



FIRSTRAND

Bank Limited

(Registration Number 1929/001225/06)

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

Issue of ZAR5,000,000 Credit Linked Notes with Scheduled Termination Date of 20 September 2017 Stock code FRC129

Under its ZAR30,000,000,000 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.

Description of the Notes

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| 1. Issuer: | FirstRand Bank Limited |
| 2. Status of Notes: | Unsecured |
| 3. Form of Notes: | Listed Registered Notes |
| 4. Series Number: | 129 |
| 5. Tranche Number: | 1 |
| 6. Specified Currency of the Notes: | ZAR |
| 7. Aggregate Nominal Amount: | |
| (a) Series: | ZAR5,000,000 |
| (b) Tranche: | ZAR5,000,000 |
| 8. Nominal Amount per Note: | ZAR1,000,000 |
| 9. Specified Denomination and number of Notes: | ZAR1,000,000 and 5 |
| 10. Issue Date of the Notes: | 5 July 2012 |
| 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 |

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| 16. | Deposit Notes | No |
| 17. | Redemption/Payment Basis: | Redemption at par |
| 18. | Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Redemption/Payment Basis to another: | N/A |
| 19. | Partly Paid Note Provisions: | N/A |

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

20. General Interest Provisions

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| (a) | Interest payable on the Note: | Yes |
| (b) | Interest Basis: | Floating Rate Note |
| (c) | Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Interest Basis to another: | N/A |
| (d) | Interest Commencement Date: | Issue Date |
| (e) | Default Rate: | N/A |

21. Fixed Rate Note Provisions: N/A

22. Floating Rate Note Provisions: N/A

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| (a) | Manner in which the Interest Rate(s) is to be determined: | Screen Rate Determination |
| (b) | If Screen Rate Determination: | |
| | – Reference Rate: | 3 month JIBAR |
| | – Interest Determination Date(s): | The first day of each Interest Period |
| | – Relevant Screen Page and Reference Code: | SAFEY Page and ZAR-JIBAR-SAFEX |
| | – Relevant Time: | 11:00am |
| | – Relevant Financial Centre: | Johannesburg |
| (c) | Margin: | 402 basis points |
| (d) | Minimum Rate(s) of Interest: | N/A |
| (e) | Maximum Rate(s) of Interest: | N/A |
| (f) | Interest Payment Dates: | 20 June, 20 September, 20 December and 20 March in each year until the Maturity Date adjusted in accordance with Modified Following Business Day Convention. |
| (g) | Interest Period(s): | As stated in Condition 2 (<i>Interpretation</i>) |
| (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: N/A

Provisions relating to redemption

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| 27. | Exchange Rate Time: | Close of business |
| 28. | Maturity Date: | 20 September 2017 subject as provided in Credit Linked Condition 3 (<i>Final Redemption and Maturity Date</i>) |

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) Other:

The Issuer sends a notice to the Noteholder stating that in the Calculation Agent's then estimation, the Net Asset Value is less than or equal to 30% of the Issue Price.

"Net Asset Value" means the sum of components used by the Issuer to create the trade, as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in a commercially reasonable manner, including but not limited to:

- a) the estimated value of the Credit Default Swap; and
- b) the amount that would be required (positive or negative) to settle the other Hedging Positions.

"Credit Default Swap" means a credit default swap entered into by the Issuer, as credit protection seller, with amongst others, the following features:

- a) Reference Entity: Holcim Ltd
- b) Fixed Amount: EUR513,000
- c) Effective Date: 29 June 2012;
- d) Scheduled Termination Date: 20 September 2017
- e) Obligation
 - Category: Borrowed Money
 - Characteristics: None
- f) Floating Rate Payer Calculation Amount: EUR Equivalent Amount.
- g) Credit Events: no more onerous than - Bankruptcy, Failure to Pay and Restructuring.

Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation and Conditionally Transferable Obligations: Applicable.

Payment Requirement: US\$1,000,000 or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation currency as of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay.

