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His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Kuebetswe Masisi (left), Botswana Power Cooperation board chairperson, Professor Oboetswe Motsumai (centre) and China Harbour Engineering Consortium chairperson, Mr Bai Yin Zhan at the signing ceremony of the 100MW Jwaneng Solar PV Plant Power Purchase Agreement in Jwaneng yesterday. The agreement entails development, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of the plant, which is expected to be commissioned by end of next year. The consortium will produce and sell power to BPC for 25 years. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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Mine aims for zero harm commitment

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANG - Jwaneng Mine is reaffirming its commitment to the highest safety standards in the workplace, in alignment with the company’s zero harm value, Acting General Manager Mr Gitosene Gadifele said at the Inter-Departmental First Aid competition on Saturday.

Despite recording three incidents this year, one of which resulted in a fatality, Mr Gadifele emphasised that Jwaneng Mine remains committed to uphold its reputation as the world’s safest mine. “Our drive towards zero harm will be underpinned by learnings from these incidents, enforcing adherence to our critical controls and engaging in open conversations when reflecting on our safety culture,” he stated. In all, we believe that zero harm is attainable and we should be persistent in putting safety first, because it is our personal responsibility to ensure that we work and live safely at all times,” he said.

He noted that initiatives such as the First Aid competition indicated the commitment and dedication of the Botswana Chamber of Mines (BCM) and participating partners towards practical demonstration of prioritising safety in the workplace and beyond.

The Acting General Manager furthermore emphasized the importance of applying the lessons learned from such initiatives to everyday life—at work, home, and on the roads. He expressed optimism that the growth of safety initiatives would help the mining sector achieve the goal of absolute zero harm.

Mr Gadifele, said that even though this year’s theme, ‘First Aid: An Important Link in the Chain of Survival’, was in line with individual aspirations to make a positive impact through primary response, there was need to acknowledge the challenges hindering such achievements.

“The theme reflects the resonance with our individual desire to make a positive contribution to people’s lives through First Aid with the view to prevent complications and untimely death. We are mindful of the fact that this undertaking is not a walk in the park, as we will, without doubt, encounter challenges in our endeavour to avoid untimely deaths,” he said.

Meanwhile, Ore Processing and Mining departments will represent Jwaneng Mine at the BCM Inter-Mines First Aid competition penciled for Palapye next month following their triumph over 10 others on Saturday.

The Ore Processing captain, Ms Fenellah Thebe, said even though they attributed their victory to determination and hard work, their work environment required them to uphold the highest standards of safety at all times hence First Aid was important.

“In our workplace, we work with machines that can be dangerous and therefore we are always striving to be prepared to avoid a lost time injury in case an incident occurs,” she said.

For his part, the Mining Department captain Oteng Nkwevalesa, said they intend to work on their mistakes to close the gaps to ensure that Jwaneng Mine retains the First Aid championship.

“For instance, I have realised that in the simulation exercise, we take a lot of time removing the patient from the high safe area after starting treatment, and that is what we are going to work on before the inter-miner competitions,” he said.

Botswana strives for quality services to attract tourists

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - In a push to enhance the nation’s reputation as a premier tourism destination, officials are calling for a collective commitment to providing exceptional service and a warm welcome to visitors. This was said by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Honourable Mmusi Kgafela, during the grand opening of the Botswana Boutique Hotel in Maun over the weekend.

Minister Kgafela emphasised the impact of excellent hospitality on the country’s tourism sector, stating that Botswana had long been recognised globally for its stunning Delta, the vast salt pans, and the iconic sand dunes of the Kalahari Desert.

“It is upon us as a nation to warmly welcome visitors through our rich and diverse culture and heritage sites, food, as well as our hospitality in order to maintain our status as the destination of choice,” he remarked.

The Minister underscored the importance of creating a welcoming environment to attract significant investments, such as the newly inaugurated Grays Eden Sanctuary Boutique Hotel, which is expected to enhance the tourism landscape in Maun.

Honourable Kgafela lauded the efforts of the government led by His Excellency, President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Kaebeatego Masire, noting that various initiatives aimed at infrastructure development, human capital enhancement, and improved international relations were vital in positioning Botswana as a place of investment. He pointed out that these efforts would ultimately aid local businesses in thriving and remaining competitive.

“Through the incentives provided by the government under the Botswana Investment Trade Industry (BITC), and in partnership with the Botswana Tourism Orug-Alignments (BTO), are celebrating the monumental achievement of the Grays Eden project,” he added.

Recognizing the pivotal role of BITC in attracting foreign direct investment, Minister Kgafela commended them for the contribution to the establishment of the Grays Eden hotel. He also acknowledged BTO for its efforts in positioning Botswana as a preferred tourism destination essential for attracting and retaining significant investments.

Furthermore, the Minister credited all government agencies involved in the project for their support and gave special mention to Chobe Holdings for their role in guiding the investors to ensure the sustained growth of the business.

Your experience in the industry is unquestionable, and there could not have been a better partner than you to facilitate agreements. I assure you that the government, through my ministry and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, stands firmly behind your investment. You have made the right choice in opting for Botswana as your investment destination,” he concluded.

Mr Kgafela said government, remained committed to ensure the prevailing laws and policies were in place to provide for business to thrive and urged the new hotel to support local communities to continue to thrive and be successful.

Government, he said, had taken a decision to build local capacity in sectors such as food production by putting importation control measures on basic commodities citing harvest problems and many more that the establishment would need for its operations.

He called for urgent action from the government under the Botswana Investment Trade Industry (BITC), and in partnership with the Botswana Tourism Orugu-alignments (BTO), to work on before the inter-miner competitions. This is to ensure that all sectors of society to protect vulnerable children.

“Recent reports from newly established centers for sexual crimes against minors are disheartening, especially since many cases are perpetrated by those the children should trust, such as family members,” he remarked. He added that some cases go unreported, with victims often silenced by fear and stigma.

“Children’s protection requires all of us to stand united and intensify our efforts to shield them from all forms of violence,” he stressed, underscoring the community’s responsibility in safeguarding the children.

The Deputy Council Secretary, Operations, Ms Kebapilele Horatius, concurred that issues of child neglect in the district need to be taken serious.

“The issues, she said, were a major concern and emphasised that as the district leadership and other stakeholders, they should join hands and come up with interventions to create a safe, supportive environment that fosters positive change for a better future for the children and the community at large.”

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He added that the democratic process required constant reform, noting Rwanda's recent reduction of its electoral cycle from seven years to five years, along with the introduction of two-term presidential limits moving forward.

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Botswana moves towards energy transition

By Pako Lebanna

KIGALI - His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Kebatwe Masisi has said that the Rwannda President, Mr Paul Kagame, Rwanda was being sworn in for a five-year term as the President of Rwanda at the Amahoro National Stadium in Kigali, President Kagame called for peace in the eastern DRC in particular.

