



# No bonus for Absa's Ramos

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Absa's chief executive Maria Ramos is to forego her bonus due to the group's "disappointing" results.



Addressing a presentation of the group's results to end December, Ramos said: "We are reporting disappointing results. Our numbers reflect a difficult year."

ABSA's results were hit by credit impairments in home loans and commercial property. Absa's home loans division recorded a headline loss of R992m versus a profit of R516m in the previous year.

A large percentage of mortgages written between 2006 and 2008 "went bad", chief financial officer David Hodnett said.

In the retail markets, business credit impairments rose 53% to R6bn compared with the previous period as mortgage impairments more than doubled to R4.4bn.

Absa on Tuesday (12 February) reported a 9% decline in diluted headline earnings per share to 1,224.6 cents for the period, down from 1,350.0 cents a year earlier.

Headline earnings were down 9% to R8.8bn.

The group's return on equity decreased from 16.4% in 2011 to 13.6% last year.

"We maintained a total dividend per share of 684 cents, after considering regulatory changes, our strong capital position, strategy, growth plans, and near-term business objectives," Absa said.

It said that higher credit impairments, particularly in retail mortgages and commercial property finance, were the principal reason for lower earnings.

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