

(Registration Number 1929/001225/06)

(Incorporated with limited liability in the Republic of South Africa)

# Issue of ZAR135,000,000 Credit Linked Notes with Scheduled Termination Date of 31 January 2040 Stock code FRC503 Under its ZAR60,000,000,000 Note Programme

This document constitutes the Applicable Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of the Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions") set forth in the Programme Memorandum dated 29 November 2011, as amended and updated from time to time (the "Programme Memorandum"). This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with the Programme Memorandum. The Notes described herein are issued on and subject to the Terms and Conditions as amended and/or supplemented by the terms and conditions contained in this Applicable Pricing Supplement. 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. Subject to as provided below, any capitalised terms not defined in this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Terms and Conditions. To the extent that certain provisions of the *pro forma* Pricing Supplement do not apply to the Notes described herein, they may be deleted in this Applicable Pricing Supplement or indicated to be not applicable.

FirstRand Bank Limited

#### **Description of the Notes**

Issuer:

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2.	Status of Notes:	Senior Unsecured Unsubordinated	
3.	Form of Notes:	Listed Registered Notes	
4.	Series Number:	503	
5.	Tranche Number: 1		
6.	Specified Currency of the Notes: ZAR		
7.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:		
	(a) Series:	ZAR135,000,000	
	(b) Tranche:	ZAR135,000,000	
8.	Nominal Amount per Note:	ZAR1,000,000	
9.	Specified Denomination and number of Notes:	ZAR1,000,000 and 135 Notes	
10.	Issue Date of the Notes:	25 March 2024	
11.	Issue Price of the Notes: 100% (one hundred percent) of par		
12.	Relevant Stock Exchange: JSE		
13.	Integral multiples of Notes required for N/A transfer:		
14.	Type of Notes: Structured Notes		
15.	If Structured Notes:		
	(a) Type of Structured Notes:	Credit Linked Notes	
	(b) Capital guarantee	No	
16.	Deposit Notes	Deposit Notes No	
17.	Redemption/Payment Basis:	Redemption at par	

18. Automatic/Optional Conversion from N/A one Redemption/Payment Basis to another:

Partly Paid Note Provisions: 19. N/A

# Provisions relating to interest (if any) payable on the Note

20. **General Interest Provisions** 

> Interest payable on the Note: (a) Yes

(b) **Interest Basis:** Floating Rate Note

(c) Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Interest Basis to

another:

**Interest Commencement Date:** (d) Issue Date

Default Rate: N/A (e)

(f) Cessation of Interest: Interest ceases to accrue from the Interest Payment Date

> immediately preceding the Event Determination Date, (or in the case of the first Interest Period, the Interest Commencement Date).

21. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions:** N/A

22. **Floating Rate Note Provisions:** Applicable

(a) Manner in which the Interest Rate(s)

is to be determined:

Screen Rate Determination

(b) If Screen Rate Determination:

3 month JIBAR Reference Rate:

Interest Determination

Date(s):

The first Business Day of each Interest Period, with the first

Interest Determination date being the Issue Date

Relevant Screen Page and

Reference Code:

SAFEY Page and ZAR-JIBAR-SAFEX

Relevant Time: 11:00am

Relevant Financial Centre: Johannesburg (c) Margin: 248 basis points

(d) Minimum Rate(s) of Interest: N/A (e) Maximum Rate(s) of Interest: N/A

(f) Interest Payment Dates: 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October in each year until the

Maturity Date, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day on which interest will be paid adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention (as specified in this

Applicable Pricing Supplement).

Each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment (g) Interest Period(s):

> Date and ending on (but excluding) the following Interest Payment Date; provided that the first interest period will commence on (and include) the Interest Commencement Date and end on (but exclude) 30 April 2024 (each Interest Payment Date as adjusted in

accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention).