"It is extremely important, it was a very apt statement that President Kagame made, because there is a need of peace, for the meeting of the minds, particularly in eastern DRC. We often talk about this and I am very glad he talked about it, and in a way expressing a willingness to sit around the table and compromise, and that is my take home," President Masisi said.

In his inauguration address, President Kagame said the conflict in eastern DRC had created uncertainty and distrust in the region and needed to be addressed.

"Peace in our region is a priority for Rwanda, yet it has been lacking particularly in eastern DRC. But peace cannot happen on its own, we all have to do our part, the right things in order to achieve and sustain peace. It should be understood as a necessity to respect people's rights. We need to reflect on the world we want our children to live in," Mr Kagame said.

In the aftermath of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, the Interhamwe, militia group that had largely perpetrated the genocide against minority Tutsi and moderate Hutu in Rwanda, retreated to the neighbouring eastern DRC after President Kagame's Rwandan Patriotic Front seized power ending the conflict.

The broader conflict drew DRC internal rebel groups, and neighbouring countries on either side of conflict, with various sides accusing each other of war excess. Former Botswana President, the late Sir Ketumile Masire chaired the Inter-Congolese Dialogue that eventually led to the cessation of hostilities in 2003.

But over the past 20 years, various conflicts have continued to resurface in the eastern DRC. Kivu region, breeding instability that led to renewed battles, including internal ethnic clashes between the Mai Militia and Banyamulenge peoples as well as conflict between Islamic State aligned insurgents and M23 rebels close to the borders with Rwanda and Uganda.

The latest resurfacing of the conflict has seen the United Nations placing thousands of troops in one of the world's largest peacekeeping effort, augmented by the Southern African Development Community Mission in the DRC.

By Pako Lebanna

KIGALI - Nourishing democratic culture through institutional and legal reform, limits to the exercise of power and efforts to protect the peace in Africa are important components of good governance, His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Kebatwe Masisi has said.

Speaking in an interview recently at the Kigali International Airport after attending the inauguration of the Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame, Dr Masisi said it was important for African countries to support each other towards strengthened democracy.

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Dr Masisi said such projects were instrumental in driving the country's industrialisation plan and transformation from middle to high income economy and also contributed to the decarbonisation of the mining and manufacturing industries.

While he applauded China Harbour Engineering Consortium for effectively securing the tender for the project, he underscored the need for skills and technology transfer to citizens. BOPA
Data Protection Bill crucial for democracy

By Lesedi Thatayadimo

GABORONE – The Vice President, His Honour Shamber Tsogwane, said the Bill ensured effective data protection that helped to prevent misuse of data by both state and non-state actors, including curbing surveillance and ensuring that data was not used for discriminatory practices, thereby protecting citizens’ rights and freedoms.

Commenting on the debate, Ngami MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama supported the Bill, saying it set clear rules and standards for data handling and also encouraged organisations to act responsibly.

Mr Hikuama added that protecting personal data would create a more equitable environment where personal information would be respected.

Okavango MP, Mr Kenny Kapenga said that he supported the Bill, saying it was long overdue.

However, he cautioned against companies that used information to exploit Botswana.

Earlier on, Minister Morwaeng had indicated that the Bill sought to make provision for a national Data Protection and Data Protection Commission and give it functional independence, to thus regulate the protection of personal data and to ensure that the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data was maintained.

Emphasising its importance, he said the Bill intended to protect fundamental rights and freedoms of personal persons with regards to privacy of personal data.

This Bill affects all the citizens of this country as it seeks to regulate the protection of their personal data and ensure that their privacy in relation to their private matter is maintained,” he said.

He added, “The Bill continues information about data protection commission and affirms its operational independence.

Part III distills competencies of the commission, its investigative corrective and advisory powers under the Act,” he said.

The Minister further said the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) updated its recommendation tool in October 2020 by introducing a criterion that required that countries should have cooperation and coordination between relevant authorities to ensure compliance of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Control requirement with data protection and private rules and other similar provision.

He said in order for Botswana to demonstrate compliance with FATF recommendations, there was need to implement Data Protection Act and generate compliance data for the FATF continuous monitoring of information and that would be held in 2027. BOPA

Women in a jubilant mood during Women’s Day celebrations hosted by Avani in Gaborone on Friday. One of the guest speakers, Mr Thabiso Bogopa urged women to heal and find peace before they could explore opportunities for a new future in a relationship. Photo: Felicity Male

Land unavailability delays BNL S headquarters project

GABORONE - Construction of the Botswana National Library Service (BNLS) headquarters has not commenced as anticipated owing to issues related to unavailability of suitable land to undertake a national project of its magnitude and stature. This was said by the Minister of Gender, Youth, Sport and Culture, Honourable Tumiso Rakgakgana when responding to a question in Parliament on Friday.

Minister Rakgakgana said approximately P99 million was used in the project design. “From this total, P16.9 million was for architectural services, P8.3 million for civil and structural engineering services, P4.9 million for mechanical engineering services while P34.9 million was children quantity surveying services,” the minister said.

He further indicated that in 2015, owing to issues of lack of suitable land, government took a decision to repossess all undeveloped plots allocated to government ministries and agencies within the Central Business District where they are currently working with the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs to secure an alternative, suitable and strategic plot for this project,” he said.

Member of Parliament for Ghanzi South, Mr Motsamai Motsamai had asked the minister to give an update on the progress of this construction of the BNLS project, and how much was used for the design of the building.

He also wanted to know if the plot still existed at the CBD and where it was to be located. BOPA

Kekgonegile calls for Citizenship Act amendment

By Olekantsie Sennamose

GABORONE - The Citizenship Act needs to be amended to prevent rendering some people stateless.

Tabling his proposal in Parliament last week, Masau West MP, Mr Goretse Kekgonegile called for the amendment of the Citizenship Act particularly Section 15, which focused on dual citizenship.

Mr Kekgonegile said the Act as it stood now was out of date, adding that a person born of a Motswana parent and a foreigner to renounce the foreign citizenship at the age of 21, something he said had rendered many stateless.

“The international human rights organisation such as UNESCO has indicated that it is the right of every individual to have a global citizenship, something that Botswana as a member has signed to. As a signatory to these protocols Botswana should not be seen as a country that makes people stateless,” he said.

“The Citizenship Act in Section 15.1 states that if a person is born in Botswana between a Motswana and a foreign national then such person will enjoy dual citizenship until the age of 21 when they have to renounce the foreign citizenship, failure of which will automatically lead to them losing Botswana citizenship.

This is an anomaly as government would have spent a lot in their upbringing, including education and health,” he argued.