- h) Deliverable Obligation
 - Category
 - Bond or Loan
 - Characteristics
 - Not Subordinated
 - Specified Currency
 - Not Contingent
 - Assignable Loan
 - Consent Required Loan
 - Transferable
 - Maximum Maturity – 30 years
 - Not Bearer

"EUR Equivalent Amount" means amount equal to the Issue Price expressed in Euro (at a conversion rate determined by the Calculation Agent).

For the avoidance of doubt, the "Credit Default Swap" constitutes part of the "Hedging Positions"

30.	Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer:	Applicable
	(a) Optional Redemption Date[s]:	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 3 (three) Business Days written notice
	(e) If redeemable in part:	N/A
31.	Early Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders:	N/A
32.	Valuation Dates:	Single Valuation Date: 5 (five) Business Days after the determination of any payment or delivery due under the Credit Default Swap
33.	Valuation Time:	11h00
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: In cases where the Note is an Indexed Linked Redemption Note or other variable-linked Note:	100% (one hundred per cent) of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
	(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:	Means the amount determined by the Calculation Agent, which

will act in good faith and use commercially reasonable procedures to produce a commercially reasonable result, which value shall not be less than zero and will be the sum of the following items (if applicable) expressed in South African Rands –

- a) The amount required (positive or negative) to settle the Credit Default Swap (which will be terminated early by the Issuer);
- b) The amount required (positive or negative) to settle the other Hedging Positions (which will be early terminated by the Issuer).

38.	Settlement Currency:	ZAR
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:	Other - 3 (three) Business Days
40.	Time for receipt of Early Redemption Notice and/or Noteholder's Notice:	10:00am (Johannesburg time), as stated in the Terms and Conditions
41.	Redemption Notice Time:	10:00am (Johannesburg time), as stated in the Terms and Conditions
42.	Procedures for giving Issuer Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 10.3 (<i>Redemption Notices</i>):	N/A
43.	Procedure for giving Special Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 10.3 (<i>Redemption Notices</i>):	N/A
44.	Basis for selecting Notes where Daily Maximum Amount is exceeded if other than on a pro rata basis:	N/A
45.	Additional provisions relating to the redemption of the Notes:	N/A
46.	Instalment Note Provisions:	N/A
47.	Exchangeable Notes Provisions:	N/A
48.	Equity Linked Notes, Equity Basket Notes Provisions:	N/A
49.	Single Index Notes, Basket of Indices Note Provisions:	N/A
50.	Currency Linked Notes Provisions:	N/A
51.	Credit Linked Notes:	Applicable
	(a) Type of Credit-Linked Notes:	Single Reference Entity Cash CLN
	(b) Whether Programme Transaction Type Standard Terms applicable	N/A
	(c) Reference Entity and the related Reference Obligations, Obligations and/or Deliverable Obligations:	Reference Entity: Holcim Ltd Reference Obligation: Issuer: Holcim Finance LUXSA Maturity: 9 December 2014 Coupon: 4.375% ISIN: XS0207037507

(d) Transaction Type(s):	N/A
(e) Substitution of Reference Entity is applicable:	N/A
(f) All Guarantees:	Applicable
(g) Reference Price:	100 per cent
(h) Credit-Linked Payer Calculation Amount:	As defined in the Credit Linked Annex
(i) Scheduled Termination Date:	20 September 2017

Terms relating to Credit Events

Credit Event Provisions

(j) Credit Events:	Bankruptcy Failure to Pay Restructuring Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation and Conditionally Transferable Obligations: Applicable Payment Requirement: US\$1,000,000 or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation currency as of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay
(k) Additional Credit Events:	None
(l) Potential Repudiation/Moratorium:	N/A
(m) Credit Event Portion:	Applicable

Obligations

(n) Obligation Category:	Borrowed Money
(o) Obligation Characteristics:	None
(p) Additional Obligations:	N/A
(q) Excluded Obligations:	None

