Denomination over and above the Minimum Denomination.
23. Early Redemption Date:	<p>Means, in respect of any Notes:</p> <p>(a) if any one or more of the Specified Credit Event(s) occur on or prior to the Scheduled Redemption Date, the Cash Settlement Date; or</p> <p>(b) if a Potential Failure to Pay occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Redemption Date and Grace Period Extension is Specified as applicable, the date that is the latest to occur of the Cash Settlement Date and the Grace Period Extension Date, provided that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) if no Failure to Pay occurs on or before the Grace Period Extension Date and the Grace Period Extension Date is a date on or prior to the Scheduled Redemption Date, no Early Redemption Date shall occur; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) if no Failure to Pay occurs on or before the Grace Period Extension Date and the Grace Period Extension Date is a date later than the Scheduled Redemption Date, such Grace Period Extension Date shall be deemed to be the Scheduled Redemption Date,</p> <p>a date determined in accordance with (a) and (b) above that may occur before, on or after the Scheduled Redemption Date;</p>
24. Cash Settlement Amount:	<p>If an Early Redemption Event occurs and the Conditions to Settlement are satisfied, the Cash Settlement Amount shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent as being:</p> <p>i. the Cash Settlement Amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with Condition 6.2.1(b)(iii) of the Programme Memorandum; plus</p> <p>ii. accrued interest for the period from the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date to the Event Determination Date; minus</p> <p>iii. Hedging Costs; and</p> <p>iv. multiplied by FXF.</p>
25. Hedging Costs	<p>Means, in respect of the Notes, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner equal to any expense, loss or costs incurred (or expected to be incurred) by or on behalf of the Issuer as a result of its terminating, liquidating, modifying, obtaining or re-establishing any hedge term deposit, related interest rate swap or basis swap position or funding arrangements entered into by it (including with its internal treasury function) specifically</p>

	in connection with the Notes.
26. Scheduled Redemption Date:	30 January 2023
27. Scheduled Redemption Amount:	USD 27,500,000.00
28. Scheduled Redemption Settlement Amount:	<p>On the Scheduled Redemption Date the Issuer will pay an amount determined and calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:</p> $\text{SRSA} = \text{SRA} * \text{FXF}$ <p>Where:</p> <p>“SRSA” means the Scheduled Redemption Settlement Amount;</p> <p>“SRA” means the scheduled redemption amount, being USD 27,500,000.00;</p> <p>“FXF” means the “FX Fixing”, being the spot currency exchange rate for the purchase of ZAR and sale of the Reference Currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant date in consultation with the Issuer and Noteholder;</p> <p>“Reference Currency” means USD; and</p> <p>“*” means “multiplied by”.</p> <p>The Scheduled Redemption Settlement Amount shall only for settlement purposes be evidenced in ZAR</p>
29. Currency of Issue:	USD with settlement in ZAR
30. Calculation Agent:	Absa Capital
31. Transfer Secretary:	Absa Capital
32. Paying Agent:	Absa Capital
33. Business Day(s):	New York, London and Johannesburg
34. Business Day Convention:	Following (which shall apply to any date referred to in this Pricing Supplement that falls on a day that is not a Business Day)
35. Day Count Fraction:	Actual/365
36. Books Closed Period(s):	On the 20 th of April, July, October and January, in each year
37. Last Day(s) to Register:	On the 19 th April, July, October and January, in each year
38. Effect of a Credit Event	Generally there is an unconditional obligation on the part of the Issuer to repay the Aggregate Principal Amount, which obligation shall be adjusted if an Early Redemption Event occurs. If an Early Redemption Event occurs and the Conditions to Settlement are satisfied, the Issuer’s obligations to

