

## COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE

Paris, le 12 février 2015

### **ALD AUTOMOTIVE ET WHEELS ETENDENT LEURS ACTIVITES A L'AFRIQUE DU SUD**

**ALD Automotive et son partenaire nord-américain Wheels, Inc. ont signé un partenariat avec Absa Vehicle Management Solutions (Pty) Ltd (AVMS), une société sud-africaine, leur permettant d'accompagner leurs clients dans 46 pays\*.**

AVMS, filiale d'Absa Bank Limited (Absa Bank), détenue à 100% par Barclays Africa Group Limited, est l'une des principales entreprises de gestion de flottes en Afrique du Sud. Ce partenariat fournit à ALD Automotive et à Wheels un support régional essentiel pour ses clients grands comptes internationaux ayant des activités en Afrique du Sud.

L'alliance entre ALD Automotive et Wheels, bénéficie aujourd'hui d'un réseau de partenaires, comprenant FleetPartners (en Australie et Nouvelle-Zélande), Johnson & Perrott (en Irlande) et Absa (en Afrique du Sud) et constituant la couverture géographique la plus importante du secteur de la location longue durée et gestion de flottes, avec un parc consolidé de plus d'1,5 million de véhicules.

*\* Algérie, Allemagne, Australie (via FleetPartners), Autriche, Belgique, Biélorussie, Brésil, Bulgarie, Canada (via Wheels), Chine, Croatie, Danemark, Espagne, Estonie, Finlande, France, Grèce, Hongrie, Inde, Irlande (via Johnson & Perrott), Italie, Kazakhstan, Lettonie, Lituanie, Luxembourg, Maroc, Mexique, Nouvelle-Zélande (via FleetPartners), Norvège, Pays-Bas, Pologne, Porto Rico, Portugal, République Tchèque, Roumanie, Royaume-Uni, Russie, Serbie, Slovaquie, Slovénie, Suède, Suisse, Turquie, Ukraine, USA (via Wheels).*

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### **ALD Automotive**

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- Operates in **39 countries**,
- Employs **4,800 persons**,
- Manages over **1,070,000 vehicles** (at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014).

Combining professionalism and quality of services provides companies with value-added integrated solutions at both national and international levels.

[www.aldautomotive.com](http://www.aldautomotive.com)

### **Wheels, Inc.**

Wheels, Inc. ([www.wheels.com](http://www.wheels.com)), which pioneered the concept of auto leasing in 1939, provides a full range of specialized services to help corporations manage their vehicle fleets. Wheels manages more than 300,000 vehicles in North America. Its holding company, Frank Consolidated Enterprises, is a \$2 billion company that currently ranks as the largest privately held fleet management company and one of the largest private companies in North America.

For additional information, contact [info@wheels.com](mailto:info@wheels.com).

### **Barclays Africa Group**

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Our Group was formed by combining Absa Group Limited and the majority of Barclays Africa operations on 31 July 2013. Reflecting the enlarged Group's Pan-African focus, our name changed from Absa Group Limited to Barclays Africa Group Limited on 2 August 2013. At 30 June 2014, we had 847,8 million shares in issue and a market capitalisation of R136,9 billion. We operate in 12 countries and have 12 million customers, total assets of R977,8 billion; 10 749 automated teller machines, 1 287 branches and more than 42 000 permanent employees.

Our registered head office is in Johannesburg, South Africa and we have majority stakes in banks in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania (Barclays Bank Tanzania and National Bank of Commerce), Uganda and Zambia. We also have representative offices in Namibia and Nigeria. Our bancassurance operations are in Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia. Barclays Bank Kenya and Barclays Bank Botswana continue to be listed on their respective stock exchanges. In addition to the entities listed in this legal structure, Barclays Bank PLC has operations in Egypt and Zimbabwe which are an integral part of our African business and continue to be run by Barclays Africa operationally.