

(Registration Number 1929/001225/06)

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

## Issue of ZAR60,000,000 Credit Linked Notes with Scheduled Termination Date of 31 March 2032 Stock code FRC553 Under its ZAR60,000,000 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.

## **Description of the Notes**

1.	Issuer:	FirstRand Bank Limited	
2.	Status of Notes:	Senior Unsecured Unsubordinated	
3.	Form of Notes:	Listed Registered Notes	
4.	Series Number:	553	
5.	Tranche Number:	1	
6.	Specified Currency of the Notes:	ZAR	
7.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:		
	(a) Series:	ZAR60,000,000	
	(b) Tranche:	ZAR60,000,000	
8.	Nominal Amount per Note:	ZAR1,000,000	
9.	Specified Denomination and number of Notes:	ZAR1,000,000 and 60 Notes	
10.	Issue Date of the Notes:	30 October 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 transfer:	N/A	
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	No	

17.	Redemption/Payment Basis:	Redemption at par	
18.	Automatic/Optional Conversion from	N/A	
	one Redemption/Payment Basis to		
19.	another: Partly Paid Note Provisions:	N/A	
	visions relating to interest (if any) payable or		
20.	General Interest Provisions		
20.	(a) Interest payable on the Note:	Yes	
	<ul><li>(a) Interest payable on the Note.</li><li>(b) Interest Basis:</li></ul>	Mixed Rate Note	
	<ul><li>(c) Automatic/Optional Conversion</li></ul>	N/A	
	from one Interest Basis to another:		
	(d) Interest Commencement Date:	Issue Date	
	(e) Default Rate:	N/A	
	(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:	Applicable	
	(a) Interest Rate(s):	7.50% per annum	
	(b) Interest Payment Date(s):	Commencing on 31 December 2029, 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December 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).	
	(c) Interest Period(s):	Each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the following Interest Payment Date; provided that the first Interest Period will commence on (and include) 30 September 2029 and end on (but exclude) 31 December 2029 (each Interest Payment Date as adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention).	
	(d) Fixed Coupon Amount(s):	N/A	
	(e) Initial Broken Amount:	N/A	
	(f) Final Broken Amount:	N/A	
	(g) Day Count Fraction:	Actual/365	
22.	Floating Rate Note Provisions:	Applicable	
	<ul><li>(a) Manner in which the Interest Rate(s) is to be determined:</li></ul>	Screen Rate Determination	
	(b) If Screen Rate Determination:		
	– Reference Rate:	3 month JIBAR	
	- Interest Determination Date(s):	The first Business Day of each Interest Period, with the first Interest Determination date being the Issue Date	
	<ul> <li>Relevant Screen Page and Reference Code:</li> </ul>	SAFEY Page and ZAR-JIBAR-SAFEX	
	- Relevant Time:	11:00am	
	- Relevant Financial Centre:	Johannesburg	
	(c) Margin:	290 basis points	
	(d) Minimum Rate(s) of Interest:	N/A	

	(e) Maximum Rate(s) of Interest:	N/A	
	(f) Interest Payment Dates:	31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year until 30 September 2029 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).	
	(g) Interest Period(s):	Each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the following Interest Payment Date; provided that the first interest period will commence on (and include) the Issue Date and end on (but exclude) 31 December 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.	Index Linked Interest Note Provisions:	N/A	
25.	Dual Currency Note Provisions:	N/A	
26.	Mixed Rate Note Provisions:	Applicable	
	d(s) during which the Interest Rate for the d Rate Notes will be (as applicable) that for:		
27.	Fixed Rate Notes	For all Interest Periods commencing on 30 September 2029 and ending on but excluding the Maturity Date, subject to the applicable Business Day Convention	
28.	Floating Rate Note	For all Interest Periods commencing on the Issue Date and ending on but excluding 30 September 2029, subject to the applicable Business Day Convention	
Prov	isions relating to redemption		
29.	Exchange Rate Time:	Close of business	
30. Maturity Date:		31 March 2032, subject to paragraph 51	
31.	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	
32.	Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer:	Applicable	
	(a) Optional Redemption Date[s]:	The date specified as such in the Issuer Redemption Notice.	
	<ul><li>(b) Optional Redemption Amount[s] and method, if any, of calculation of such amount[s]:</li></ul>	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	

