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Africa's Great Moment

The world's leading footballers will be arriving in South Africa in June to compete in the first football world cup on the African continent.

As a leading emerging markets financial services organisation rooted in Africa, Standard Bank Group is proud to have played an important role in enabling the development of the continent and helping Africa get ready to host the most desirable trophy in world sport. We have helped finance infrastructure projects across Africa: from the Lekki-Epi highway in Nigeria, to the Morupule power station in Botswana. And in South Africa, we have played a key role in supporting the football effort; we have supported the financing of the World Cup stadia in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban, the freeway infrastructure around Johannesburg and Pretoria, and have contributed to making the Gautrain a reality, and we supplied the financial expertise for Johannesburg's OR Tambo airport, widely regarded as the showcase gateway to Africa.

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Key facts and figures

- Standard Bank Group assets of approximately US\$162 billion (December 2008)
- Market Capitalisation of approximately US\$14 billion (December 2008)
- Present in 33 countries around the world
- Employs more than 50,000 people world-wide (including Liberty)

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