(h) Specified Period: N/A

(i) Day Count Fraction: Actual/365

23. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions:** N/A 24. N/A

Linked Index Interest Note

**Provisions**:

25. **Dual Currency Note Provisions:** N/A 26. Mixed Rate Note Provisions:

Provisions relating to redemption

27. Exchange Rate Time: Close of business

28. Maturity Date: 31 January 2040, subject to paragraph 51

N/A

29. Early Redemption following the occurrence of:

(a) Tax Event: Applicable
(b) Change in Law: Applicable
(c) Hedging Disruption: Applicable
(d) Increased Cost of Hedging: Applicable

(e) Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event:

The first sentence of Condition 10.4 (Early Redemption following the occurrence of a Tax Event, Change in Law, Hedging Disruption and/or Increased Cost of Hedging) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes shall be amended by the removal of the full stop at the end of that first sentence and the addition of the following words "and/or Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event."

The following definitions shall be added to Condition 2 (*Interpretation*) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes:

""Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event" means the redemption of the Reference Obligation for any reason whatsoever, in whole or in part, prior to its final maturity date in accordance with, and as contemplated in, the terms and conditions of such Reference Obligation, as determined by the Calculation Agent."

For the purposes of this paragraph 29(e), any Special Redemption Notice delivered by the Issuer to the Noteholders shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 22.1 (*Notice by the Issuer*) to the contrary, only be made by way of announcement on the Stock Exchange News Service of the JSE ("SENS") by no later than 1 Business Day following the occurrence of the Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event.

The Early Redemption Date for the purposes of this paragraph 29(e) shall be the date specified by the Issuer in the Special Redemption Notice, which Early Redemption Date will be at least 3 Business Days after the Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event or any date thereafter.

30. Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer:

Applicable

(a) Optional Redemption Date[s]:

31 October 2030, 31 October 2037, if such day is not a Business Day, the Optional Redemption Date will be adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention (as specified in this Applicable Pricing Supplement), or the date specified as such in the Issuer Redemption Notice.

(b) Optional Redemption Amount[s] and method, if any, of calculation of such amount[s]: The Early Redemption Amount as set out in paragraph 37

(c) Optional Redemption Payment Date:

Optional Redemption Date.

(d) Notice period:

At least 10 (ten) calendar days' notice. For the purposes of this paragraph 30, any Issuer Redemption Notice delivered by the

Issuer to the Noteholders shall only be made by way of announcement on SENS.

(e) If redeemable in part:

N/A

31. Early Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders:

N/A

32. Valuation Dates:

N/A

33. Valuation Time:

N/A

34. Market Disruption Event:

N/A

35. (a) Averaging Dates:

N/A

(b) Consequences of an Averaging Date being a Disrupted Day:

N/A

36. Final Redemption Amount:

100% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount

In cases where the Note is an Indexed Linked Redemption Note or other variable-linked Note:

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(a) Index/Formula/variable:

N/A

(b) Party responsible for calculating the Final Redemption Amount (if not the Calculation Agent):

N/A

(c) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable:

N/A

(d) Determination Date[s]:

N/A

(e) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:

N/A

(f) Payment Date:

N/A

(g) Minimum Final Redemption Amount:

N/A

(h) Maximum Final Redemption Amount:

N/A

37. Early Redemption Amount:

- a) Recovery Amount; and
- b) Unwind Costs.

"Recovery Amount" means the amount received for the sale of the Reference Obligation by the Issuer equal to a nominal amount of ZAR176,972,728.11 to the highest bidder.

"Unwind Costs" means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the Issuer's expenses, losses or costs (expressed as a negative number) or gain (expressed as a positive number) 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 hedges or related trading positions or funding arrangements entered into by it (including with its internal

functions) and including, without limitation, interest rate swaps specifically in connection with the Notes.

