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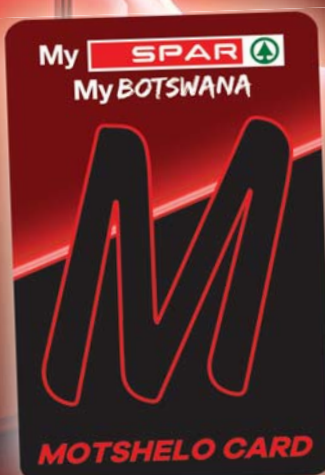
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# Choppies fulfills promise



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and Choppies Group board chairperson, Mr Uttum Corea launching the Choppies P4 000 living wage in Gaborone on Saturday. A total of 4 100 Choppies employees, who have been with the company for 12 months or more, started earning P4 000 as of this month. President Boko commended Choppies Group for implementing government's plan to introduce P4 000 living wage. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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# Govt develops plan to mitigate disasters

By Keith Ketji

## MOTSHEGALETAU

Government has developed a well-coordinated structure and an integrated set of activities to respond to impacts of natural disasters.

This was said by Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa during a tour of Motshegaletau fissures on Thursday.

He said the framework was meant to guide government and communities on how to mainstream disaster risk reduction.

However, he said there was need to enhance the structure to come up with a more comprehensive disaster management programme, which focused on reducing the impact of future disasters and enhance preparedness for any eventualities arising from such disasters.

He spoke of the need to make appropriate decisions when faced with such situations to enhance response and offer relief to households affected by disasters, hence the need to visit affected areas to get first-hand information on the issue at hand.

Furthermore, he advised land board authorities to be considerate about the topography of the area when allocating residential plots to avert a situation that exacerbates flooding, adding such areas where not suitable for allocation.

As for storm water drainage systems, he urged Batswana to desist from dumping debris and other form of waste on infiltration

trenches and culverts, noting such a practice aggravated flooding during cloudbursts.

Minister Mohwasa is of the view that raising awareness about potential hazards and how to address them needed collaborative efforts of all Batswana.

Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said the visit to affected areas accorded government an opportunity to have first-hand information that would assist in the planning process.

He said geoscientists were on ground to examine fissures, associated risks and were expected to use the findings to come up with a solution.

Dr Dikoloti said relocating affected households would be a costly exercise, thus he urged relevant authorities to make an assessment and survey of an area before undertaking a development to ensure suitability.

Serowe South legislator, Mr Leepetswe Lesedi said the fissures in Motshegaletau were bad and hoped no one would lose life due to the cracks.

He said Batswana were expecting a lot from the new administration to find solutions for their daily challenges.

Director of Science Delivery at Botswana Geoscience Institute, Mr Puso Akanyang said in an interview that ground fissuring was caused by a combination of factors such as earth's physical structure and substance, its history, among other things.

He said chances of having ground fissures were high when

there was a plenty of rains, .

He said it was paramount to have an inventory of fissures in the

country, to guide in the planning process or when undertaking development projects citing a

reinforced engineering system when constructing roads in fissures-prone areas. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (right) and Assistant Minister for State President, Ms Maipelo Mophuting (second right) touring ground fissures site in Hatsalatladi on Friday. Residents of Hatsalatladi have appealed to government to relocate their village after recent heavy rains exacerbated the ground fissures. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

## Hatsalatladi residents appeal for urgent relocation amid fissure risk

By Lindi Morwaeng

**MOLEPOLOLE** - Residents of Hatsalatladi have appealed to government to relocate their village after recent heavy rains exacerbated existing ground fissures.

At a kgotla meeting addressed by Minister for State President Mr Moeti Mohwasa, the villagers expressed their concerns about the geological instability of the area, particularly after the findings of a Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) report on the ground fissures.

The report, which was shared with the villagers, confirmed that the ground fissures were a result of deep-seated geological processes that have caused the ground to crack and shift.

The villagers expressed concern that this situation was unsustainable and posed a significant risk to their homes, as well as their health and safety.

Minister Mohwasa acknowledged the concern, but emphasised that Botswana was prone to a wide range of hazards, including flash floods, wildland fires, epidemics, animal diseases, and geological hazards.

He cited recent flash floods as a cause of significant property damage, loss of livelihoods, and even deaths due to drowning.

The minister went on to explain that the fissures in Hatsalatladi had been occurring for a long time as reflected in the name of the village itself, but seem to be worsening.

The fissures in Hatsalatladi were not only affecting the residents' homes, but also public infrastructure such as roads and buildings as well as ploughing

fields and cattle posts.

"In 2022, the government commissioned a study led by Botswana Geoscience Institute to investigate the cause and impact of these fissures," Minister Mohwasa informed the residents.

He explained that the purpose of his visit was to present the findings of this study and gather further insights on the physical and socio-economic impacts of these fissures on the community.

Further, he said the report also identified extreme rainfall events as the main trigger for these fissures, which had been further exacerbated by poor natural drainage in the area.

As a result, some homes and public buildings might need to be relocated, and would work closely with affected families to ensure a smooth and sensitive transition.

"It is imperative that we revise our approach to building in Hatsalatladi, adopting new methods and locations that take the geological instability into account," he said.

He went on to explain that the study concluded that certain areas in the village were unsuitable for development due to the presence of fissures.

Moving forward, he said 'we as a country need to improve our understanding of the technical, financial, and social risks posed by geological hazards like these fissures.'

This knowledge, he stated, would enable citizens to construct infrastructure that was better equipped to withstand such risks, thereby protecting the people and property within the communities.

Mr Puso Akanyang, director of Science Delivery at BGI,

presented a summary of their findings from the study.

Using geophysical techniques, he said the team discovered geological structures that created pathways for water to reach the surface, contributing to erosion and widening of surface fissures.

Mr Akanyang said that despite these findings, there was no indication that the entire village was at risk of being swallowed.

Nevertheless, he said the combination of geological and hydrogeological factors, along with heavy rainfall, were the main culprits behind the fissures.

"While the study took some time to complete, we are pleased with the findings. We were able to identify areas within Hatsalatladi that are at high, medium, and low risk," he said.

On that note, he explained that the institute had advised the Ministry for State President to consult with the village and analyse the report findings, along with other assessments, to determine the best course of action.

Prior to the presentation of the report findings, Kgosi Saki Gabanamotse and other villagers had passionately urged the government to consider relocating the residents of Hatsalatladi to a safer area.

In response, Minister Mohwasa announced that a comprehensive consultation with the village residents would be held on February 10.