33.	Early Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders:		N/A	
34.	Valuation Dates:		N/A	
35.	Valuation Time:		N/A	
36.	Mark	et Disruption Event:	N/A	
37.	(a)	Averaging Dates:	N/A	
	(b)	Consequences of an Averaging Date being a Disrupted Day:	N/A	
38.	Final	Redemption Amount:	100% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount	
	Link	ases where the Note is an Indexed ed Redemption Note or other ble-linked Note:		
	(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	
39.	Early	Redemption Amount:	The amount in South African Rands determined by the Calculation Agent which will act in good faith and use commercially reasonable procedures to produce a commercially reasonable result, and shall equal the amount, expressed in South African Rands, of the aggregate proceeds that are or would be realised by the Issuer in relation to the early redemption of the Notes after terminating, liquidating, modifying, obtaining or re-establishing any hedges or related trading positions or funding arrangements	

40. Settlement Currency:

41. The maximum and minimum number of days prior to the Early Redemption Date on which Issuer Redemption Notices

10 (ten) calendar days.

ZAR

calculated shall not be less than zero.

entered into by it (including with its internal functions) and including, without limitation, interest rate swaps, repos, bonds, etc. in connection with the Notes, provided that such amount so and Special Redemption Notices must be given by the Issuer:

- 42. Time for receipt of Early Redemption Notice and/or Noteholder's Notice:
- 43. Redemption Notice Time:
- 44. Procedures for giving Issuer Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 10.3 (*Redemption Notices*):
- 45. Procedure for giving Special Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 10.3 (*Redemption Notices*):
- 46. Basis for selecting Notes where Daily Maximum Amount is exceeded if other than on a pro rata basis:
- 47. Additional provisions relating to the redemption of the Notes:
- 48. Instalment Note Provisions: N/A
- 49. Exchangeable Notes Provisions:
- 50. Equity Linked Notes, Equity Basket Notes Provisions:
- 51. Single Index Notes, Basket of Indices Note Provisions:
- 52. Currency Linked Notes Provisions:
- 53. Credit Linked Notes:

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

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N/A

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 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 53 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:
  - if Physical Settlement applies, Deliver an amount of a (i) Deliverable Obligation with market value equivalent to the Cash Settlement Amount less Unwind Costs to the Noteholder: or
  - (ii) if Cash Settlement applies, pay to the Noteholder an amount equal to the Cash Settlement Amount less Unwind Costs,

in each case, 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) 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 53(E) of the Applicable Pricing Supplement.'

(	(a)	Effective Date:	23 October 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 tha 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 Terms:	Not Applicable
(	(k)	Standard Reference Obligation:	Not Applicable

## **General Terms**

(1)	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 March 2032	
		Coupon: 8.25%	
		SA Government Bond Identifier: R2032	
		ISIN: ZAG000107004	
		or	
		<li>any, senior unsecured Bond issued by the Reference Entity with the Obligation Characteristics listed in par 51(y), as selected by the Issuer</li>	
(n)	All Guarantees:	Applicable	
Fixed Payn	nents		
(0)	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 Po	ayment		
(r)	Floating Rate Payer Calculation Amount:	ZAR65,603,747	
(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	
	Reference Obligation only	
Х	Bond	
	Loan	
	Bond or Loan	