- 38. Settlement Currency:
- 39. The maximum and minimum number of days prior to the Early Redemption Date on which Issuer Redemption Notices and Special Redemption Notices must be given by the Issuer:
- 40. Time for receipt of Early Redemption Notice and/or Noteholder's Notice:
- 41. Redemption Notice Time:
- 42. Procedures for giving Issuer Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 10.3 (*Redemption Notices*):
- 43. Procedure for giving Special Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 10.3 (*Redemption Notices*):
- 44. Basis for selecting Notes where Daily Maximum Amount is exceeded if other than on a pro rata basis:
- 45. Additional provisions relating to the redemption of the Notes:
- 46. **Instalment Note Provisions**:
- 47. Exchangeable Notes Provisions:
- 48. Equity Linked Notes, Equity Basket Notes Provisions:
- 49. Single Index Notes, Basket of Indices Note Provisions:
- 50. Currency Linked Notes Provisions:
- 51. Credit Linked Notes:

ZAR

10 (ten) calendar days, except in relation to a Special Redemption Notice given in accordance with paragraph 29(e) (*Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event*") where the Early Redemption Date will be at least 3 Business Days after the Reference Obligation Early Redemption Event or any date thereafter.

10:00am (Johannesburg time), as stated in the Terms and Conditions

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N/A

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N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

- (A) Applicable
- (B) The "Credit-linked Annex Additional Terms and Conditions of Credit Linked Notes", set out on pages 103 159 of the Programme Memorandum ("Credit-Linked Annex") is disapplied for the purposes of this Applicable Pricing Supplement.
- (C) The 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA") (the "Credit Derivatives Definitions") are incorporated by reference herein. Words and expressions defined in the Credit Derivative Definitions will bear the same meaning herein. The term "Confirmation" wherever it appears in the Credit Derivative Definitions shall be deemed to be a reference to "Applicable Pricing Supplement" and "Credit Derivative Transaction" wherever it appears in the Credit Derivative Definitions shall be deemed to be a reference to "Notes". The Credit Derivative Definitions as published by ISDA as at the date hereof will apply, and any amendments to the Credit Derivative Definitions after the date hereof will be disregarded for purposes of their incorporation herein.

- (D) This paragraph 51 (utilizing Exhibit A to the Credit Derivatives Definitions) will become binding on the Issuer and the Noteholder as part of the issuance of Credit-Linked Notes to which this Applicable Pricing Supplement applies as if a Credit Derivative Transaction had been concluded between the Issuer and the Noteholder. For purposes of this paragraph 51 and the Credit Derivatives Definitions, the Issuer is the Buyer and the Noteholder is the Seller and the date specified as the Maturity Date in paragraph 28 above shall be the Scheduled Termination Date.
- (E) Should an Event Determination Date occur, the Maturity Date will be accelerated or extended to the Settlement Date, and the Issuer will Deliver the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement to the Noteholder, in full and final settlement of its obligations to the Noteholder in terms hereof.
- (F) "Unwind Costs" means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the Issuer's expenses, losses or costs (expressed as a negative number) or gain (expressed as a positive number) 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 hedges or related trading positions or funding arrangements entered into by it (including with its internal functions) and including, without limitation, interest rate swaps specifically in connection with the Notes.
- (G) "Entitlement" means Deliverable Obligations, being the Reference Obligation with an Outstanding Principal Balance (or the equivalent Currency Amount thereof), in an aggregate amount (excluding any accrued and unpaid interest) equal to the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Notes outstanding as of the relevant Event Determination Date less an Outstanding Principal Balance of such Reference Obligation with a market value as determined by Issuer equal to Unwind Costs (if any).
- (H) The first sentence of Section 8.1 (Physical Settlement) of the Credit Derivatives Definitions is deleted in its entirety and replaced with "If "Physical Settlement" is specified as the Settlement Method in the Applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer shall, subject to Sections 5.1 (Settlement), 10.1 (Settlement Suspension) and 11.2(c)(ii) (Additional Representations and Agreements for Physical Settlement), on or prior to the Physical Settlement Date, redeem this Credit Linked Note as provided in paragraph 51(E) of the Applicable Pricing Supplement."

#### General Terms

(a) Effective Date:

15 March 2024

(b) Scheduled Termination Date:

Maturity Date

(c) Floating Rate Payer:

Noteholder (each a "Seller")

(d) Fixed Rate Payer:

Issuer (the "Buyer")

(e) Calculation Agent:

FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division.

(f) Calculation Agent City:

Johannesburg

(g) Business Day Convention:

Modified Following which, subject to Sections 1.14, 1.39, 2.2(k), 3.33(a) and 12.10 of the Credit Derivatives Definitions, shall apply to any date referred to in this Applicable Pricing Supplement that fall on a day that is not a Business Day.