During this meeting, the report findings will be discussed alongside any other recommendations and perspectives to ensure an informed decision is made in the interest of the community. **BOPA**



Director of Science Delivery at Botswana Geoscience Institute, Mr Puso Akanyang said ground fissuring was caused by a combination of factors such as earth's physical structure and substance, among other things.

# Choppies pays over 4 000 living wage

By Bonang Masolotatse

**GABORONE** - A total of 4 100 Choppies employees who have been with the company for 12 months or more have started earning P4 000 as of this month.

This was revealed during the launch of Choppies P4 000 living wage in Gaborone on Saturday.

President Advocate Duma Boko commended Choppies Group for implementing government's plan to introduce P4 000 living wage.

Mr Boko said what Choppies did was an epic milestone and urged other industry players to follow suit.

"This is one of the best financial and economic decisions that a company that seeks to grow has taken. Let this be a lesson, an invitation to other industry players. If you haven't taken this decision yet take it very soon because it is the best decision you will take for your company," he said.

He said raising from minimum to living wage did not only increase employee financial benefits but also supported the company bottom line profit and the country's economy.

President Boko said data and economic research had indicated that the increase supported economic growth, led to job creation and improved productivity, which would drive the company's overall performance.

"Workers who feel that they are paid a fair wage are happy. It boosts their morale and it raises the level of productivity in the workplace and that has a direct bearing on the bottom line profit," he said.

He added that well paid workforce were not prone to fatigue and it also reduced staff turnover, which spoke to the company's staff retention policy, adding that failing to retain staff came at a huge cost to the business.

He also said there was a need for Parliament to refocus on making laws for the betterment of the country's business environment, saying most laws in the country were unfriendly to business.

"We need to change these laws and change them very quickly to raise the tempo of operations and improve the ease of doing business in this country," the President said.

Mr Boko further said the country could lose investors who had no patience with tedious processes.

Choppies Group chief executive officer, Mr Ramachandran Ottapathu said Choppies was committed to continuously improving and supporting the lives of its employees through better terms of employment and creating a future where everyone benefited.

Choppies Group board chairperson, Mr Uttum Corea said the company came up with the strategy that aligned the group to the government's position.

He further said the living wage was the first step toward addressing the issue of poverty, adding that unemployment was high in the country and there was a need to address such.

He said there were many good plans for government to address poverty and unemployment, but

were gathering dust due to lack of implementation.

He said economic diversification was possible in the country but there was a need to come up with

a strategy to diversify and create employment.

However, he said although Choppies could pay the living wage, such should not be imposed



Dr Gaositwe Chiepe's family member, Ms Kelebogile Lecoge has confirmed that the former cabinet minister died yesterday.

## Chiepe passes on aged 102

**GABORONE** - Dr Gaositwe Chiepe is no more.

Family member, Ms Kelebogile Lecoge has confirmed to BTV News Desk that he former Cabinet minister died Sunday morning aged 102, having been born on October 20, 1922.

Dr Chiepe was the first female Cabinet member in 1974.

She was appointed Minister of Trade and Industry (1977-1984), Minister of Foreign Affairs (1984-1994) as well as that of Education (1994-1999).

She was elected Serowe West MP in a bye-election in 1977.

Dr Chiepe, a Botswana Democratic Party stalwart, had been Botswana's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Nigeria as well as an Ambassador to West Germany,

France, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and European Economic Community.

Dr Chiepe has been awarded both the Presidential Order of Merit and the Presidential Order of Meritorious Service.

She was also made a Commander of the Royal Order of the Polar Star by the King of Sweden and a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

She has received honorary doctorates from University of Bristol in Britain, De Paul University in United States and Fort Hare in South Africa, where she also schooled.

In 2009 she was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws by the University of Botswana for her outstanding work in the development of Botswana. **BOPA**

on businesses, which were not ready.

Explaining the rollout programme, Choppies Group head of human resources, Mr Molatedi Kgotla said the living wage would be paid this

month to all the employees who completed 12 months of continuous service, while those without 12 months would receive adjustment in increment every six months starting July. **BOPA**

## Botswana keen to learn from India - Mohwasa

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

**GABORONE** - Botswana is keen to tap into India's notable advancements in digital technology and green energy.

This was said by Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa during India's 76<sup>th</sup> independence celebration in Gaborone on Friday.

These sectors, he said were critical to both nations' future development and offered significant opportunities for collaboration adding that Botswana was eager to learn from India's advancement in digital technology as a valuable resource.

The minister also pointed out that such partnerships could greatly contribute to Botswana's economy diversification efforts, as a key strategy for job creation and sustainable development.

He further reaffirmed that Botswana remained an attractive destination for India investment, underpinned by the country's political stability and strong democratic framework.

Mr Mohwasa said the two countries had a shared strong and enduring historical bond rooted in mutual respect.

He said since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1966, they had witnessed transformative partnerships, evolving to encompass a broad range of areas, including defence, public health, education, security, cultural exchanges, technical assistance as

well as trade and investment.

He also acknowledged the significant role that high level visits between the two nations had played in reinforcing their shared commitment to people-centred development.

The minister also said India was a home to a sizeable Indian diaspora, whose contributions were vital to the country's socio economic progress adding that their active participation in various sectors continued to strengthen the bond between the two nations.

High Commissioner of India to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati encouraged Botswana to explore opportunities on information technology, manufacturing, agriculture and tourism as potential areas to deepen economic ties.

He also reiterated that the relationship between India and Botswana was multifaceted, encompassing education, health care, trade and cultural exchanges amongst others.

"Initiatives such as the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme, ICCR scholarships, and defense cooperation reflect our commitment to capacity building and shared progress," he said.

Ambassador Kuthati also pointed out that India was dedicated to supporting Botswana's capacity-building initiatives, saying it was committed to sharing its progress and working closely with Botswana in achieving mutual growth. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (left) and High Commissioner of India to Botswana, Mr Bharath Kumar Kuthati during India's 76<sup>th</sup> Independence celebration in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Mohwasa said Botswana was keen to tap into India's notable advancements in digital technologies and green energy.

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# Minister advocates for NCQF framework

By Marvin Motlhabane

**KANYE** - The Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele, has emphasised the urgent need to elaborate on the introduction of the National Certificate Qualification Framework (NCQF) programme, targeting stakeholders in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges. During his ongoing nationwide visits to higher learning institutions, Mr Maele made this

announcement on Friday at the Kanye Brigade Centre.

He acknowledged that the ministry has yet to effectively build an understanding of the NCQF and its enhancement of the previous National Certificate Curriculum (NCC), which was offered at brigades.

The Minister highlighted that the NCQF represents an advancement over the NCC, with qualifications that are now recognized internationally, thus enabling graduates to access global opportunities.