He indicated that Parliament had previously agreed that such was odd, while the portfolio minister indicated that the ministry was finalising a Cabinet Memo for presentation to Cabinet as part of the review process.

“It was a pity that five years down the line, the promise was not kept. Parliament cannot, therefore, allow the status quo to prevail and the situation is especially dire in border villages where people interact across borders,” he added.

Mr Kekgonegile said that the Act was amended to allow an individual who attained 21 years of age and failed to renounce their foreign citizenship, to instead lose foreign citizenship, instead remain with the Botswana citizenship.

“This is an anomaly because most of the Botswana citizens who lose their citizenship been to the countries of their foreign parent, let alone know any of their extended family members there. In that case, the automatic loss of Botswana citizenship is tantamount to rendering them stateless, contrary to the UNESCO protocols that Botswana is a signatory to,” he said.

As such, he suggested that dual citizenship should not be renounced at any age.

He further proposed that any law that required renouncing should ensure that the person was not rendered stateless, but instead facilitate them to acquire citizenship of the country they opted for.

Mr Kekgonegile said the Bill came in the wake of a High Court judgement of Sethabile Mathe vs The Attorney General, which ruled in favour of the applicant that Section 15 of the Citizenship Act was offending the Constitution, as well as Sections 3, 13 and 14.

“The object of the Bill is therefore, to align Citizenship Act with this High Court judgment. This Bill gives us an opportunity to comply,” he said.

In response, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Annah Mokgethi acknowledged that a holistic approach to the amendment of the Citizenship Act would soon be before Parliament.

Minister Mokgethi said the proposals would consequently encompass amendments proposed by Mr Kekgonegile’s Bill, while also noting that while Parliament was narrow as it only seeks to amend a few sections of the Bill, it still aimed to respond to the holistic approach that he would bring before Parliament.

She added that most of the time, people were rendered stateless by their lack of knowledge that they had to renounce their foreign citizenship at the age of 21.

The Minister said the judgement referred to, made provision to ensure that those affected would not be stateless.

Concluding to the debate, Okavango legislator, Mr Kenny Kapenga argued that the minister had long promised holistic amendment to the Act since 2019.

“It is only wise to make the proposed amendments as they are already before Parliament so that this can expedite the said holistic amendment,” he said.

Mochudi West MP Ms Mmusi Kgafela said the cited High Court judgement struck off Section 15 of the Citizenship Act, thereby rendering the amendment null and void.

“You cannot amend something that is non-existent.” Mr Kgafela said. BOPA
Ministry awards three Chinese companies projects since 2020

PARLIAMENT - The Ministry of Transport and Public Works, has since 2020, awarded projects to three Chinese-owned companies at the total value of P972,724,924.13.

Responding to a question in Parliament recently, transport and public works minister, Honourable Eric Molale said the projects comprised one road and two building construction.

Minister Molale said the projects also consisted of the construction of the office building for the Ministry of Finance in Gaborone awarded to Colic Construction in 2022 at P414,993,316.14.

He said the construction of the new police station in Letlhakane was awarded to Heli Construction and Engineering/ Mido Construction Joint venture in 2021 at P155,000,766.65.

He explained that the project was a 50/50 joint venture between a non-citizen company and a 100 per cent citizen-owned company.

He said the third project was the construction of Mandunyane-Shashemoone-Borolong-Chadibe-Mathangwane road including access roads to Natale and Malaboro awarded to Unik Construction (PTY) Ltd in June 2023 at the tune of P765,730,941.34.

Regarding the 30 per cent sub-contracting policy for Botswana-owned companies, Minister Molale noted that only one citizen-owned company had been sub-contracted mainly brickwork in that project at a cost of P33,303,187.93, representing 30.84 per cent for the office building for the Ministry of Finance.

He said the project commenced in August 2023 and was currently at 57 per cent against 66 per cent completion.

For the joint venture between Heli and Mido, he indicated that the sub-contracting was not a requirement as it already included the 50 per cent for the citizen-owned company, adding that the project commenced in August 2022 and was currently at 96 per cent against 100 per cent completion.

Mr. Molale further pointed out that the contractor for Mandunyane-Mathangwane road project was yet to engage social contractors as required by the Project Governance Framework which defined processes and procedures for managing various aspects of projects, including Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

He commended BVI for their success in retrieving information due to their efforts to engage social contractors.

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By Portia Rapitsengene

MOENO - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education is more than simply a path to personal success. It is the foundation of a progressive and equitable community, said Chief Education Officer for Palapye region, Ms. Didimulang Mmene.

Speaking at the mini-science week festively known as ‘Jewel of our nation’ University of Agriculture and Natural Resources in partnership with Botswana Vaccine Institute at Moeng College recently, Ms. Mmene said it was critical that the revolutionary power of STEM education was harnessed to ensure a better future for all.

Ms. Mmene said STEM education was the most potent instrument for shaping the future, as it empowered individuals, strengthened communities and propelled society forward.

“We unlock each student’s potential allowing them to make important contributions to their families, communities and the world at large,” she said.

Ms. Mmene said in today’s quickly changing world, the concept of STEM goes beyond the classroom. It is realized when lifelong learning was crucial for both personal and professional development.

As educators, it is our obligation to foster in our students a passion for learning, we must foster curiosity, problem solving, critical thinking and the desire for ongoing progress. By doing so, we enable people to adapt and prosper in an ever-changing environment,” Ms. Mmene said.

Ms Mmene said innovation must be embraced as it was fundamental to educational success.

She said from incorporating digital tools in the classroom improving personalised learning plans, innovation may make education more accessible, challenging difficulties in retaining information due to the COVID-19 related office closures.

Prof. Mbaiwa inspires learners to pursue science-related fields

By Portia Ikogopoleng

KACHIKAU - Liswani Junior Secondary School learners in Kachikau have been encouraged to pursue wildlife and environmental science related careers.

Speaking at Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) national science week at Kachikau on Saturday, the Director of the Okavango Research Institute Professor Joseph Mbaiwa urged the students to have curious minds that would develop solutions to the human-wildlife conflict in future.

He said due to the proximity and experience of co-existing with wildlife, Liswani learners were penned to become the greatest wildlife and environmental scientists.

Prof. Mbaiwa said this year’s theme: An Enquiring Mind: a Gateway to Creativity and Innovation, stimulated the desire to learn and willingness to explore beyond the obvious in young people.

He commended BVI for their achievements over four decades providing sustainable animal solutions not just in Botswana but SADC region.

The director pointed out that Northern Botswana was vastly populated with wildlife including buffaloes that were carriers of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) which had rendered Chobe a red zone for exporting of beef to European market.

He said over the years, BVI had played a critical role in producing FMD vaccines for cattle in Botswana and the rest of SADC, adding that the institute continued to be actively involved in research.