	redeem the Notes at the Scheduled Redemption Amount shall cease and be adjusted by an obligation to redeem the Notes on the Cash Settlement Date by payment of the Cash Settlement Amount Upon discharge by the Issuer of such payment on the Early Redemption Date, or otherwise as provided herein, the Issuer's obligations in respect of the Notes shall be discharged. If an Event Determination Date occurs during the Notice Delivery Period, Interest will cease to accrue as of the earlier to occur of the day prior to (a) the Interest Payment Date occurring on or immediately preceding the Event Determination Date and (b) the Scheduled Redemption Date or, if no Interest Payment Date has occurred, the Issue Date.
REDEMPTION	
39. Redemption at Maturity:	Scheduled Redemption Amount
40. Redemption following the occurrence of an Early Redemption Event:	Applicable
Reference Entity:	Transnet SOC Limited
Specified Reference Obligation(s):	In respect of the Reference Entity (i) the obligation identified as follows or any Substitute Reference Obligation in respect thereof: Primary Obligor: Transnet SOC Limited Maturity: 26 July 2022 Coupon 4% CUSIP/ISIN: XS0809571739 and; (ii) one or more obligations of such Reference Entity that would constitute a Deliverable Obligation. The Issuer may select the Reference Obligation of the Reference Entity at any time on or before the Valuation Date
All Guarantees:	Applicable
Reference Price:	100 per cent.
Conditions to Settlement:	Credit Event Notice: Applicable Notice of Publicly Available Information: Applicable Public Sources of Publicly Available Information: Standard South African Public Sources
Credit Events:	The following Credit Event[s] shall apply: Bankruptcy Failure to Pay Grace Period Extension: Applicable Payment Requirement: USD 1,000,000.00 or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency as

	<p>of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay.</p> <p>Obligation Acceleration Repudiation/Moratorium Restructuring</p> <p>Multiple Holder Obligation:</p> <p>a) Not Applicable with respect to Obligation Category "Bonds" b) Applicable with respect to Obligation Category "Loans"</p> <p>Default Requirement: USD 10,000,000.00 or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency as of the occurrence of the relevant Credit Event.</p>
Obligation(s):	<p>Obligation means (i) the Reference Obligation, or (ii) any obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee or, if All Guarantees is Specified as applicable, as provider of any Qualifying Guarantee) described by the:</p> <p>Obligation Category: Bond or Loan</p> <p>Obligation Characteristics: Not Subordinated</p>
Excluded Obligations (if any):	None
Settlement Method:	Cash Settlement or Auction Settlement as determined by the Calculation Agent.
Fallback Settlement Method:	Cash Settlement
Terms Relating to Cash Settlement:	
Final Price:	In respect of a Reference Obligation, the price of such Reference Obligation (expressed as a percentage) determined in accordance with the Valuation Method.
Valuation Date:	Single Valuation Date: The Valuation Date shall be a Business Day selected by the Calculation Agent that falls on or after the Event Determination Date.
Valuation Time:	As determined by the Calculation Agent
Quotation Method:	Bid, subject to Auction Settlement being determined by the Calculation Agent as applicable and ISDA publishing auction settlement terms to enable parties to settle physically settled credit derivative transactions based upon a Final Price determined pursuant to the terms set forth in the auction settlement terms (an "Auction").

	In the circumstances where Auction Settlement is determined by the Calculation Agent as applicable and an Auction is instituted by ISDA in relation to a Credit Event occurring in respect of the Reference Entity, the Calculation Agent may determine that "Quotation" and "Quotation Method" will not apply and, in such circumstances, the Final Price in respect of these Notes will be the Final Price determined pursuant to the Auction.
Quotation Amount:	With respect to a Reference Obligation, an amount in the Settlement Currency specified by the Issuer which shall not exceed the Principal Amount.
Quotations	Exclude Accrued Interest
Dealer(s):	As determined by the Calculation Agent
Settlement Currency:	ZAR
Cash Settlement Date:	5 Business Days
Valuation Method:	Market
Deliverable Obligation(s):	<p>Deliverable Obligation means (i) the Reference Obligation, or (ii) any obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee or, if All Guarantees is specified as applicable, as provider of any Qualifying Guarantee) described by the:</p> <p>Deliverable Obligation Category: Bond</p> <p>Deliverable Obligation Characteristics: Not Subordinated</p>
Excluded Deliverable Obligations:	None
41. Terms relating to Auction Settlement (if determined as applicable by the Calculation Agent):	If an Event Determination Date occurs on or prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, the Auction Final Price shall be the Final Price with respect to the related Credit Event. Without prejudice to the foregoing, but without duplication of settlement, if (a) an Auction Cancellation Date occurs, (b) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs, (c) ISDA publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved, following a Credit Event Resolution Request Date, not to determine whether or not an event constitutes a Credit Event or (d) an Event Determination Date was determined pursuant to the definition of "Event Determination Date" and no Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred on or prior to the date falling three Business Days after such Event

Determination Date, Auction Settlement shall not apply and the Fallback Settlement Method shall apply.