He pointed out that with appropriate training, graduates could establish their own businesses and contribute to alleviating the rising unemployment rate within the country.

Minister Maele urged students to consider entrepreneurship as a viable path after graduation, noting that relying solely on job-seeking was unsustainable.

Given the government's challenging financial situation, he indicated that fostering a private sector-led economy was crucial. He believed that small businesses could provide necessary relief to the administration's fiscal constraints. Furthermore, the minister advocated for TVET colleges to forge connections with lower schools to create a

coherent syllabus that meets industry demands. He stressed the importance of partnerships with universities and the private sector to secure capital and necessary educational resources.

Although he requested time to complete his national tour before consolidating and addressing challenges faced by higher education institutions, Mr Maele emphasised the immediate need for schools to review available options to enhance staff morale.

Addressing the staff concerns at the Kanye Brigade Centre, Mr Ignatius Letlhare highlighted issues such as the unstructured promotion processes within the institution and a lack of accommodation for staff.

He also expressed reservations about the NCQF, describing it as

inadequate in addressing industry needs, and called for its revision.

Student Representative Council (SRC) President Mr Thebe Laletsang raised concerns about poor internet connectivity hindering students' research efforts.

He also pointed out that varied sporting activities were suffering due to a lack of playing fields, and noted that the Brigade's remote location posed challenges to accessing transportation.

In terms of student allowances, Mr Laletsang acknowledged the insufficiency of the monthly stipend of P300 and requested improvements, such as the direct deposit of funds into students' bank accounts instead of requiring collection from postal offices. **BOPA**

## Lekhuthane urges residents to capitalise on salt production

By Thuso Kgakatsi

**ZUTSWA** - Kgalagadi North Member of Parliament, Mr Reason Lekhuthane, has called on residents of Zutswa to explore value-added opportunities in salt production during a recent consultative kgotla meeting.

Speaking during a community consultative meeting in Zutswa recently, Mr Lekhuthane emphasised the potential for business growth through the Zutswa Salt Project, which, when fully operational, aimed to benefit local residents primarily. "There is potential for business growth on the salt mined by Zutswa Salt Project. Our plan is to ensure that the community benefits before anyone else," he stated.

He urged the youth in particular to seek out value-added product opportunities that could generate income and empower the community through job creation. "The mine located nearby can provide ample opportunities. We should explore the production of value-added products for human consumption, animal consumption, and industrial use, especially given the growing manufacturing sector," he said.

Mr Lekhuthane pointed out the diverse industrial applications of salt and encouraged the residents to leverage the natural resource at their disposal. He highlighted salt's importance as a critical industrial raw material, suggesting that salt production could indirectly generate sustainable jobs across various sectors, including leather goods, textiles, building materials, and cosmetics.

While acknowledging that the Zutswa Salt Project was currently functional, Mr Lekhuthane admitted that it remained under-capitalised and not fully operational.

"I will advocate for investment to attract interested parties," he assured the residents, adding that consultations with the responsible ministry would be essential for aligning the project

with its approved business plan.

The MP expressed optimism about the potential for salt export, noting that it was a globally essential commodity, thus presenting significant opportunities for the community.

Additionally, Mr Lekhuthane addressed local infrastructure concerns, revealing his awareness that the recent solar village electrification project, sponsored by Huawei, did not extend to residents, leaving a service gap. He said he planned to consult on whether the existing plant could be expanded while also mentioning that there were companies interested in establishing solar power plants for public consumption at a pre-paid fee.

The MP pledged robust service delivery, emphasising his commitment to prioritising water delivery, road construction, and village electrification.

Mr Lekhuthane reaffirmed the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) party mandate to fulfill campaign promises and addressed concerns about delays in monthly pension payments for elders. "The P1800 monthly pension will soon be paid," he reassured, attributing delays to depleted government funds. He also affirmed that the promised P2500 tertiary monthly allowance and P300 monthly support for parents of newborns would be fulfilled.

In his welcoming remarks, Kgosi Abathene Kabathophane highlighted the poor state of the Hukuntsi-Zutswa road, which hindered access to essential services. He sought financial support for the Zutswa Salt Project, noting that it was currently unprofitable and facing production challenges during the winter months. Kgosi Kabathophane also raised concerns about water shortages and the lack of potable water in the village. He said the youth were eager to establish businesses such as poultry but were hindered by lack of electricity. **BOPA**



Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele (second left) touring Kweneng Rural Development Association in Molepolole recently. He was accompanied by Molepolole South MP Shima Monageng. Photo: Lindi Morwaeng

## Govt to review brigades students' allowances

By Lindi Morwaeng

**MOLEPOLOLE** - Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele has pledged that allowances for brigades students would be raised, despite budgetary constraints.

Mr Maele made the announcement during a visit to the Kweneng Rural Development Association (KRDA) last Wednesday.

He acknowledged the financial pressures on the fiscus due to the decline in diamond revenues, a significant source of income for the country that has been affected by global market trends and local production challenges.

He reassured the brigades students of his unwavering commitment, stating that their allowances would be increased, even if not to the extent that they desired. "Even if we cannot meet your exact expectations, we will do what we can to improve your situation," Mr Maele said. Mr

Maele acknowledged that the current P300 allowance provided to brigades students was inadequate.

He empathised with the students, stressing that the allowance was far too low to cover the needs of students for a month, and it has not kept pace with the rising cost of living. Minister Maele also spoke about the need to transform the perception of brigades.

"We must see brigades as institutions that can change lives," he said, noting that brigades had potential to address high levels of unemployment by producing skilled people who would be able to be self-employed.

Member of Parliament for Molepolole South, Mr Shima Monageng called for the construction of a fully-fledged Vocational Training College in Molepolole, highlighting that land for such a project was readily available from the Bakwena Trust. "With the ministry's support, we can create a world-class training

facility that will transform the lives of young people in our community," he said.

KRDA Deputy Principal, Ms Obolokile Moreri, appealed to the minister for infrastructure and equipment upgrades to bring the facility up to modern standards. Ms. Moreri shared some of the achievements of the school's Auto Mechanics department, which has assisted other government departments with vehicle maintenance.

"We have skilled and dedicated students and staff, and with the right resources, we can do even more for our community," she said. Mr Tshepo Sebina, a representative from the Student Representative Council, shared the challenges facing KRDA students.

He appealed for protective clothing, more learning resources, an increase in qualified lecturers, a higher students' allowance, and an improvement of water supply and sanitation facilities. **BOPA**

# Govt paves way for media self-regulation

By Olekantse Sennamose

**GABORONE** - The government has decided to completely repeal the existing Media Practitioners Association Act rather than review it. This move will now allow the media to self-regulate.