Terms relating to settlement following a Credit Event

(r) Conditions to Settlement:	Credit Event Notice Notice of Publicly Available Information Specified Number: One
(s) Settlement Currency:	ZAR
(t) Settlement Method:	Cash Settlement
(u) Fallback Settlement Method:	N/A
(v) Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Extension:	N/A

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Terms relating to redemption by Cash Settlement

(w) Valuation Date:	Single Valuation Date: 5 (five) Business Days after satisfaction of the Conditions to Settlement
(x) Settlement Currency:	ZAR
(y) Cash Settlement Date:	3 (three) Business Days following the Valuation Date

Cash Settlement:

(z) Cash Settlement Amount:

Means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent, which will act in good faith and use commercially reasonable procedures to produce a commercially reasonable result, which value shall not be less than zero and be the sum of the following items in South African Rands –

- (i) The amount required (positive or negative) for the Issuer to settle the Credit Default Swap, or, at the option of the Issuer the Floating Rate Payer Calculation Amount multiplied by the Reference Price less the Final Price of the asset deliverable by the Issuer (as determined by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Cash Settlement provisions of the Credit Derivative Definitions as set out in Section 7.5(a) thereof) in respect of a Credit Default Swap;
- (ii) The amount required (positive or negative) to settle the other Hedging Positions (which will be terminated early by the Issuer).

(aa) Cash Settlement of Loan: N/A

(bb) Quotations: N/A

(cc) Alternative Cash Settlement Amount: N/A

Terms relating to Physical Settlement N/A

Terms relating to Interest Provisions on the Notes

(dd) Extension Interest for purposes of Credit-Linked Condition 5.1 N/A

(ee) Cessation of Interest: Interest ceases to accrue from the Interest Payment Date immediately preceding that relevant Cash Settlement Date (or, the in the case of the first Interest Period, the Interest Commencement Date)

Further Provisions/Amendments

(ff) Unwind Costs: N/A

(gg) Additional provisions to the Credit-Linked Conditions: N/A

52. **Commodity Linked Notes:** N/A

Provisions relating to settlement

53. Settlement type: Cash Settlement

54. Board Lot: N/A

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

56. Early Redemption Payment Date: 3 Business Days after the Early Redemption Date

57. Clearing System: N/A

58. 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 14 June, 14 September, 14 December and 14 March in each year until the Maturity Date
66. Books Closed Period[s]: The Register will be closed from 15 June to 20 June, 15 September to 20 September, 15 December to 20 December and 15 March to 20 March (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 Agent: FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division
75. Specified Office of the Transfer 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.: ZAG000096967
80. Stock Code: FRC129
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

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| 88. Pricing Methodology: | N/A |
| 89. Ratings: | zaAA National Scale Long Term rated by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC as at 29 March 2012, which may be reviewed from time to time. |
| | For the avoidance of doubt, the Notes have not been individually rated. |
| 90. Receipts attached? | No |
| 91. Coupons attached? | No |
| 92. Stripping of Receipts and/or Coupons prohibited as provided in Condition 17.4 (<i>Prohibition on Stripping</i>): | 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 | ZAR2,713,125,000.00 |

Responsibility:

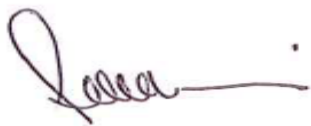
The Applicant Issuer certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no facts that have been omitted which would make any statement false or misleading and that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made as well as that the Placing Document contains all information required by law and the JSE Listings Requirements. The Applicant Issuer shall accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Placing Document, Pricing Supplements, and the annual financial report, the amendments to the annual financial report or any supplements from time to time, except as otherwise stated herein.

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

Application is **hereby** made to list this issue of Notes **on 5 July 2012**.

SIGNED at ____Sandton____ on this __04__ day of ____July____ 2012

For and on behalf of
FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED



Name: A Olding
Capacity: Manager
Who warrants his authority hereto

For and on behalf of
FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED



Name: P Kahn
Capacity: Manager
Who warrants his authority hereto