BVI Head of ICT, Mr Kgomo Motu said the satellite event was meant to inculcate science and research into the broader society and inspire learners to venture into science-related fields.

Mr Mmene said positioning Botswana towards a knowledge based and export led economy called for great minds like learners to choose careers that were Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related.

The STEM path, he said would ensure Botswana had mathematics and scientists who would devise solutions that were specifically designed for Botswana.

He remarked that Chobe was a catchment area of BVI programme due to its FMD vaccine beneficiary, and noted it was important to teach learners about science to stimulate their interest.

BVI further donated P10,000 cash to Liswani junior and awarded students who excelled in learning plans, innovation may encourage learners to pursue creativity and innovation in their learning journey.
New hotel to benefit community

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - The newly opened Grays Eden Sanctuary Boutique hotel will entice tourists to spend some days in Maun to experience what the area offers.

Kgosi Tawana II has said that welcoming guests during the grand opening of the facility on Saturday, Kgosi Tawana said the district leadership and the community had long wanted some products that would attract tourists to stay in Maun before flying into the famous Okavango Delta as well as to contribute to the local economy.

He said Maun was well known as the gateway to the delta, and that it was the only benefit that residents enjoyed.

"It has taken a long time to realise a facility like this and tourists have been flying in and out of the delta to their respective countries without enjoying the diverse culture of our communities. Now we have a magnificent facility for sleep over before traversing the delta and going back," he added.

The facility is strategically located to accommodate those who would be going for safari day trips or mokoro trips into the delta. It will also provide an opportunity for travelers to experience what Maun offers in terms of tourism products while at the same time supporting local businesses through buying of different products.

He stressed the need to have more of high-end facilities in Maun and in the delta to accommodate the flow of tourists.

"Making remarks on behalf of the minister of Environment and Tourism, the assistant minister of Education and Skills Development, Honourable Naamiki Makwinja said the facility would not only offer world-class amenities but would provide a genuine showcase of Botswana as a prime tourism destination.

She thanked the country’s leadership unwavering support to the tourism industry, adding that the ministry would continue to drive the tourism sector to greater heights and position Botswana as destination of choice for visitors.

"This hotel that is being opened today will go a long way in establishing Maun as a destination by itself as more tourists will now spend more time here before departing for the delta and other wilderness camps," she added.

Ms Makwinja also noted that such initiatives aligned perfectly with the government’s Reset Agenda, which aimed to assist the tourism industry to recover and achieve the development aspirations as outlined in the National Vision 2036 and the Eleventh National Development Plan (NDP11).

Moreover, such endeavor, she said, aligned with the Tourism Policy of 2021, which identifies key areas to foster tourism growth in Botswana and this include increasing tourism’s contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), diversifying the tourism base to extend visitors’ stays, promoting various forms of tourism and developing investment opportunities and value chains within the sector.

In recent years, she said, tourism sector faced numerous challenges which also revealed opportunities for innovation and growth.

She said that supported by the government, the opening of such facilities stood as a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the industry.

Ms Makwinja thanked the owners of the facility and wished it to thrive and to inspire others in the industry.

The facility is a partnership between the owners Sam and Sandrine Morris and Ker &Downey Botswana, a subsidiary of Chobe Holdings Company.

Chobe Holdings Company chief executive officer, Mr John Gibson said their organisation formed part of Maun as it was the only listed entity, which its headquarters were based in Maun and employing over 1 000 staff members.

He thanked the owners of the establishment for their dedication and hard work to bringing their dream to life, adding that they had created a product that was competitive.

Through collaboration, he said, they could change things for the better for the benefit of the community and the country at large.

BSE launches sustainability disclosure guidance

By Thato Moseinyi

GABORONE - In an effort to transform the local stock market into a world-class securities exchange, Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) in collaboration with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Africa has launched the Sustainable Disclosure Guidance.

Speaking during the guideline launch on Thursday, GRI Africa Programme Manager, Mr Bhongolwethu Sonti said the initiative represented a significant milestone in BSE’s journey towards corporate responsibility, accountability and ensuring sustainable growth of capital markets in Botswana.

He said the BSE disclosure guidance launched was a comprehensive tool to enhance the quality and consistency of information disclosed by local listed companies while it was also leading to the guiding light for companies outside the market aiming to be well performing companies embedded in society.

"The primary purpose of the guiding regulations is to improve investment decisions through provision of high quality sustainable information. From companies in order to enable better informed investment decision making by possible investors," he said.

Mr Sonti said there was need for the guidelines as companies were no longer judged on their financial performances or shareholding dividends but were also judged on how they managed their environmental and societal impact on their operational jurisdiction.

Such regulations, he said, would encourage companies to disclose their impact risks and opportunities to foster business performance and accountability.

Mr Sonti said a cornerstone within the guiding regulation was to ensure that sustainability issues impacted not only the company’s financial performance but also the social and environmental aspects, thus required companies to disclose information on both the financial risks and opportunities.

Additionally, he said Botswana’s corporate governance and landscape was also evolving at a fast pace with various regulators adopting different guidelines which the BSE also drew from hence promoting alignment with international standards.

Mr Sonti said by integrating industry principles and sustainability within the frame works, the BSE could ensure that sustainability became the core component of corporate governance in Botswana.

He explained that the robust sustainability reporting frame works could lead to tangible benefits by including improved market reputation, increased investment flows and greater resilience and social economic and environment challenges.

Mr Sonti said implementing the regulations could enhance BSE as it positioned itself as a forward thinking and stock exchange that repute which is committed to fostering sustainable business practices.

The regulation guidance, he said, could also help improve the overall quality of companies listed on the exchange. By encouraging better disclosure and management of sustainability related risks and opportunities, the BSE, Mr Sonti said, could help companies become more resilient, competitive and attractive to investors which could result in high market capitalisation as well as increased trading volumes.

"Over the past three decades, there have been many drivers that led companies, regulators and governments to ensure that principles were integrated within companies," he said.

He said BSE had been at the forefront of driving transformation and demonstrating an unwavering commitment to fostering sustainable business practices and ensuring strong corporate responsibility.

"Since its inception as Botswana Share Market in 1989 to its evolution to Botswana Stock Exchange in 1995, the exchange has grown into a pivotal institution in the country’s financial landscape, as is today a proud member of various international governing bodies," he said. BOPA
His Excellency President, Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi was among African Heads of State who attended the inauguration ceremony of Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame. President Masisi said attending the inauguration was a reflection of Botswana’s commitment to strengthening diplomatic ties with Rwanda. President Masisi also endorsed President Kagame’s call for regional peace especially in Democratic Republic of Congo.

1. His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi (left) with Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame (second left), First Lady Jeannette (centre) and children at the inauguration ceremony at Amahoro National Stadium.