This was indicated by the Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, on Friday during a consultative meeting with the Media Institute of Southern Africa-Botswana Chapter (MISA) and the Botswana Editors Forum (BEF).

Mr Mohwasa, therefore, tasked MISA and BEF with drafting a new law that will promote media self-regulation and press freedom.

"You have to consult as many stakeholders as necessary. The government will not take any part in drafting the bill.

We are ready to implement whatever proposals you develop, provided they serve the best interest of the media," he said.

Mr Mohwasa said that the government believed that allowing the media to self-regulate would reduce incidents of litigation, thereby saving media houses unnecessary costs.

He also expressed concerns about the mushrooming of online media houses and complaints from members of the public about the media.

"It is, therefore, upon you to address this and salvage your reputation by formulating a law that not only establishes a professional code of conduct but also provides a clear channel for handling public complaints against unethical journalism," he said.

Mr Mohwasa also pledged the government's commitment

to supporting the media in addressing challenges such as poor working conditions, journalists' welfare, and media sustainability.

Media Institute of Southern Africa Botswana chairperson, Mr Thomas Nkhoma, thanked the minister and government for seeing it fit to consult and task media bodies to be the architects of a law regulating them.

"A media-friendly environment will assist in promoting ethics and high professional standards in the industry. There is also a need to address issues of training and poor media sustainability due to lack of resources as part of factors that would bring trust and professionalism in the media sector," he said.

Mr Nkhoma said that their ultimate desire as media practitioners was to see a vibrant and engaging media in Botswana, which he said was undoubtedly an integral part of a thriving democracy.

Botswana Editors Forum chairperson, Mr Lawrence Seretse, also welcomed the move by the government to allow media self-regulation but wondered just how much power the new arrangement will have in those seen to violate the code of conduct.

He, therefore, said there was a need for a statutory body for mediation to minimise litigations.

Mr Seretse said that by allowing media self-regulation, the government allowed the media to iron out its internal issues.

MISA Botswana and BEF were requested to have readied the draft document by the end of March to allow the minister to table the bill at parliament. **BOPA**



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (second right), Broadcasting Services acting director, Mr Buyani Zongwane (second left), Information Services director, Ms Maria Leshongwane (centre) and Government Communications acting director, Mr Tapologo Kwapa (right) during a consultative meeting with the Media Institute of Southern Africa-Botswana Chapter and the Botswana Editors Forum in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Mohwasa said the government believed that allowing the media to self-regulate would reduce incidents of litigation, thereby saving media houses unnecessary costs. Photo: Felicity Male

## 'Improve resource utilisation'

By Aobakwe Molefhi

**PITSANE** - The Assistant Minister of Higher Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa, has urged staff and management of Barolong Vocational Training Centre (VTC), Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) and Lobatse Brigade to maximise resources at their disposal.

Assistant Minister of Higher Education visit at the institutions aimed at assessing their current state and the relevance of their curricula.

After touring the facilities, Mr Hunyepa opened the floor to address grievances voiced by both students and staff.

Students at the Barolong VTC highlighted the absence of permanent lecturers, leaving them at a disadvantage when temporary contracts expired. They also reported issues with the poor living conditions in hostels and a lack of protective clothing, concerns echoed by IHS attendees.

Staff members corroborated

the student complaints, emphasising the institution's scarcity of adequate staffing.

They also expressed concern over the absence of a principal, which they claimed hindered the resolution of various staff welfare issues. Additionally, there were calls for an urgent curriculum overhaul to align with modern educational demands.

Addressing these issues, Assistant Minister Hunyepa urged staff to streamline operations by reducing bureaucratic procedures to increase productivity.

He encouraged the VTC to capitalise on the extensive land available for food production, suggesting that they should rely less on external food supplies. "You are sitting on a gold mine with lots of opportunities," he stated.

Mr Hunyepa emphasised the potential for partnerships with local farmers, given the VTC's location within a farming community.

Such collaborations, he said, would provide students with

valuable practical experience, equipping them for the job market post-graduation.

"It is high time students became hands-on so that by the time they graduate, they would be ready to start their businesses and hire others," he remarked.

At the Lobatse Institute of Health Sciences, staff raised issues including insufficient housing for faculty, inadequate resources, and an unbalanced teacher-student ratio, significantly impacting the quality of education. Complaints also arose regarding dilapidated hostels and classrooms.

In response, the Assistant Minister encouraged the management of the IHS to think creatively and explore partnerships with local organizations, such as the Lobatse Brigade, to assist in maintaining their facilities.

Given the brigade curriculum, which includes courses in bricklaying and carpentry, such collaborations could prove beneficial. **BOPA**

# Livingstone Kolobeng College to offer Chinese language

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

**GABORONE** - In an effort to align with global educational trends, Livingstone Kolobeng College (LKC), one of the country's independent secondary schools, has signed an agreement with the Confucius Institute at the University of Botswana (CIUB) to introduce Chinese as a second language for its students.

The Principal of LKC, Dr Jeff Ramsay, said the pilot phase of the new language programme will begin this term, with Chinese language instruction incorporated into the Cambridge University International Examinations curriculum.

Dr Ramsay said the move positions LKC as the first secondary school in Botswana to offer Chinese language as a Cambridge examination subject, alongside its existing offerings of Setswana, French and English.

"This development demonstrates LKC's commitment to broadening the academic and cultural horizons of our students," he said.

Dr Ramsay said the partnership with the Confucius Institute will not only support the Chinese language, but will also foster cross-cultural exchange, enriching the school's international curriculum and enhancing the global competitiveness of its students.

"The collaboration aims to enhance intellectual life, cultural development and academic exposure, while encouraging greater cooperation between the two educational institutions," he said.

Dr Ramsay explained that the introduction of Chinese language education aims to promote mutual understanding and cultural awareness between Botswana and China, as well as prepare students for future global opportunities by equipping them with the linguistic and cultural skills needed for careers in an interconnected world.

"We are thrilled to have this partnership, which reflects our ambition to be a global leader in international education," he added. Dr Ramsay said by providing diverse language options, LKC

was preparing students to thrive in an increasingly globalised environment.

Prof. Dulong Pu, Chinese Director at Confucius Institute at the University of Botswana, also expressed excitement about the new initiative, describing it as a long-awaited development for both institutions.

Prof. Dulong emphasised the value of learning Chinese, pointing out that it opens doors to numerous academic and career opportunities. "Students will have the chance to participate in the 'Chinese Bridge' competition, a prestigious Chinese proficiency contest for secondary school students," he said.