The Notice of Publicly Available Information Condition to Settlement, if applicable, shall be deemed to be satisfied in circumstances where ISDA publicly announces on or prior to the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date) that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determination Committee has Resolved that an event that constitutes a Credit Event has occurred with respect to the relevant Reference Entity or Obligation thereof.

Definitions:

In the event of any inconsistency between this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the Terms and Conditions of the Programme Memorandum, this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall prevail. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, PLEASE NOTE THAT WHERE THE CALCULATION AGENT HAS DETERMINED THE TERMS RELATING TO AUCTION SETTLEMENT DO NOT APPLY, THE DEFINITIONS BELOW WILL NOT APPLY TO THE NOTES.

"Auction" has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms.

"Auction Cancellation Date" has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms;

"Auction Final Price" has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms in respect of the relevant Reference Entity, provided that: (i) where both a Senior Auction and a Subordinated Auction are held in connection with an Auction in respect of such Reference Entity, the Issuer may in its sole and absolute discretion elect to apply the price determined pursuant to the Senior Auction where the Reference Obligation in respect of the Affected Reference Entity is specified as a "Sub" or "Subordinated" Reference Obligation; and (ii) if the Credit Event is a Restructuring, the Calculation Agent shall select which of the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms shall apply in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with then current market practice by reference to the Redemption Date of the Notes;

"Auction Final Price Determination Date" has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms;

"Cash Settlement Date" means (a) if the Cash Settlement Amount is not Specified, the date that is the Specified number of Business Days (or, if a number of Business Days is not so Specified, 3 (three) Business Days) following the calculation of the Final Price or (b) if the Cash Settlement Amount is Specified, the date that is the Specified number of Business Days (or, if a number of Business Days is not so Specified, 3 (three) Business Days) following the satisfaction of all Conditions to Settlement (or, if "Cash Settlement" is applicable as a fallback to Auction Settlement, any Auction Cancellation Date or any No Auction Announcement Date, if later); provided, however, that if Auction Settlement is applicable then the Auction Cash Settlement Date shall be the cash settlement date determined pursuant to the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms for such Auction;

"CDDC Rules" means the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees Rules, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof. A copy of the Rules is available at www.isda.org/credit;

"Conditions to Settlement" means in addition to the provisions of the "Conditions to Settlement" definition in the Programme Memorandum and those Specified, the Conditions to Settlement shall be deemed to be satisfied in circumstances where ISDA publicly announces on or prior to the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date) that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determination Committee has Resolved that an event that constitutes a Credit Event has occurred with respect to the relevant Reference Entity or Obligation thereof;

"Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms" means any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms published by ISDA, in accordance with the CDDC Rules, a copy of which will be published by ISDA on its website from time to time and may be amended from time to time in accordance with the CDDC Rules. A form of the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms is available at www.isda.org/credit;

"Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees" means the committees established by ISDA for purposes of reaching certain DC Resolutions in connection with credit derivative transactions, as more fully described in the CDDC Rules;

"Credit Event Backstop Date" means (a) for purposes of any event that constitutes a Credit Event, the date that is 60 calendar days prior to the Credit Event Resolution Request Date or (b) otherwise, the date that is 60 calendar days prior to the earlier of (i) the

first date on which both the Credit Event Notice and, if "Notice of Publicly Available Information" is specified as a Condition to Settlement, the Notice of Publicly Available Information are delivered by the Issuer and are effective during the Notice Delivery Period and (ii) in circumstances where (A) the conditions to convening a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee to Resolve such matters are satisfied in accordance with the CDDC Rules, (B) the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to determine such matters and (C) the Credit Event Notice and, if "Notice of Publicly Available Information" is specified as a Condition to Settlement, the Notice of Publicly Available Information are delivered by the Issuer to the Issue and Paying Agent and are effective no more than fourteen calendar days after the day on which ISDA publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to determine such matters, the Credit Event Resolution Request Date. The Credit Event Backstop Date shall not be subject to adjustment in accordance with any Business Day Convention.