2. People arriving at Amahoro National Stadium.

3. Rwanda disciplinary forces bands performing at the ceremony.

4. Thousands of Rwandans came to witness the inauguration of their president.

5. A Rwanda army helicopter fly past at the ceremony as President Kagame was inaugurated for his fourth term in office.

6. The 40 000-seat Amahoro National Stadium was filled to capacity during the ceremony.

7. Rwanda traditional ensemble entertaining guests.

8. President Masisi was seen off by Rwanda Minister of State for Education Ms Claudette Irere at Kigali International Airport.
The main findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) are as outlined below -

i. NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE ACTIVITY
The project entails extraction of river sand to be used in the making of bricks as well as during construction of roads, buildings and other infrastructures. The principal activities involved in the river sand extraction process is the excavation/extraction of the river sand by front loaders/excavators and loading it into tipper trucks for transportation to different destinations.

ii. LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY
The proposed project site is located along Serule River, near Serule Village.

iii. ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

The table below presents a summary of the Environmental Impacts and Management Measures identified by the EIA Study.

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| 1. Vegetation loss                   | Construction        | • Areas to be cleared should be marked and removal of vegetation should be limited to the marked area  
                                         |                     | • There is no protected species identified within the footprint of the proposed site. |
| 2. Noise pollution                   | Construction & Decommissioning | • Before operation, all machinery and equipment should be well maintained in order to reduce the magnitude of noise that would be generated.  
                                         |                     | • All machinery should be in good working condition and engines switched off when not in use.  
                                         |                     | • Ensure that all stationary equipment are carefully oriented away from sensitive receptors and/or shielded from receptors by other non-noisy equipment or structures.  
                                         |                     | • River sand mining will mainly take place during the day and no mining activity is anticipated at night (0000hrs-1700hrs). |
| 3. Land pollution                    | Construction & Decommissioning | Solid waste  
                                         |                     | • Waste Bins with covers should be provided at each working junction. The contents should be emptied and disposed off at a designated site daily.  
                                         |                     | • Contaminated soil/slipshovel should be collected, treated and disposed off by a licensed and registered company that deals with hazardous waste collection and disposal.  
                                         |                     | Liquid waste  
                                         |                     | • Portable toilets should be provided on site for workers. The ratio of toilets to workers should be 1:25 in compliance with Factories Act regulation on sanitation.  
                                         |                     | • The servicing of the portable toilets should be undertaken by a licensed waste management company at least once a week. |
| 4. Potential injuries/ stress to workers | Construction & Decommissioning | • There should be a Health and Safety Plan in place.  
                                         |                     | • Provide all the workers with adequate PPEs and ensure their daily usage on site. The PPEs should be replaced on time when they are worn out.  
                                         |                     | • Safe and secure storage for equipment and materials should be provided on site and their Material Safety Data Sheets should be property kept.  
                                         |                     | • Establish emergency procedures against hazards and ensure that workers are inducted and follow them.  
                                         |                     | • Ensure that firefighting equipment is provided and placed at strategic locations on site. In addition, workers should be trained to use their use and their maintenance.  
                                         |                     | • Men at work signs should be placed close to working areas especially when they are near roads or working on roads.  
                                         |                     | • Good housekeeping should be practiced ensuring minimal exposure to risk of DHS incidents and accidents occurring.  
                                         |                     | • At least an equipped first Aid Box should be on site. |
| 5. Potential spread of HIV/AIDS       | Construction        | Health and safety education on HIV/AIDS and STIs should be provided to all workers on the project at least on a monthly basis for the duration of the construction phase.  
                                         |                     | Make condoms available for all workers |
| 6. Employment creation (skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour) | Construction & Decommissioning | Recruite as many local people as possible especially in the semi-skilled and unskilled category.  
                                         |                     | Botswana citizens should be given priority when recruiting labour, especially from village of Serule.  
                                         |                     | There should be gender equity in the recruitment of labour. |
| 7. Air pollution                     | Construction & Decommissioning | Cover River sand material and sprinkle with water before haulage trucks leave from the borrow pit site to their destination.  
                                         |                     | Access roads should be sprinkled with water daily before haulage trucks can use them and every 4 hours during the works, speed limit should be kept at or below 30km/h when using the access roads.  
                                         |                     | Stockpile of loose materials should be covered and sprinkled to minimize dispersion and dust pollution.  
                                         |                     | It should be mandatory for all workers, visitors and customers to wear a dust/respiratory mask before accessing the site and to also have on proper PPE apart from the masks. |
| 8. Availability of serviced river sand | Operation           | The river sand service should be maintained and properly extracted to ensure continuous availability. |
| 9. Change in surface water run-off   | Operation           | • Mining activities should be limited to the proposed location.  
                                         |                     | • Any excess soil should be used to control erosion in vulnerable areas.  
                                         |                     | • Stockpile of loose sandy materials should not be kept for long and should be placed away from drainage channels in order to reduce the risk of sediment movement.  
                                         |                     | • Movement of machinery should be restricted to working areas and designated access road.  
                                         |                     | • Drainage facilities in close vicinity of the working areas, if disturbed, should be restored back to its original capacity. |

iv. CONCLUSION
The conclusion from the findings of the EIA study is that the benefits of implementing the project outweigh the negative impacts. There is currently no private operational river sand mining in Serule. The demand for river sand needs is fulfilled by sources from Palapye, Tonota and Selebi-Phikwe. However, the proposed Serule river sand mining is a necessity to the Central District and Serule in particular to relieve pressure/ high usage from neighbouring localities. The negative impacts identified by the EIA study can be minimised through the implementation of the mitigation measures and recommendations made in the Environmental Management Plan which formed part of the EIA study.

v. RECOMMENDATION
Following the undertaking of the Environmental Impact Assessment study, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with due implementation of all the management measures recommended.

vi. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PLACEMENT (LOCATION) FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
Copies of the detailed Environmental Impact Statement have been placed in the following locations for review by the public.

1. Department of Environmental Protection Library (Francistown),
2. Serule Kgoli

vii. CORRESPONDENCES
Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested/ affected persons should be submitted to: The District Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, Private Bag F020, Francistown, Tel: (+267) 2417363, Fax: (+267) 2417130 or hand delivered to Ntsho House, Office 2.106 or 2.019 by Friday 30th August 2024.
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KITSISO E, E REBOLWA KA MOLAO WA TSHEKATSEKO TIKOLOGO WA NGWAGA WA 2011(EA Act, 2011)

TSHEKATSEKO WA TIKOLOGO GA GO EPIWA GA MOTHABA MA NOKENG KO SERULE KO BAPA LA MOTSE WA SERULE

Dintha ligolo tsa Tekehatsheko ya TikoLOGO (EIA) ke tse di thalakotswe kg fa tse –

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2. Lefelo la Tlhabololo
   Lefelo le go seholotse lego epiwa mothaba go kwe lona le ka noko ya Serule, gobapa le motse wa Serule.