He said the national champion will receive a fully-sponsored trip to China to compete internationally, and the students will gain an advantage of securing scholarships to study in China after graduation.

Prof. Dulong hailed the partnership for strengthening Botswana's educational ties with China, paving the way for a new era of cultural exchange and academic excellence. **BOPA**



Livingstone Kolobeng College principal, Dr Jeff Ramsay (left) and Confucius Institute at the University of Botswana (CIUB) Chinese director, Professor Dulong Pu after signing a Memorandum of Understanding to introduce the teaching of Chinese as a second language at the college in Gaborone on Thursday. Dr Ramsay said the piloting of Chinese instruction, as a foreign language option in the school would commence this term using Cambridge University International Examinations curricula. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

# Business Botswana commmits to service delivery

By **Thato Setlhare**

**GABORONE** - Business Botswana reaffirms its

commitment to improving service delivery across various sectors by implementing the innovative strategy of mystery shopping.

This initiative aims to elevate the standard of service provided to consumers throughout the country.

In collaboration with Nefaid Solutions, Business Botswana has developed a tailored approach designed to help businesses gain valuable insights into customer experiences while identifying key areas for improvement.

Briefing the media recently Metropolitan Acting Chief Operations Officer Ms Keamogetse Dabutha emphasised the importance of excellent customer service, calling it the 'lifeblood' of every organisation. She stated that maintaining high business standards required considerable effort, time and resources.

"To expedite economic growth, businesses need to enhance the customer experience by aligning their services with customer needs," she urged.

Ms Dabutha believes that continuous improvements in customer service lead to constructive dialogue, ultimately driving actionable change. "Customer service is the status of the organisation's heartbeat as it compels businesses to utilise their direct resources and efforts to deliver the best customer service, which is paramount to the success of businesses," she explained. "Through such initiatives, we can evaluate

business performance standards and address existing challenges," she said.

She further noted that while Botswana's business standards hinged on the contributions of companies, it was legislation that paved the way for better service delivery through supportive policies in the business sector.

The mystery shopping initiative is designed to foster a culture of service excellence, recognise individual and organisational efforts, and highlight the dedication of frontline workers who provide outstanding service to their clients.

The National Mystery Shopping campaign is set to run from May to September 2025. During this period, service ambassadors, known as ghost shoppers, will conduct thorough assessments of customer experiences at various points of contact within organisations. The 4th Annual Customer Service Week Convention, scheduled for October 8 and 9.

For his part, Business Botswana representative Mr Kagiso Koyabe said the mystery shopping campaign aligned with the mandate of the Annual Customer Service Week convention themed: Excellence in Action: Elevating Attitude, Work Ethic and Customer Service, which aims to commemorate international customer service week and foster culture of customer centricity amongst business organisations.

"We aim to raise awareness about customer service and professional ethics in achieving business success, she said.

Nefaid solutions mouthpiece Ms Phatsimo Tafa said employee welfare and workplace culture were essential contributors towards improving service delivery.

She also said the mystery shopping campaign was categorised into two dimensions the telephone etiquette and the warmest reception award.

"Our campaign houses two categories the telephone etiquette which is open to all industries and the warmest reception which is open for financial sector, hospitality, and government and parastatal.

This ground breaking initiatives will foster customer satisfaction," explained Ms Tafa.

She also said they would do everything in their power to ensure the campaign triumph and also engage various industry experts and leaders in all the customer service related fields in impacting valuable insights within the business community. **BOPA**



Metropolitan Acting Chief Operations Officer, Ms Keamogetse Dabutha (left) and Head of Capacity Building and Advisory Services, Mr Kagiso Kayabe during Business Botswana Mystery Shopping campaign launch in Gaborone recently. The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness and create a positive perception of brands. Ms Dabutha said customer service was the status of the organisation's heartbeat as it compelled businesses to utilise its direct resources and efforts to deliver the best customer service. Photo: Dimpho Buisanyang

# Hemp inaugural summit April 5

By **Marvin Motlhabane**

**KANYE** - The inaugural Hemp Business Summit, scheduled for April 5, aims to explore the US\$ 400 billion industrial hemp industry and its value chain, attracting local stakeholders interested in the market.

The summit, set to accommodate around 300 delegates, will feature key players from the United States, representatives and policy makers from government and farmers associations, at Ba Isago Convention Centre in Gaborone is themed: Unlocking the Hemp Industry in Botswana".

Mr Oratile Masala, CEO of IHBS and co-founder of the Hemp Business Summit, told **BOPA** that the summit's goal was to gather diverse stakeholders who were interested in the hemp industry and to discuss necessary policy reforms for its sustainable development.

Representatives from **NUTIVA**, a United States-based company that processes and imports hemp products, will join the summit.

With a product range that includes hemp protein powder, shelled hemp seeds, and hemp

seed oil, their participation is expected to facilitate discussions with local farmers and aspiring industry entrants.

Mr Masala said successful farmers from other countries were expected to share their experiences and guide local hemp growers through the comprehensive process of establishing themselves in the industry.

He noted that conversations with the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) were underway regarding establishment of a hemp incubator to support SMEs. This initiative would focus on training and imparting best practices in hemp farming within the Botswana context, he said.

Mr Masala mentioned that local banks and insurance companies were invited to create financial products targeted at the hemp sector, stating that some banks were reportedly ahead of the curve, and the summit would provide a platform for them to present these products.

Mr Masala pointed out that despite the growing global demand for hemp products, Botswana has lagged behind its southern African neighbours in

capitalising on the opportunities within this sector.

He cited Lesotho's successful hemp cultivation, yielding impressive amounts of CBD oil, seeds, and crude oil, and Zimbabwe's recent foray into

hemp production.

As the global market for hemp continues to expand, Mr Masala stressed that it was imperative for Botswana to embrace these opportunities to bolster its economic development. **BOPA**



The inaugural Hemp Business Summit, scheduled for April 5 aims to explore the US\$400 billion hemp industry and its value chain, attracting local stakeholders interested in the burgeoning market.

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**Introduction:**  
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- Work across various sites, ensuring medical fitness to comply with site requirements.
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- Communicate effectively and liaise with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) representatives.

**Qualifications and Skills Required:**

- Certification: Red Seal Diesel Mechanic or Class One Diesel Mechanic Qualification.
- Experience: Minimum of 3 years in Diesel Mechanics and Fitting.
- Technical Skills:
  - \* Proficiency in pump systems and CAT Diesel Engines.
  - \* Advanced diagnostic and troubleshooting abilities.
  - \* Competence in both electrical and mechanical systems.
- Additional Requirements:
  - \* Valid and clean driver's license.
  - \* Ability to drive long distances and work on short notice.
  - \* Medical fitness to meet site-specific requirements.
  - \* Adherence to SHEQ (Safety, Health, Environment, and Quality) standards and client-specific regulations.

