Mercantile Bank Holdings Limited (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) (Registration number 1989/000164/06) ("the Group")

UNAUDITED DISCLOSURE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 43 RELATING TO BANKS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE BANKS ACT, NO 94 OF 1990, AS AMENDED ("REGULATION 43")

Quarterly disclosure - Capital adequacy

In terms of Regulation 43, the Group is required to disclose quantitative information on its capital adequacy ratios on a quarterly basis. The consolidated capital position of the Group and the capital position of Mercantile Bank Limited ("Bank") at 31 March 2012 is set out below.

| | Group | Bank |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | R'000 | R'000 |
| Total primary capital | 1,353,777 | 1,446,862 |
| Total secondary capital | 35,383 | 4,201 |
| Total regulatory capital | 1,389,160 | 1,451,063 |
| Primary capital adequacy ratio (%) | 23.75 | 25.96 |
| Secondary capital adequacy ratio (%) | 0.62 | 0.07 |
| Total capital adequacy ratio (%) | 24.37 | 26.03 |
| Total capital requirement (@ 9.5%) | 541,608 | 529,497 |

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