(h) Reference Entity: Republic of South Africa

(i) Financial Reference Entity Terms: Not applicable(j) Subordinated European Insurance Not Applicable

Terms:

(k) Standard Reference Obligation: Not Applicable

(l) Seniority Level: Senior Level

(m) Reference Obligation: In respect of the Reference Entity:

i) the obligation identified as follows or any substitute Reference

Obligation in respect thereof:

Primary Obligor: Republic of South Africa

Maturity: 31 January 2040 Coupon: 9.00% NACS

SA Government Bond Identifier: R2040

ISIN: ZAG00012598

(n) All Guarantees: Applicable

Fixed Payments

(o) Fixed Rate Payer: Issuer

(p) Fixed Rate Payer Payment Date(s): None, unless elsewhere specified in this Applicable Pricing

Supplement.

(q) Fixed Amount: None, unless elsewhere specified in this Applicable Pricing

Supplement.

Floating Payment

(r) Floating Rate Payer Calculation

Amount:

ZAR135,000,000

(s) Notifying Party: Issuer(t) Credit Event Notice: Yes

(u) Public Source: Bloomberg Service and the South African publications The Star,

Business Day.

(v) Specified Number: Two

(w) Credit Events: The following Credit Event(s) shall apply to this Note:

Failure to Pay

Grace Period Extension: Applicable

Grace Period: 30 calendar days

Payment Requirement: USD1,000,000 or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency as of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay or Potential Failure to Pay, as

applicable.

Obligation Default

Obligation Acceleration Repudiation/Moratorium

Restructuring

Multiple Holder Obligation:

- a) Not Applicable with respect to Obligation Category "Bonds"
- b) Applicable with respect to Obligation Category "Loans"

Default Requirement: USD10,000,000 or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency as of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay or Potential Failure to Pay, as applicable.

# **Obligations**

(x) Obligation Category: (Select only one):

	Payment	
	Borrowed Money	
X	Reference Obligation only	
	Bond	
	Loan	
	Bond or Loan	

(y) Obligation Characteristics: None (z) Excluded Obligations: None

# Settlement Terms following a Credit Event:

(aa) Settlement Method: Physical Settlement Cash Settlement (bb) Fallback Settlement Method:

100% (cc) Reference Price:

(dd) Accrued Interest: Include Accrued Interest

# Terms relating to Physical Settlement

(ee) Notice of Physical Settlement

For the purposes of this paragraph 51(ee), any Notice of Physical Settlement delivered by the Issuer to the Noteholders shall only be made by way of announcement on SENS.

# Deliverable Obligations:

(ff) Deliverable Obligation Category:

Reference Obligation Only

(gg) Deliverable Obligation Characteristics:

N/A

(hh) Excluded Deliverable Obligation

N/A

# Terms Relating to Cash Settlement:

(a) Valuation Date: Single Valuation Date: 5 (five) Business Days

(b) Valuation Time: 11:00 Johannesburg time

ZAR135,000,000 (c) Quotation Amount:

(d) Cash Settlement Date: 3 (three) Business Days following the Valuation Date

(e) Cash Settlement Amount:

The greater of zero and the sum of:

- a) the Recovery Amount; and
- the amount required (positive or negative) to settle the other hedging positions which will be terminated early by the Issuer

"Recovery Amount" means the amount received for the sale of the Reference Obligation by the Issuer equal to a nominal amount of ZAR176,972,728.11 to the highest bidder.

52. Commodity Linked Notes: N/A

Provisions relating to settlement

53. Settlement type: Physical settlement

54. Board Lot: N/A

55. Currency in which cash settlement will ZAR be made:

56. Early Redemption Payment Date: Early Redemption Date

57. Clearing System: Strate58. Physical Delivery Date: N/A

**Definitions** 

59. Definition of Business Day: As defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*)

60. Definition of Exchange Business Day: As defined in Condition 2 (Interpretation)

61. Definition of Maturity Notice Time: As defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*)

62. Definition of Tax Event: As defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*)

**General Provisions** 

63. Business Day Convention: Modified Following Business Day Convention

64. Relevant Clearing System: Strate

65. Last Day to Register: By 5:00pm on 26 January, 25 April, 26 July and 26 October in each

year until the Maturity Date, or if such day is not a Business Day,

the Business Day before each Books Closed Period.