**How to Apply:**  
Interested candidates are invited to submit their updated CV, along with relevant certifications, to [hr@kenlengroup.com](mailto:hr@kenlengroup.com).

**Application Deadline:** 03 February 2025


**STATISTICS BOTSWANA**

Statistics Botswana invites interested locally registered companies to tender for:

- TENDER NO: STB\DSR\24-25\001- PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE STATISTICS BOTSWANA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

To be eligible for this tender, interested bidders should enclose the following PPRA Certificates:

- Code 317 - Other Consultancy Services
- Sub code(s): 01 - Management Consultancy Services, issued by PPRA (to be verified online)

**The tender is reserved for citizens or citizen contractors as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.**

- A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** and 50% of selling price for Youth Owned Companies payable by cash or bank guaranteed cheque to the Accounts Unit located at Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor, Corporate Services, Four Thirty Square Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone during working hours between **07:30hours and 12:45hours, 13:45hours and 16:30hours** on week days excluding public holidays. Payment is required on collection of the tender document. Alternatively, an EFT/deposit can be made to:
 


**ABSA**  
**Account Name:** Statistics Botswana  
**Account Number:** 1001058  
**Branch Name:** Barclays House  
**Branch Code:** 290267  
**REF:** Tender No. and Name of Company

Proof of Payment must be sent to: [gmakelepe@statsbots.org.bw](mailto:gmakelepe@statsbots.org.bw) or [okelapetseng@statsbots.org.bw](mailto:okelapetseng@statsbots.org.bw)
- Invitation to Tender documents may be obtained from **Statistics Botswana Accounts Unit located at Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Floor, Corporate Services, Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone** during working hours from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), from **07:30 – 12:45hours and 13:45 – 16:30hours** from **17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- Closing date: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 10:00 hours.**
- Opening date: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**, immediately after the tender has been closed.

- The tender will be opened at Statistics Botswana Head Office, North Wing First (1<sup>st</sup>) Floor, **Four Thirty Square, Plot 54350, CBD, PG Matante Road, Gaborone** in the presence of bidders wishing to attend.
- Late tenders, telephonic, telegraphic, telex, emailed or faxed tenders will not be accepted.
- Enquiries in relation to this tender can be made to:

**Phenyo Tafhi**  
 Email: [ptafhi@statsbots.org.bw](mailto:ptafhi@statsbots.org.bw)  
 Assistant Manager Procurement  
 Statistics Botswana Private Bag 0024 Gaborone Botswana  
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[www.minergycoal.com](http://www.minergycoal.com)

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSPORT SERVICES TO MINERGY COAL AT MASAMA COAL MINE.

Minergy Coal would like to invite 100% youth (20 – 35 years old) owned and controlled companies in the below listed villages to submit proposals for provision of transport services for Masama Mine employees, working to and from Masama mine and Lentsweletau village through Medie village, for a period of 2years (24months).

- Medie
- Kweneng
- Lentsweletau
- Dikgatlong
- Dikgonnye
- Kgope
- Ditshukudu
- Hatsalatladi
- Kopong
- Rasesa
- Mochudi
- Molepolole

The requirements for the vehicle are:

- 14 seater quantum combi or equivalent
- Roadworthy (lights, tires and mirrors)
- Dust proof
- Working air conditioner

- Comfortable seats with seat belts.
- Healthy and clean engine & gearbox
- 9kg fire extinguisher

**Compliance requirements:**

- Proof of residence in the listed villages (affidavit)
- Proof of ownership of the vehicle or signed agreement for leasing
- Valid Tax clearance (to be verified through BURS)
- CIPA Certificate and Extract
- 100% Youth owned companies
- Directors % Shareholders IDs

The proposed vehicle will also be subject to inspection and testing by the Mechanical Engineer.

The proposal should include acquisition plan, maintenance plan, local employment of the driver, and submission of the relevant documentations.


The proposals should be submitted no later than the 28-02-2025 by 12:00pm to the following email address: [info@minergycoal.com](mailto:info@minergycoal.com).


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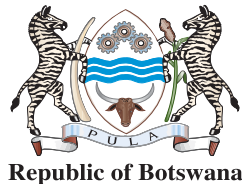






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Republic of Botswana

# MINISTRY OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENTS

## VACANCIES

### • ASSISTANT MANAGER (FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) • PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER II (ANTI – CORRUPTION)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy

#### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 3 OF 2025

#### VACANCY: ASSISTANT MANAGER (Facilities Management)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME) under the Department of Corporate Services.

**Salary Scale:** D2 (P337,008 – 371,628) per annum

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum.

#### Benefits:

1. Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%).
2. Contributory pension scheme for permanent and pensionable appointments. (Government pays 15% and employee pays 5%)

**Qualifications:** Degree in Estate/ Property Management/ Facilities Management / Construction / Management/Engineering/ Building Services or any related field. Must be registered with the relevant regulatory body.

**Experience:** A minimum of eight (8) years post qualification experience in Estate/Property/Facility Management, two (2) years should have been served at D3 salary scale or equivalent in Parastatal or Private Sector. Knowledge of Government Procurement processes will be an added advantage.

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To facilitate maintenance of all projects in the Ministry buildings.

#### Key Performance Areas:

1. Implements facility management regulations, procedures and requirements.
2. Secure office accommodation for the entire Ministry and develop design of the available office space and implement, in order to achieve optimal utilisation.
3. Develop and implement maintenance schedule for buildings within the Ministry
4. Carryout risk assessment of the Ministry buildings and other health and safety checks as directed by the Health and Safety standards and regulations.
5. Works in collaboration with contract management office to ensure work is properly performed, and processes claims for payment.
6. Supervises work of contractors in connection with maintenance and improvement of buildings and building facilities.
7. Carries out periodic inspections of buildings and recommends any needed repairs.
8. Prepares report on the operational effectiveness of the facilities.
9. Undertakes any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service.

#### Key Competencies:

- Deciding and Initiating action

- Adhering to principles and values
- Working with People
- Analyzing
- Writing and Reporting
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering results and meeting customer expectation
- Adapting and Responding to Change

#### APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the Vacancy Circular and the reference number of this advertisement and provide the following details:

- a)
  - (i) Full names, address and place of birth.
  - (ii) A certified copy of a valid National Identity Card.
  - (iii) Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
  - (iv) Certified copies of academic qualification certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional)
  - (v) At least two (2) traceable references confirming the required experience (not more than six (6) months) old.
- b) Applicants should indicate:
  - (i) Date of first appointment.
  - (ii) Present post, date of appointment thereto and salary scale.
  - (iii) Contact number (s).
  - (iv) Candidates from Parastatals and Private Sector Organizations SHOULD provide a statement of salary or pay.