"Credit Event Notice" means an irrevocable notice from the Issuer to the Noteholder that describes a Credit Event that occurred on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date and on or before the later of (a) the Scheduled Redemption Date, and (b) the Grace Period Extension Date if (i) Grace Period Extension is Specified as applicable, (ii) the Credit Event that is the subject of the Credit Event Notice is a Failure to Pay that occurred after the Scheduled Redemption Date; and (iii) the Potential Failure to Pay with respect to such Failure to Pay occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Redemption Date; provided that no such notice shall be effective unless it contains a description of the facts relevant to the determination that the Credit Event has occurred. The Credit Event that is the subject of the Credit Event Notice need not be continuing on the date that the Credit Event Notice is effective;

"Credit Event Resolution Request Date" means, with respect to a notice to ISDA, delivered in accordance with the CDDC Rules, requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve:

(a) whether an event that constitutes a Credit Event for purposes of the Notes has occurred with respect to the relevant Reference Entity or Obligation thereof; and

(b) if the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves that such

event has occurred, the date of the occurrence of such event,

the date, as publicly announced by ISDA, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the first date on which such notice was effective and on which the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee was in possession, in accordance with the CDDC Rules, of Publicly Available Information with respect to the DC Resolutions referred to in (a) and (b) above;

"DC Credit Event Announcement" means, with respect to a Reference Entity, a public announcement by ISDA that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that (a) an event that constitutes a Credit Event for purposes of the relevant Series has occurred with respect to such Reference Entity (or an Obligation thereof) and (b) such event occurred on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date. A DC Credit Event Announcement will be deemed not to have occurred unless (i) the Credit Event Resolution Request Date with respect to such Credit Event occurred on or prior to the end of the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date) and (ii) the Issue Date occurs on or prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, the Auction Cancellation Date, or the date that is 21 calendar days following the No Auction Announcement Date, if any, as applicable;

"DC No Credit Event Announcement" means, with respect to a Reference Entity, a public announcement by ISDA that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved, following a Credit Event Resolution Request Date, that the event that is the subject of the notice to ISDA resulting in the occurrence of such Credit Event Resolution Request Date does not constitute a Credit Event for purposes of the relevant Series with respect to such Reference Entity (or an Obligation thereof);

"DC Party" has the meaning given to that term in the CDDC Rules;

"DC Resolution" has the meaning given to that term in the CDDC Rules;

"Event Determination Date" means:

- (a) The first date on which both the Credit Event Notice and the Notice of Publicly Available Information (if applicable) are effective during

	<p>either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the Notice Delivery Period; or(ii) the period (I) from, and including, the day on which ISDA publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to determine the matters described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the "Credit Event Resolution Request Date" definition (II) to, and including, the date that is 14 calendar days thereafter, provided that a Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurred on or prior to the end of the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date), <p>provided however that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the Issuer shall not deliver a Credit Event Notice if, prior to the date of delivery, a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred; and(ii) if a DC Credit Event Announcement occurs, the Issuer may elect that the Event Determination Date be the Credit Event Resolution Request Date. <p>(b) No Event Determination Date will occur, and any Event Determination Date previously determined with respect to an event shall be deemed not to have occurred, if, or to the extent that, prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, a Valuation Date, the Cash Settlement Date (or, if earlier, a Delivery Date), or the Redemption Date or Deferred Redemption Date, as applicable, a DC No Credit Event Announcement Date occurs with respect to the relevant Reference Entity or Obligation thereof.</p> <p>(c) If, in accordance with the provisions above, (i) following the determination of an Event Determination Date such Event Determination Date is deemed (A) to have occurred on a date that is different from the date that was originally determined to be the Event Determination Date or (B) not to have occurred or (ii) an Event Determination Date is deemed to have occurred prior to a preceding Interest Payment Date, the Calculation Agent will determine (I) the adjustment payment, if any, that is payable to reflect any change that</p>
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may be necessary to the amounts previously calculated and/or paid in respect of the Notes and (II) the date in which such adjustment payment is payable, if any. For the avoidance of doubt, no accruals of interest shall be taken into account when calculating any such adjustment payment;

"Fallback Settlement Method" means, with respect to a Series of Notes for which "Auction Settlement" is both Specified and determined by the Calculation Agent as the Settlement Method, if "Physical Settlement" is Specified as the Fallback Settlement Method, Physical Settlement, otherwise Cash Settlement;

"Final Price" means the price of the Reference Obligation, expressed as a percentage, determined in accordance with the Specified Valuation Method. Unless Auction Settlement applies, the Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after obtaining all quotations for a Valuation Date, notify the Issuer and Paying Agent in writing of each such quotation that it receives in connection with the calculation of the final price and shall provide to the Parties a written computation showing its calculation of the final price. If "Auction Settlement" is both Specified and determined by the Calculation Agent to be applicable, then notwithstanding the Valuation Method, Final Price means the Auction Final Price;