3. Kgotselego ya TikoLOGO

4. Kgongagalo ya dikgobo le melweta le baleke kg - ya Botlako ya diko ya noko.

5. Kgongagalo ya ga amara ya melweta le baleke baleke - ya Mohare ya WA HIV le Bolwatse jwa AIDS


7. Kgotselego ya Phethi

8. Kgongagalo ya noko

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Ka Catherine Simane

KISA — Maikaelo a Banka ya First National Bank Botswana Foundation fe tefela matselo a setsheba se ba direlang go mo same ka go buseta bontha bongwe jwa dipelo tsa banka ee go go bone.

Ka jalo FNBB Foundation e ne ya simolodiwa ka 2004 morago ga go sekeka dikgewelo tsee di ba amang setsheba mo metseng le dikgoaLO tsee di farolagonyang.

Moetle&ipele wa kgaoana ya borwa mo bankeng eo. Mme Onkemetse Montshedi o buile se kwa sekeleng se se bohale sa Kisa, mo kgaelong ya Tsabong, jaaka ba ba na abea bahtlhi diibe tsa sekeleng tsee dirisang marang a letsatsi le le tselela ngwe ya roloetiwa le go tofakatsa maduo mo dikkolanga jaaka a le maaritlo a bone.

A re go simologa ka ngwaga wa 2015 ba be ba heela kwa theko P500 000 ngwaga le ngwaga go thusa le go lhaholaba matselo a bahtlhi ba ba kgakala le litsamelo le gona go tofakatsa maduo mo dithugong tsee bone, a supa fa go fihlo ka nomakong go gompieno ba setse ba dirirutse mafu a featleng Pim.

Mme Montshedi o a tselela ka go batho ba foksila le diphumoe tsee ba di abetseng sekeleng sa Kisa di akatera beke ya sekelo e ne nang le marang a letsatsi le lebona le le baa ba baa fala ba go go bosigo.

Fe go atse jalo a boleletse fa gape FNBB Foundation e nilamile le go ritebanyagana le dipilara tsee thataro tsee le long tsoa di ba kainga ka ba fa thasa ka tseggo mo diritong tsee setsheba. A re Montshedi o a ne a thalasoa fa dipilara tsee di akatera ya Banana, go ba baa go tofakatsa matselo a bone ka baingwe ba apaeteke le letlhoko le ditho morago ga go fetsa mo dikkoleng tsee ihutlhe ditiro.

O supile fa gape go ritebanyaga le go tofakatsa thuto mo dikkolonga tsee di kgakala le litsamelo gona ba kgone go phahidana le dikolo tsee di mo ditepele le go m符合 gorong go en the madwao go a tseletse go tshoo.

Ka Keonee Majoto

Kane Kanye ba Tshipi

Kgosii KelsiSwang o bolokilwe
kwa Kanye ka Tshipi

Ka Keonee Majoto

KANEY - Dibui ka phutlhong ya ga Kgosii Daniel KelsiSwang, kwa Kanye ka Tshipi, di mo kaile a na e rata temo-thuoe le bile a ne a e tsa a ka tlaa物资.

Kgosii KelsiSwang o bako fa a ne a tsaual temo-thuoa jaaka kgwebo, a dira ka gotle gore a alege mo go yone e bile a leletsa ba bangwe kalogo.

Molomi ka ene, Rre Peter Siele o tlholosefa fa Kgosii KelsiSwang a ne a le pelo-thwuse go amagana dikitsa tse gaga tsee temo-thuoe le ba bangwe, sele se a reng se ne se okela bata kwe go ene go ya go anywa maile.

Rre Siele yo a neng le mo mailele wa pele wa kgalo ya nako e, ya Ngwaketse Borwa a re moisi o ne a tsa a ka tlaa物资 diihuto tsee selemi, mme se e sa dira gore a dire bontle mo temo-thuoe.

A re pelo ga buisup, temo-thuoe e ne e na le sebego se sego mo go tshegsegten sehlelo ya Botswana mme a tshalosa fa se se se diwe ka go tshwara ka natla ga balemi-barui ba selelelo sa ga Kgosii KelsiSwang, ba ba neng ba tlotla tiro ya bone.

Tsalaa ya Gallagher, Rre Marcus Rowland o ne a gatingla kgang ya lela ka ga Kgosii KelsiSwang mo temo-thuoe, a re o ne o dumela mo go lhaholobeng leruo la gagwe.

Mo godimo ga moo, Rre Rowland a re moisi o ne a rata bata, a le bonolo mme ga a rata dilo tsee di tshalametse a le bile a dirwa ka thulaganyo.

Morwadi moisi, Mme Tsholofelo Malatji o boleletse fa rraaeng o na e a le leletsa le gona a bonolo.

Mme Malatji o re Kgosii KelsiSwang o ne a rata maduo a manto, a sa rate tiro epe a ka dirwa ka go lathelewa.

A re morago ga go tholelo tiro ya bogosi, o ne a tselela a lelanyaa bata, a re o ne a ka seke a buse ope yo a neng a tsholka tsho ya gagwe ka tumaka a gona ga a sa tsho e bontsego tse di gona ya bogosi.

Kgosii KelsiSwang, o lthoaketsa kgwedi eno e rugwa, a le dingwasa tsee 98.

Morago ga go direla kwe meepong kwa Aferika Borwa go le dira mo leboteng la botsogo jwa leruo monogoe na, o a thibongwa kgasona ya Goora-Mongala ka Kanye mo a 1993.

A re morago ga go tholelo ka kgotlenq Yooro-Mongala ka 2016, o ne a ya ga tseleledisa ga direla mofara wa Ngwaketse kwa kgotlenq-kgotlenq ka ga go bogakotlodi e le mongwe ga batladi mo gofere, BOPA.
Leveraging on Research, Science, Technology & Innovation to
Vision 2036 - Count me in
Public Lecture and Roundtable Panel Discussion
Time: 08:30hrs - 12:30hrs
Venue: BUAN CICE Auditorium
Theme: Vision 2036 - Count me in
Date: 29/08/2024
Topic: “Implementing the National Transformation Strategy (NTS) by Leveraging on Research, Science, Technology & Innovation to grow the Agriculture & Natural Resources Sectors: The Case of BUAN”
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

IN THE ESTATE OF the late Thato Ramakgosi who died at Gasko Ward, Gabane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 22nd September 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication thereof.

DATED AT ... on this ... day of ...2024

THE EXECUTOR

MOTILELAPA RAMAKGOSI

P.O BOX 1200, MOLEPOLOLE

TEL: 75157077 / 74961561

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**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mafikeng High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of determining appointment, a person or persons asExecutor/Executrix Devisator as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss the following:

**CERTAIN:**

SITUATE:

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED**

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Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) wishes to invite offers for the below tenders.