66. Books Closed Period[s]: The Register will be closed from 27 January to 31 January, 26 April

30 April, 27 July to 31 July and 27 October to 31 October (both

dates inclusive) in each year until the Maturity Date.

67. Determination Agent: FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank

division

68. Specified Office of the Determination

Agent:

1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton,

2196

69. Specified Office of the Issuer: 1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton,

2196

70. Calculation Agent: FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank

division

71. Specified Office of the Calculation

Agent:

1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton,

2196

72. Paying Agent: FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank

division

73. Specified Office of the Paying Agent: 1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton,

2196

74. Transfer and Settlement Agent: FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank

division

75. Specified Office of the Transfer and Settlement Agent:

1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196

76. Provisions relating to stabilisation:

N/A

77. Stabilising manager:

N/A

78. Additional Selling Restrictions:

N/A

79. ISIN No.: ZAG000204025

80. Stock Code: FRC503

81. Method of distribution: Non-syndicated

82. If syndicated, names of Managers: N/A

83. If non-syndicated, name of Dealer: FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank

division

84. Governing law (if the laws of South

Africa are not applicable):

N/A

85. Other Banking Jurisdiction: N/A

86. Surrendering of Notes in the case of Notes represented by a Certificate:

N/A

87. Use of proceeds: General corporate purposes

88. Pricing Methodology: N/A

89. Ratings: zaAA National Scale Long Term rated by S & P Global Ratings as

at 26 November 2019.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Notes have not been individually

rated

90. Receipts attached? No

91. Coupons attached?

92. Stripping of Receipts and/or Coupons prohibited as provided in Condition 17.4 (*Prohibition on Stripping*):

N/A

93. Any Conditions additional to, or modified from, those set forth in the

Terms and Conditions:

N/A

94. Total Notes in Issue ZAR 37 736 430 217.02

The aggregate Nominal Amount of all Notes issued under the Programme as at the Issue Date, together with the aggregate Nominal Amount of this Tranche (when issued), will not exceed

the Programme Amount.

95. Material Change Statement: The Issuer hereby confirms that as at the date of this Applicable

Pricing Supplement, there has been no material change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since the date of the Issuer's latest interim financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2023. This statement has not been

confirmed nor verified by the auditors of the Issuer.

# **Responsibility:**

The Issuer certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no facts that have been omitted which would make any statement false or misleading and that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made as well as that the Programme Memorandum together with this Applicable Pricing Supplement contains all information required by law and the Debt Listings Requirements. The Issuer accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Programme Memorandum and the annual financial statements and/or the Pricing Supplements, and/or

the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents, except as otherwise stated therein.

The issuance of the Notes contemplated in this Applicable Pricing Supplement will not result in the authorised amount contained in the Programme Memorandum being exceeded.

#### Limitation of liability:

The JSE takes no responsibility for the contents of the Programme Memorandum and the annual financial statements and/or the pricing supplements and/or the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents. The JSE makes no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the Programme Memorandum and the annual financial statements and/or the pricing supplements and/or the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents and expressly disclaims any liability for any loss arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the aforementioned documents. The JSE's approval of the registration of the Programme Memorandum and listing of the debt securities is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Issuer or of the debt securities and that, to the extent permitted by law, the JSE will not be liable for any claim whatsoever.

The Issuer accepts full responsibility for the information contained in this Applicable Pricing Supplement.

Application is hereby made to list this issue of Notes on 25 March 2024.

**SIGNED** at Sandton on this 18 day of March 2024.

For and on behalf of FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED

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Name: L Fortuin Capacity: Authorised Signatory

Capacity: Authorised Signatory
Who warrants his authority hereto

Name: S Gross

Capacity: Authorised Signatory Who warrants his authority hereto