"No Auction Announcement Date" means, with respect to a Credit Event, the date on which ISDA first publicly announces that (a) no Transaction Auction Settlement Terms will be published will be held with respect to such Reference Entity and Credit Event following a prior public announcement by ISDA to the contrary, (b) following the occurrence of a Restructuring only, no Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms will be published with respect to such Reference Entity and Restructuring or (c) the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an Auction will be held but in respect of a different Credit Event, Reference Entity or Deliverable Obligations as are applicable to the relevant Series;

"Resolve" has the meaning given to that term in the CDDC Rules, and "Resolved" and "Resolves" shall be interpreted accordingly;

"Restructuring" means (A) that, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, any one or more of the following events occurs in a form

that binds all holders of such Obligation, is agreed between the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority and a sufficient number of holders of such Obligation to bind all holders of the Obligation or is announced (or otherwise decreed) by a Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority in a form that binds all holders of such Obligation, and such event is not expressly provided for under the terms of such Obligation in effect as of the later of (i) the Credit Event Backstop Date and (ii) the date as of which such Obligation is issued or incurred:

- (a) a reduction in the rate or amount of interest payable or the amount of scheduled interest accruals;
- (b) a reduction in the amount of principal or premium payable at maturity or at scheduled redemption dates;
- (c) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (A) the payment or accrual of interest or (B) the payment of principal or premium;
- (d) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of any Obligation, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation; or
- (e) any change in the currency or composition of any payment of interest or principal to any currency which is not a Permitted Currency.

Provided that (B), none of the following shall constitute a Restructuring:

- (i) the payment in euros of interest or principal in relation to an Obligation denominated in a currency of a Member State of the European Union that adopts or has adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union;
- (ii) the occurrence of, agreement to or announcement of any of the events described in (a)-(e) above due to an administrative adjustment, accounting adjustment or tax adjustment or other technical adjustment occurring in the ordinary course of business; and
- (iii) the occurrence of, agreement to or announcement of any of the events described in (a)-(e) above in circumstances where such event does not directly or indirectly result from a deterioration in the creditworthiness or financial condition of the Reference Entity.

For purposes of this definition, the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Underlying Obligations for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a

Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee or, if "All Guarantees" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, as provider of any Qualifying Guarantee. In the case of a Qualifying Guarantee and an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity in "(A)" of this definition and the Definition of Subordination shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor and the reference to the Reference Entity in "(B)" of this definition shall continue to refer to the Reference Entity.

"Senior Auction" means an Auction in respect of one or more Obligations of the relevant Reference Entity specified as "Senior" pursuant to such Auction;

"Subordinated Auction" means an Auction in respect to of one or more Obligations of the relevant Reference Entity specified as "Subordinated" or "Sub" pursuant to such Auction;

"Transaction Auction Settlement Terms" means the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms applicable to the relevant Reference Entity and Reference Obligation; and

"Valuation Date" means (a) if "Single Valuation Date" is Specified, the date that is the Specified number of Business Days after satisfaction of all Conditions to Settlement (or, if "Cash Settlement" is applicable pursuant to the fallback provisions in Auction Settlement, any Auction Cancellation Date or any No Auction Announcement Date, if later) or, if the number of Business Days is not Specified, 5 (five) Business Days, and (b) if "Multiple Valuation Dates" is Specified, each of the following dates:

- (i) the date that is the Specified number of Business Days after satisfaction of all Conditions to Settlement (or, if the number of Business Days is not so Specified, 5 (five) Business Days); and
- (ii) each successive date that is the Specified number of Business Days (or, if the number of Business Days is not so Specified, 5 (five) Business Days) after the date on which the Calculation Agent obtains a Market Value with respect to the immediately preceding Valuation Date.

When "Multiple Valuation Dates" is Specified, the total number of Valuation Dates shall be equal to the number of Valuation Dates Specified (or, if the number of Valuation Dates is not so Specified, 5 (five) Valuation Dates).