1. **TENDER NO: BURS/IT/SUP/22/2022-2025 - PROCUREMENT OF PRINT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE & 1 YEAR MAINTENANCE.**

   **PRAB Code & Grade under the following categories:**
   Code: 120 - ICT Technical Support Services
   Sub code(s): 01 - Systems Development Services and maintenance services

   **Procurement Method:**
   Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)

   **Fee:**
   P250.00

   **Collection Date:**
   22nd August 2023

   **Tender Closing:**
   6th September 2024

2. **TENDER NO: BURS/IT/SUP/22/2022-2025 - PROVISION OF DESIGN AND INSTALLATION SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL AND CCTV AT TLOKWE BORDER POST.**

   **PRAB Code & Grade under the following categories:**
   Code: 311 - Project Management Services
   Sub code(s): 01 - General Project Management
   AND
   Code: 02 - Electrical Engineering Works and Maintenance
   Sub code(s): 07 - Security systems installations (CCTV, Access Control, Alarms etc.)

   **Procurement Method:**
   Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)

   **Fee:**
   P250.00

   **Collection Date:**
   22nd August 2023

   **Tender Closing:**
   6th September 2024

3. **TENDER NO: BURS/IT/SUP/22/2022-2025 - PROCUREMENT OF OUTSOURCED SERVICES FOR USE OF THE BURS CAFETERIA TO PROVIDE FOOD AND NON- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BURS STAFF AND CUSTOMERS FOR THREE (3) YEARS.**

   **PRAB Code & Grade under the following categories:**
   Code: 120 - ICT Technical Support Services
   Sub code(s): 02 - Restaurant & Food – serving services
   Sub code(s): 03 - Catering & Catering services

   **Procurement Method:**
   Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)

   **Fee:**
   P250.00

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Interested companies are advised to purchase tenders from 07:30 to 12:30 and 13:45 to 16:00 hours during weekdays, at BURS Head Office CBD, Finance Division - Tow or Block of offices 4th Floor, South Wing, Reception. In line with Government Policy Reform 2013, the BURS reserves the right to refuse any bids that are found to be not in accordance with Government Procurement Policy. Applications or queries relating to the issue of this document should be forwarded to Procurement Unit at procurement@burs.org.bw.

The invitation to tender can only be collected on production of the official receipt from: Botswana Unified Revenue Service, Procurement Unit (Mochudi), South Block, Ground Floor, New BURS Head Office, Lot 54379, Eastern Commercial Road, CBD, Gaborone. Any clarifications or queries relating to the tender documents should be directed to procurement@burs.org.bw.

The response to the Tender is to be hand delivered or couriered to BURS and deposited in the tender box located at Procurement Unit (Mochudi), South Block, Ground Floor, New BURS Head Office, Lot 54379, Eastern Commercial Road, CBD, Gaborone, not later than 10:00hrs on the day of closing. Bidders are informed that public opening procedure shall be followed. A copy of the record of tender opening shall be sent to all bidders who have submitted their bids.

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED IN RESPECT OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deeds of Cession and Delegation No. PA 71/2012 dated 11th November 2012 made in favour of **MOSES PALALANI** and CHIFFON TSHOO in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:**

Piece of land being Lease Area No. 494 - 10.

**SITUATE:**

To Kgatse (Kgatse) of portion 1 (Kwakwaa) of farm request No. 5/JDG.

**MEASURING:**

3.1150a (Three Hundred Fifty Five Acre Five Hundred Feet).

Any person having an interest in the issue of such copy, is hereby required to lodge his name with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag (E1032), Gaborone within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

RICHARD TSHOO

P.O BOX 70714 GABORONE TEL: 3101496

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**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF LOST DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No. 2252/2019 dated 26th Day of November 2019 made in favour of **DAVID TAMUHL AND EMILY DINTWE**.

Any person having an interest in the issue of such copy, is hereby required to lodge his name in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 6208 GABORONE within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9TH OF AUGUST 2024

APPLICANT: Standard Bank | BERMHPT Trustees
Ole said DJ Stomps had a vision for not only his business but also Botswana’s creative space.

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - On Thursday August 8, Kabo Mogotsi, known as DJ Stomps, passed on at Princess Marina Hospital aged 38. DJ Stomps’ brother Kagiso Mogotsi revealed in an interview that the DJ had been unwell for a while. He said his younger brother would be laid to rest at Mmatshabakuduke on Saturday.

A memorial service hosted by creatives will be held at Molapo Crossing on Thursday afternoon. South African entertainment technologist specialising in lighting Olebogeng ‘Ole’ Mogotsi remembers DJ Stomps for his work especially in the technical aspect in entertainment. ‘Ole’, who later became a friend, met DJ Stomps whilst working at one of South Africa’s distribution companies. ‘We just hit it off then, as client and salesmen type of relationship where we would talk business most of the time, talking new technology that I had. He was always eager to be ahead of the game in terms of investing in his business,” said ‘Ole’, adding that DJ Stomps had a vision for not only his business but also Botswana’s creative space.

And he has done it with such passion and love. And from our conversations, some technical companies in Botswana would wonder what he could get out of his contacts. Besides his humanness there is excellence in everything he touched and worked on,” ‘Ole’ said.

Meanwhile, Trevor ‘Archduke’ Mauthobodi of House Junkies, where DJ Stomps started his entertainment career, also described him as a humble, passionate and big contributor to the entertainment space in Botswana. Having left House Junkies in 2008 alongside other two members, Lesedi ‘Spinz’ Magwose and Kago ‘Bush’ Mokanyele, whilst DJ Stomps was still at university, DJ Archduke said ‘Ole’ was always watching what each other and for their fans and also introduced new music and sounds. He said DJ Stomps had passion for technical sound, as after graduation from university he acquired a small sound system and continued to grow from then on, eventually founding CleerWorx Sounds, which created jobs for young people.

He said DJ Stomps, who was more of a commercial house DJ, contributed hugely to the technical entertainment space in the country where he offered his services to big productions.

It is sad that his passing comes at a time where his company had found a place in the creative space as one of Botswana’s best technical productions companies, female pioneer music promoter Zenele Hirschfeld said of DJ Stomps. Hirschfeld said she worked with DJ Stomps on various projects of empowering women creatives and recently on financial literacy project for Women of Works.

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Jace shines at Music and Coffee with Goth Rose

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The Music and Coffee event hosted by Goth Rose at the Ginger Pink Bakery was an opportunity for the country’s less known gems to shine. Jace, whose work has been featured by renowned local artists such as Boago Fenju, Punu Gabasiane, Khosan and ATI among others, left the crowd in awe with his debut live performance.