**IMPORTANT:** All applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their respective Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications **NOT** so routed will not be considered.

**NOTE:** All applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

#### Applications should be addressed to:

The Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Minerals & Energy  
Private Bag 0018 Gaborone

#### OR hand delivered to:

Ministry of Minerals & Energy  
Fairgrounds Office Park – Block C  
Records Management Unit  
First Floor, Office No. F04

**CLOSING DATE: 21 February 2025**

For further information, required contact  
Human Resource Management Unit at  
3656693/3656632/3656695/86

#### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2025

#### VACANCY: PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER II (Anti Corruption)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy tenable in the Department of Corporate Services under the Anti-Corruption Unit.

**Salary Scale:** D3 (P293,652 - 323,748) per annum

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum

#### Benefits:

1. Optional contributory medical aid scheme (Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%)
2. Contributory Pension (Government pays 15% and employee pays 5%)

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences or Business Administration. Post Graduate qualification in Strategic Management, Enterprise Risk Management will be an added advantage

**Experience:** A minimum of eight (8) years' relevant experience in the Anti-Corruption field with at least two (2) years served at D4 salary scale or equivalent in Parastatal or Private Sector.

#### Main Purpose of the Job:

To provide guidance and take part in conducting internal investigations and Transactions Monitoring Exercises.

#### Key Performance Areas:

1. Coordinates the development of Corruption Risk Assessment and implementation of the recommendations made.
2. Coordinates case conferences aimed at measuring the progress of investigations.
3. Assists in the development of the investigation plans and guides the operations of the investigation teams.
4. Conducts preliminary enquiries on suspected fraud/ corruption incidences and refer those that needs further enquiries to the DCEC/Police.
5. Prepares the case reports and analyses evidence.
6. Gives feedback to informers and reporters regarding investigation process.
7. Monitors initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of the investigations.
8. Prepares monthly and quarterly reports for planning purposes.
9. Drafts performance Annual Plans for the Unit.
10. Facilitate training and development programme for subordinate staff.
11. Prepares Budget estimates and resource planning for the Unit.
12. Undertakes any other related duties as maybe assigned by Management.

#### Key Competencies

- Deciding and Initiating Action

- Working with people
- Relating and Networking
- Analyzing
- Creating and Innovating
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Coping with Pressures and Setbacks

#### APPLICANTS:

a) Applicants should quote the Vacancy Circular No. for this advertisement and provide the following details:

- i. Full names, address and place of birth.
- ii. Certified copy of National Identity Card.
- iii. Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae)
- iv. Certified copies of certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional).
- v. At least two (2) traceable references confirming the required experience (not more than six (6) months) old.
- vi. Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

#### b) Applicants should indicate:

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Organisations should provide a certified statement of salary or pay.

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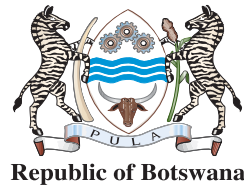
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Minerals and Energy  
Private Bag 0018 Gaborone

#### OR hand delivered to:

Ministry of Minerals and Energy  
Fairgrounds Office Park  
First Floor  
Records Management Unit

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Human Resource Management Unit at 365  
6693 / 6695/6686.



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# MINISTRY OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENTS

## VACANCIES

# VACANCY: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (MINERAL AFFAIRS DIVISION)

**Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME) under Mineral Affairs Division.**

**Salary:** E2 (P449, 256 – P467, 436 per annum)

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum.

**Benefits:** Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

**Duration :** 2 – 3 years' contract

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in Economics/ Finance/ Statistics or Mining Engineering/Geology or related fields from a recognized and accredited institution.

**Experience:** A minimum of fourteen (14) years' work experience in the field of mining and minerals industry or related field.

**Main Purpose of the Job:** To provide strategic direction in the development and promotion of mining and minerals statutes, and offer advice on key areas for policy development.

### Key Performance Areas:

1. Coordinates the review of mineral policies and legislation.
2. Provides technical advice in developing negotiation strategies for mining development agreements.
3. Provides technical advice on forums for discussing mining and minerals issues.
4. Liaises with stakeholders in the development, review and harmonization of mineral policies, programmes and procedures.
5. Monitors and evaluates minerals projects.
6. Addresses the public/stakeholder forums on Minerals programmes.
7. Prepares financial budget estimates for the Division.
8. Facilitates training and development programmes for subordinate staff.
9. Guides subordinate staff on matters relating to Mining and Minerals programs.
10. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

### Key Competencies

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing

- Leading and Supervising
- Formulating Strategies and Concepts
- Planning and Organising

- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

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First Floor Records Management Unit

**CLOSING DATE: 21 February 2025**

**For further information required contact Human Resource Management Unit at 3656693/6695/6686.**



**Kgosi Mokgala Moletsane (molemeng), Mothusa Tona wa Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao Rre Ignatius Moswaane (fa gare), le mopalamente wa Jwaneng/Mabutsane Rre Omphemetse Kwapa kwa phuthegong ya boeteledipele jwa kgaolo ya Mabutsane e e neng e buisiwa ke tona kwa Mabutsane ka Laboraro. Dikgosi di kopile puso go ba thusa go rarabolola dikgang tsa bogosi gore bo robalelwe ke ditlhokwa.** Senepa: Kehumile Moekejo

# Dikgosi di kopa tokafatso ya pereko

**Ka Kehumile Moekejo**

**MABUTSANE** - Dikgosi tsa kgaolo ya Mabutsane di kopile puso go batla tharabololo ya dikgang tsa bogosi gore bo robalelwe ke ditlhokwa.

E rile ba bua kwa phuthegong ya boeteledipele jwa morafe e e neng e buisiwa ke Mothusa Tona wa Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane kwa Mabutsane bosheng, ba tlhalosa fa bogosi bo aparetse ke dikgang tse di digang seriti sa jone. Ba ne gape ba supa fa diemo tsa bone tsa pereko di tlhoka go tokafadiwa go ba kgothatsa go direla morafe ka botswapelo.