If neither "Single Valuation Date" nor "Multiple

	Valuation Dates" is Specified, "Single Valuation Date" shall be deemed to be Specified.
<p>42. Risks associated with settlement of a Credit Event using an Auction Protocol:</p>	<p>If "Auction Settlement" is both Specified and determined as applicable by the Calculation Agent, then the amounts payable by and/or rights and obligations of the parties under such Note in respect of the relevant Reference Entity or Reference Obligation may be determined in accordance with the Auction Final Price. The Noteholder takes the risk that where a Final Price is determined in accordance with an Auction, this may result in a lower recovery value than a Reference Entity or Reference Obligation would have if such Auction Final Price had not been used. Also, the Issuer may have a conflict of interest to the extent that it participates in any auction or other process used to determine the Credit Event under the Auction Protocol and is under no obligation to consider the interests of Noteholders when so acting.</p> <p>If Auction Settlement is both Specified and determined by the Calculation Agent as applicable with respect to any Note but the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee does not decide to conduct an Auction with respect to obligations of the relevant Reference Entity satisfying the relevant characteristics as set out in the Applicable Pricing Supplement, then the Fallback Settlement Method shall apply. In such circumstances, either the Final Price will be determined pursuant to the Valuation Method or the Issuer will Deliver to Noteholders the Relevant Portion of the Portfolio.</p>
<p>43. Credit Derivatives Definitions and Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee:</p>	<p>The Conditions of the Notes do not incorporate by reference the definitions and provisions of the 2003 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (the "Credit Derivatives Definitions") and there may be differences between the definitions used in the Conditions of the Notes and the Credit Derivatives Definitions. Consequently, investing in the Notes is not exactly equivalent to investing in a credit default swap that incorporates the Credit Derivatives Definitions.</p> <p>While ISDA has published and supplemented the Credit Derivatives Definitions in order to facilitate transactions and promote uniformity in the credit derivative market, the credit derivative market has evolved over time and is expected to continue to change. Consequently, the Credit Derivatives Definitions and the terms applied to credit derivatives, including the Notes, are subject to interpretation and further evolution. Past events have shown that the views of market participants may differ as to how the Credit Derivatives Definitions operate or should operate. As a result of the continued evolution in the market, interpretation of the Notes may differ in the future because of future market standards. Such a result may have a negative impact on the Notes.</p>

	<p>There can be no assurances that changes to the terms applicable to credit derivatives generally will be predictable or favourable to the Issuer or Noteholders. Future amendments or supplements to the terms applicable to credit derivatives generally will only apply to Notes that have already been issued if the Issuer and the Noteholders agree to amend the Notes to incorporate such amendments or supplements and other conditions to amending the Notes have been met.</p> <p>Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees were established pursuant to the March 2009 Supplement or the July 2009 Supplement to the 2003 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions to make determinations that are relevant to the majority of the credit derivatives market and to promote transparency and consistency. Further information about the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee may be found at www.isda.org/credit.</p> <p>Whether or not a Credit Event or Succession Event has occurred, and certain decisions relating thereto, may be dependent on determinations made by the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee. In certain circumstances, determinations made by the Calculation Agent may be overridden by subsequent determinations made by the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee. If the Issuer delivers a Credit Event Notice or Succession Event Notice to a Noteholder, such Noteholder should be aware that such notice may be superseded by a determination of the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.</p>
<p>44. With respect to the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees, each Noteholder is deemed to agree:</p>	<p>(a) that no DC Party and no legal counsel or other third-party professional hired by a DC Party in connection with such DC Party's performance of its respective duties under the CDDC Rules and/or any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms, as applicable, shall be liable, whether for negligence or otherwise, to the Issuer, Guarantor or any Noteholder for any form of damages, whether direct, indirect, special, consequential or otherwise, that might arise in connection with such DC Party's performance of its duties, or any advice given by legal counsel or any other third-party professional hired by such DC Party in connection with such DC Party's performance of its respective duties, under the CDDC Rules and/or any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms, as applicable, except in the case of fraud or wilful misconduct on the part of such DC Party, legal counsel or other third-party professional, as applicable; provided that,</p>

