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Chief Executive Named in FT Top 50

Jacko Maree, Chief Executive Officer for the Standard Bank Group has been named by the Financial Times as one of the top 50 emerging market business leaders.

Published in January the interactive report was compiled by the newspaper's team of international financial journalists to identify the top leaders, in Africa, Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe, for their role in shaping the strong economic performance of their respective regions.

Mr Maree's involvement in the negotiations to establish a partnership with Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and his lead on the purchase of Russian investment bank Troika Dialog had lead to him being included in the newspaper's top 50.

Haydn Taylor, Managing Director of Banking and Investment Services at Standard Bank, said: "This recognition is testament to the focussed approach by the Group, lead by Jacko Maree, to become a leading emerging markets financial services organisation. We are delighted with Jacko's inclusion in the report as it further boosts our global profile and comes at a time when our Jersey office is receiving increased business from clients in emerging market regions."

"Jacko is a regular visitor to the island and he values the part that the Offshore Group plays in the overall success of the Bank" added Mr Taylor.

Mr Maree is named alongside fellow South African business leaders Cyril Ramaphosa, executive chairman of the Shanduka Group; Phuthuma Nhleko, chief executive of MTN; Graham MacKay, chief executive of SAB Millar and prominent African leader Nigerian Central Bank Governor Lamido Sanusi.

The full interactive report is available online at www.ft.com

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Standard Bank

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The Standard Bank Offshore Group has offices in Jersey, Isle of Man and Mauritius and provides a range of services for private and corporate clients including banking, wealth management, trust and company administration, asset management, investment services and fund administration.

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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