

## **Business Week**

### **Absa, Aspen, Billiton, RGT, Sasol: South Africa Equity Preview**

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The following is a list of companies whose shares may have unusual price changes in South Africa. Stock symbols are in parentheses after company names and prices are from the last close.

South Africa's FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index rose for the first time in four days, climbing 305.03, or 1.2 percent, to 26,314.56.

Absa Group Ltd. (ASA SJ): Namibia rejected Absa's proposed acquisition of a majority stake in Capricorn Investment Holdings Ltd., saying it wanted the owner of the country's third-biggest lender to remain domestically held. Absa, South Africa's largest retail bank, gained 1.13 rand, or 0.9 percent, to 122.59 rand.

Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd. (APN SJ): Sigma Pharmaceuticals Ltd., the subject of a A\$707 million (\$594 million) takeover offer from Aspen, fell to the lowest in six weeks in Australian trading on speculation the deal won't succeed. Aspen rose 57 cents, or 0.8 percent, to 75 rand.

BHP Billiton Ltd. (BIL SJ): Australian Treasury Secretary Ken Henry said the department had "revised up" its commodity- price forecasts. Henry made the comments to a Senate committee hearing in Canberra today. BHP, the world's largest mining company, advanced 2.48 rand, or 1.2 percent, to 201.70 rand.

RGT Smart Market Intelligence Ltd. (RGT SJ): The provider of market analysis said shareholders no longer have to exercise caution when trading in its stock. The shares increased 2 cents, or 20 percent, to 12 cents.

Sasol Ltd. (SOL SJ): Crude oil rose for the first time in six days in New York as investors took the view its biggest weekly drop in eight makes the commodity attractive to buy. Sasol, the world's biggest maker of motor fuel from coal, rose 5.25 rand, or 1.9 percent, to 276.75 rand.

The following shares begin trading without the rights to their latest dividends:

Cadiz Holdings Ltd. (CDZ SJ), Chemical Specialities (CSP SJ), DataTec Ltd. (DTC SJ), Foschini Ltd. (FOS SJ), Hosken Consolidated Investments Ltd. (HCI SJ), Invicta Holdings Ltd. (IVT SJ), Nampak Ltd. (NPK SJ), Tiger Brands Ltd. (TBS SJ)

Shares or American depositary receipts of the following South African companies closed as follows:

Anglo American Plc (AAUKY US) rose 0.2 percent to \$17.34. AngloGold Ashanti Ltd. (AU US) increased 0.6 percent to \$40.75. BHP Billiton Ltd. (BBL US) gained 1.1 percent to \$52.15. DRDGold Ltd. (DROOY US) gained 0.7 percent to \$4.29. Gold Fields Ltd. (GFI US) advanced 0.3 percent to \$12.83. Harmony Gold Mining Co. (HMY US) added 1.2 percent to \$10.31. Impala Platinum Holdings (IMPUY US) climbed 1.8 percent to \$23.51. Sappi Ltd. (SPP US) increased 1.1 percent to \$3.80. Sasol Ltd. (SSL US) rose 1 percent to \$35.76.