	<p>notwithstanding the foregoing, legal counsel or any other third-party professional hired by a DC Party in connection with such DC Party's performance of its duties under the CDDC Rules and/or any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms, as applicable, may be still be liable to such DC Party;</p> <p>(b) to waive any claim, whether for negligence or otherwise, that may arise against a DC Party and any legal counsel or other third-party professional hired by such DC Party in connection with such DC Party's performance of its duties under the CDDC Rules, except in the case of fraud or wilful misconduct on the part of such DC Party, legal counsel or other third-party professional, as applicable; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, legal counsel or any other third-party professional hired by a DC Party in connection with such DC Party's performance of its duties under the CDDC Rules and/or any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms, as applicable, may be still be liable to such DC Party;</p> <p>(c) unless otherwise Specified, any DC Resolution of the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee that is applicable to the Notes as determined by the Calculation Agent shall be binding on it:</p> <p>(i) until such time as ISDA publicly announces that such DC Resolution has been reversed by a subsequent DC Resolution of the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee, if any, (subject to (c)(ii) below); and/or</p> <p>(ii) unless the effect of such DC Resolution would be the reverse a prior DC Resolution of the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee, any prior determination by the Calculation Agent or determination that an Event Determination Date has occurred, applicable:</p> <p>(A) that has resulted in the identification of one or more Successors;</p> <p>(B) that has resulted in the identification of one or more Substitute Reference Obligations; or</p> <p>(C) that has resulted in the occurrence of an Auction Final Price Determination Date or Cash Settlement Date, as</p>
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	<p>applicable, or to the extent that a Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred, in each case, on or prior to the date that ISDA publicly announces such DC Resolution of the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee);</p> <p>(iii) notwithstanding the fact that:</p> <p>(A) these Credit Linked Conditions may require such determination to be made by the Calculation Agent; or</p> <p>(B) in order to reach such DC Resolution, the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee may be required to Resolve one or more factual matters before being able to reach such DC Resolution; and</p> <p>(iv) notwithstanding any actual or perceived conflict of interest on the part of a DC Party, legal counsel or other third-party professional hired by such DC Party in connection with such DC Party's performance of its duties under the CDDC Rules;</p> <p>(v) that no DC Party is (A) under any obligation to research, investigate, supplement, or verify the veracity of, any information on which the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee bases its decision and (B) acting as a fiduciary for, or as an advisor to, any Noteholder in connection with the Notes; and</p> <p>(vi) that, in reaching any DC Resolution, the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee shall be under no requirement to consult with, or individually notify, any Noteholder, notwithstanding any provision of these Credit Linked Conditions to the contrary.</p> <p>(vii) Each Noteholder shall be deemed to acknowledge the disclaimers set out in Section 5.1(B) of the CDDC Rules on the Issue Date. A copy of the CDDC Rules is available at www.isda.org/credit.</p>
<p>45. Tax Redemption Amount:</p>	<p>The then Outstanding Aggregate Principal Amount of the Notes, plus interest accrued at a rate equal to the sum of the Reference Rate and the Margin, in respect of the period from and including the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date (or if no Interest</p>

	Payment Date has occurred, the Issue Date) to but excluding the Tax Redemption Date; as determined by the Calculation Agent and multiplied by FXF.
46. Optional Early Redemption by the Issuer and, if applicable:	Not Applicable
47. Optional Early Redemption by Noteholders	Applicable
48. Optional Early Redemption Amount	Market value of the Notes as determined by the Calculation Agent less Hedging Costs. Multiplied by FXF.
49. Default Redemption Amount:	<p>An amount determined by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner and multiplied by FXF, as the then outstanding Aggregate Principal Amount of the Notes, plus interest accrued at a rate equal to the sum of the Reference Rate and the Margin plus 2% in respect of the period from and including the preceding Interest Payment Date (or if no Interest Payment Date has occurred, the Issue Date) to but excluding the date that the Default Redemption Amount has been paid in full. For the purposes of these Notes Condition 15.1.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Notes will be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:</p> <p>“The failure by the Issuer to pay within 15 Business Days following receipt by the Calculation Agent of notice in writing referencing the Notes from a Noteholder requiring such failure to be remedied. Such notice shall be valid if delivered by hand or sent by prepaid registered post to the Calculation Agent at the following address:</p> <p>Absa Capital C/O Head of Legal 15 Alice Lane Sandton, 2196 Gauteng South Africa.”</p> <p>(the “Calculation Agent Address”)</p>
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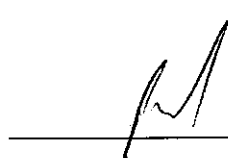
Signed at Sandton on 28 January 2013

For and on behalf of **ABSA BANK LIMITED**

Represented by: TEBOGO MOLEFE



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