	(y)	Obligation Characteris	stics:	Specified Currency: ZAR
				Listed
				Not Subordinated
	(z)	Excluded Obligations	:	N/A
Settle	ment	Terms following a Cre	dit Event:	
	(aa)	Settlement Method:		Physical Settlement
	(bb)	Fallback Settlement M	lethod:	Cash Settlement
	(cc)	Reference Price:		100%
	(dd)	Accrued Interest:		Include Accrued Interest
Term	s rela	ting to Physical Settlen	nent	
	(ee)	Notice of Physical Set	tlement	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.
	Deli	verable Obligations:		
	(ff)	Deliverable Category:	Obligation	Bond
	(gg)		Obligation	Specified Currency: ZAR
		Characteristics:		Listed
				Not Subordinated
	(hh)	Excluded Deliverable	Obligation	N/A
Term	s Rela	tting to Cash Settlemer	ıt:	
	(a)	Valuation Date:		Single Valuation Date: 5 (five) Business Days
	(b)	Valuation Time:		11:00 Johannesburg time
	(c)	Quotation Amount:		ZAR65,603,747
	(d)	Cash Settlement Date:		3 (three) Business Days following the Valuation Date
	(e)	Cash Settlement Amo	unt:	Floating Rate Payer Calculation Amount x Final Price
54.	Con	nmodity Linked Notes	:	N/A
Provi	isions	relating to settlement		
55.		lement type:		Physical settlement
56.	56. Board Lot:			N/A

57.	Currency in which cash settlement will	ZAR
57.	be made:	
58.	Early Redemption Payment Date:	Early Redemption Date
59.	Clearing System:	Strate
60.	Physical Delivery Date:	N/A
Defin	nitions	
61.	Definition of Business Day:	As defined in Condition 2 (Interpretation)
62.	Definition of Exchange Business Day:	As defined in Condition 2 (Interpretation)
63.	Definition of Maturity Notice Time:	As defined in Condition 2 (Interpretation)
64.	Definition of Tax Event:	As defined in Condition 2 (Interpretation)
Gene	eral Provisions	
65.	Business Day Convention:	Modified Following Business Day Convention
66.	Relevant Clearing System:	Strate
67.	Last Day to Register:	By 5:00pm on 26 March, 25 June, 25 September and 26 December in each year until the Maturity Date, or if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day before each Books Closed Period.
68.	Books Closed Period[s]:	The Register will be closed from 27 March to 31 March, 26 June to 30 June, 26 September 30 September and 27 December to 31 December in each year until the Maturity Date (both dates inclusive).
69.	Determination Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division
70.	Specified Office of the Determination Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
71.	Specified Office of the Issuer:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
72.	Calculation Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division
73.	Specified Office of the Calculation Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
74.	Paying Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division
75.	Specified Office of the Paying Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
76.	Transfer and Settlement Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division
77.	Specified Office of the Transfer and Settlement Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
78.	Provisions relating to stabilisation:	N/A
79.	Stabilising manager:	N/A
80.	Additional Selling Restrictions:	N/A
81.	ISIN No.:	ZAG000210113
82.	Stock Code:	FRC553
83.	Method of distribution:	Non-syndicated
84.	If syndicated, names of Managers:	N/A

- 85. If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:
- 86. Governing law (if the laws of South Africa are not applicable):
- 87. Other Banking Jurisdiction:
- 88. Surrendering of Notes in the case of Notes represented by a Certificate:
- 89. Use of proceeds:
- 90. Pricing Methodology:
- 91. Ratings:

#### 92. Receipts attached?

- 93. Coupons attached?
- 94. Stripping of Receipts and/or Coupons prohibited as provided in Condition 17.4 (*Prohibition on Stripping*):
- 95. Any Conditions additional to, or modified from, those set forth in the Terms and Conditions:

Material Change Statement:

96. Total Notes in Issue

FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division

N	[/A	

- N/A
- N/A

General corporate purposes

# N/A

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

No No

N/A

N/A

## ZAR42,029,290,523.87

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.

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 audited annual financial statements for the twelve months ended 30 June 2024. This statement has not been confirmed nor verified by the auditors of the Issuer.

## **Responsibility:**

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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/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 30 October 2024.

**SIGNED** at Sandton on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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

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

Name: L Hadebe Capacity: Authorised Signatory Who warrants his authority hereto Name: S Gross Capacity: Authorised Signatory Who warrants his authority hereto