“I’m a pianist, singer, songwriter, and arranger for Roe Lefatshe Records, also known as Bantu Republic. I’ve worked with many artists across different genres,” he shared.

Although Jace has been contributing behind the scenes as a pianist, writer, and arranger, it was not until early 2024 that he began recording his own music.

Speaking about his upcoming projects, Jace revealed that his debut four-track album, Chasing the Dream, was set to drop by the end of the month. He expressed his love for music and Coffee event hosted by Goth Rose at the Ginger Pink Bakery was an opportunity for the country’s less known gems to shine.

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Jace’s love for music began at the age of five in church, where his mother served as a choir director. “Being born into a musical family, I embraced music differently from an early age,” he reflected.

Commenting on the event, Goth Rose, the mastermind behind the ‘Music and Coffee’ event, described the show as a celebration of Botswana’s music, poetry, and fashion. The event was vibrant, with attendees donning checked plaid outfits to honour the theme. The show was truly a spectacle. BOPA
Matlhaope, Bothhole national champions

By Ketshilope More

GABORONE - The Botswana Cycling Association (BCA) wrapped up their year’s cycling activities by crowning Individual Time Trial (ITT) national champions in Rasesa on Sunday.

In the female elite category, Moratwa Matlhaope, was crowned this year’s national champion with a time of 1:05.23 in the 42km distance, while Madhogonelo Bothhole clocked 58.38 becoming the men’s elite champion after the 42km distance.

The under 23 national title was grabbed by Gosiame Kekatlo in the male section clocking a time of 1:05.23 in the 42km distance.

In the junior male category, Sipho Goshi beat Rebono Khunofu registering a time of 44.03 against 44.18 for Khunofu.

However, Khunofu was crowned the national champion, as Goshi could not claim the national title because he is an Indian citizen. Nevertheless, he was recognised as the winner.

Giving an overview of the event, BCA president, Kagiso Potongwane, said although the attendance was not satisfactory particularly in the elite category, the event went well.

He said they had funding issues to host the nationals, as a result of subvention reduction from the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC).

Potongwane said their wish was to host price money national championships.

“Although a medal is what is of importance for national championships, some cyclists as individuals want to race and get something out of the events, hence we experienced low turnout in some categories,” Potongwane said, adding that in terms of development price, money was not an issue as cycling clubs field such price money events.

Despite funds reduction by the BNSC, Potongwane said they managed to pursue some organisations for funding to assist the sport.

Walk proceeds to aid Cybersmart Botswana

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - The proceeds of the 2024 Mascom Batanani walk will support CyberSmart Botswana.

Mascom Batanani walk participants, with the support of CyberSmart Botswana, a company committed to supporting digital safety through educational initiatives in partnership with UNICEF.

Speaking at the end of the sixth edition of the 10km Mascom Batanani walk on Saturday, Her Excellency First Lady Neo Masisi said the funds raised would enable CyberSmart Botswana to launch a national campaign aimed at educating secondary school learners about digital safety.

She said the CyberSmart Botswana nationwide project in secondary schools would impart students with the knowledge and skills in order for them to make informed decisions online.

She said the Internet was an incredible resource for learning, connection and growth, but could also present significant risks, especially for young people who could not always recognise the dangers that were lurking online.

She explained that the risks ranged from cyber scam, cyber bullying, and exposure to inappropriate content as well as online gender based violence (GBV).

She said the digital world could be a danger to navigate particularly for vulnerable young people and the elderly who may not be technologically savvy.

“By stepping up into the digital safety, we are stepping a stand for the future of our society where there are billions of Internet users,” she said.

She said it is estimated that from April, there were 5.4 billion of Internet users, which amounted to 67 per cent of the global population.

Of the total, she explained, 5.07 per cent or 67 per cent were social media users.

In her welcome remarks, Mascom Chief Executive Officer, Dzene Makhwade-Seboni explained that the main aim of the Mascom Batanani walk was to address social issues such as GBV, child protection and drug abuse, amongst others.

She said the walk was more than a physical activity but a demonstration of collective strength and determination for change.

“Some companies came on board to help, and without them we would not have managed with all our three national championships events,” she said, expressing gratitude to their contribution to assist the sport.

Meanwhile, race director, David Lebalelo, implored clubs to do more in improving and developing the cycling sport.

He said clubs needed to bring their development teams to the national championships and take nationals seriously.

“Clubs have to take nationals seriously and compete in large numbers in competitions, which do not have price money. The notion of competing only for price money is not working for us,” Lebalelo said.

Lebalelo said cycling was a sport, which could sell Botswana as a country, if only parents invested in it.

MPs join nation to welcome Olympic team

By Moshe Galagawwe

GABORONE - Parliament will tomorrow suspend the afternoon business in order to join the nation to welcome the team that represented Botswana at the just ended Paris Olympic Games.

The team is expected to arrive tomorrow at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport at about 2:45pm.

That followed a proposal by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Phendu Skelemani to suspend tomorrow’s afternoon business as well as legislators unanimously supporting the proposal so that they can also be a part of magnitudes who would be at the SSKI Airport to welcome the team.

As such, Parliament would tomorrow start at 9am and end at 5pm.

Legislators agreed that Botswana did exceptionally well and therefore deserved to be welcomed as heroes and heroines, hence looking forward to welcoming the team to show their support and commitment in the development of sport in the country.

They said being a part of the Batswana welcoming the team and celebrating its achievements was a sign of patriotism to the nation.

On one hand, Minister of Transport and Public Works, also Good Hope/Mahule MP, Honourable Eric Molale announced that his family would gift the team with 23 pregnant heifers.

Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Honourable Tumiso Rakgare (right), Her Excellency First Lady Neo Massisit (second left) and Mascom CEO, Dzene Makhwade-Seboni during the Mascom Batanani walk in Francistown on Saturday. Makhwade-Seboni said this year’s walk beneficiary was CyberSmart Botswana whose work was to educate Batswana on digital safety. Photo: Gasekise Moraugomo

Botswana Cycling Association held Individual Time Trial national championship in Rasesa on Sunday. Cyclists took part in 14km, 28km and 42km respectively. BCA president, Kagiso Potongwane said BCA would select the national team from competitors with better rankings to qualify for the regional and international competitions. Photo: Kagiso Onkatswile

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His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi and Batswana are expected to throng the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport today at 2.35pm to welcome Team Botswana back from the just ended Paris 2024 Olympic Games. From the airport, the team will then go on a city tour before proceeding to the National Stadium for official celebrations. A reception for the team will be held at Boipuso Hall tomorrow. The team brought home two medals; gold courtesy of Letsile Tebogo in 200m and silver through 4x400m relay team. Botswana was represented by 14 athletes at the Olympics and participated in only two codes; athletics and swimming.