Kgosi Mokgala Mosesane wa Itholoke o ne a kopa gore puso e ba thusa gore go nne le molao o o tsepameng o o ka salwang morago fa go amogana bogosi. A re ka tlhologo bogosi bo ikaegile ka ditso tsa metse mme mo malatsing a gompiano go na le diketsaetsego

ka tsamaiso eo. A re se se dira gore metse mengwe e tsee lobaka e sena dikgosi go santse go tsukatsukanwa.

“Bogosi bo aparetse ke dikgang ka gore ga bo rolwe sentle mme ke dumela gore merafe yotlhe e na le ditso tse e leng gore bogosi bo ikaegile ka tsone. Re kopa gore puso e lebelele golo fa go tle go baakangwe dilo tse, go seka ga nna le kwa go tweng bogosi jwa teng ga bo tsalelwe,” a tlhalosa.

Kgosi Mosesane o ne a kopa gore dikgosi di nne di tlhatlosiwa maemo gore di tle di kgothale. A re go kgoba marapo gore ba tseye dingwagangwaga maemo a bone a sa fetoge.

E rile a iteela mafoko ao kobo moroko, Kgosi Moratiemang Tshubalobone wa Kanaku a tlhalosa fa tsamaiso ya bogosi e baya metse e e kgakala le ditlamelo ka fa mosing.

A re e re ka jaana metse eo e le mesha mo mererong ya bogosi, ga go nne le tekatekanyo mo gare ga

yone le merafe e mengwe.

“Metse ya rona e e kgakala le ditlamelo ya merafe ya Sesarwa e ka fa mosing ka gore bogosi jwa rona bo boshia. Le rona re kopa go fiwa maemo a boemela kgosi ka jaana merafe ya rona e gola,” ga tlhalosa Kgosi Tshubalobone.

E ne e rile a amogela baeng, Kgosi Kgagamatso Moletsane wa Mabutsane a tlhalosa fa ditirelo tsa bogosi di santse di eme golo go le gongwe ntsa kgaolo ya bone e tlhatlositse maemo go ikemela.

A re ba santse ba thusiwa kwa Kanye ka ditirelo dingwe, ka jalo ba kopa gore maemo a bogosi jwa kgaolo ya bone a tlhatlosiwe. E rile a ba kgwa dikgaba, Rre Moswaane a ba kopa gore ba itlwaetse go kwala ditso tsa merafe ya bone go thusa go rarabolola ketsaetsego ya go amogana bogosi. A re e re ka jaana merafe yotlhe e na le ditso, go tshwanetse ga tlhamaladiwa ka mekwalo go tlhofofatsa dilo. **BOPA**

# Magosi a akgola sekole sa BIUST

**Ka Portia Rapitsenyane**

**PALAPYE** - Modulasetilo wa Ntlo ya Dikgosi, Kgosi Malope II o akgotse sekole sa ithutelo maranyane sa Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) go bo se kgonne go fitlhelela go le gontsi thata ntsa se sena dingwaga di le dintsi thata se dira.

O ne a bua jalo mo Palapye ka Laboraro jaaka maloko a Ntlo Ya Dikgosi ba ne ba etetse sekole seo.

A re go a itumedisa gore sekole seo se bo se supa fa mo dingwageng tse pedi ka katelano se ne se gaisitse dikole tse dingwe tsa ithutelo tiro mo lefatsheng leno se le mo maemong a ntla.

Ka jalo, o ne a se akgolela tiro e ntle e se e dirang. O ne a supa matshwenyego ka seemo se ba neng ba se lekodisiwa sa letlhoko la boroko jwa baithuti, a supa fa baithuti ba sa tshwanela gore e re ba dira dithuto tse di kwa godimo jalo ba bo ba kgoreletswa ke go tlhoka boroko.

A re kgang eo e tshwanetse e tsibogelwe.

E ne e rile go le pele, motshwarelela mogokgo wa sekole seo, Rre Davies Tele, a lekodisa maloko a Ntlo Ya Dikgosi ka tse di farologanyeng di akaretsa gore sekole se tswelsetse jang le dikgwetlho tse di leng teng.

O ne a ba lekodisa fa sekole se dira sentle fela thata mo dintlheng di le dintsi di tshwana le tsa ditshekatsheko le mo go tsa dithuto tse di farologaneng tsa maranyane.

O ne a supa fa BIUST e ntsha baithuti ba dithuto tse di kwa godimo mo e bileng palo ya 48% e bona ditiro mo dikgweding tse thataro ba sena go aloga.

O ne a tlhalosa fa sekole sa BIUST se ne sa tsaya maemo a ntla mo dikoleng tse dingwe mo lefatsheng leno ka ngwaga wa 2023 le 2024 ntsa se na le dingwaga di le lesome se ntse se dira.

Rre Tele o ne a lekodisa dikgosi

fa sekole se tla a simolodisa maranyane a a lebang lefatshe go tswa kwa godimo a a bidiwang low earth orbit satellite e le one a ntla mo lefatsheng leno.

O ne a lebogela puso go neela sekole sa gagwe lefatshe la selekanyo sa 2 500 hectares a supa fa ba tla a kgona go dira tsotlhe tse ba ka eletsang go di dira.

Rre Tele a re go le pele puso e ne e romela baithuti ba le palonyana e nnye e e kwa tlase ga lekgolo go ya go ithutela maranyane kwa ntle ga lefatshe leno ka jalo BIUST e ne ya thusa fela thata ka ngwaga le ngwaga go aloga baithuti ba le 300 kana go feta.

A re dithuto tse di dirwang mo sekoleng sa bone ke dithuto tsa maranyane tse di tseletseng, tsa dipatlisiso, go lekeletsa maranyane go ka tswa ka maranyane a a tla a isang lefatshe leno golo gongwe.

Fa a bua ka botsalano jwa sekole le ba-na-le seabe, o ne a re BIUST e nyalane le ditsala mo lefatsheng leno le kwa ntle ga lefatshe mo ditirong, a tlatsa ka gore ba bo ba le mo Palapye ga go kgoreletse sepe.

Rre Tele a re ntsa go na le dilo tse dintle tse ba di dirang, ba na le kgwetlho e tona ya letlhoko la madi.

A re bontsi jwa tse ba batlang go di dira di tlhoka madi ka jalo ditiro tsa bone ga di tswelole sentle.

Mothusa modulasetilo wa Ntlo Ya Dikgosi, Kgosi Mbaob Kahiko III o ne a leboga BIUST gore e bo e tshwere ka thata ntsa e na le dikgwetlho dingwe. A re ditiro tsa sekole seo di dintsi thata e bile se na le maiteko le maikaelelo a go baya lefatshe leno kwa pele.

Kgosi Kahiko a re go supa fa boeteledipele jwa sekole seo bo na le maikemisetso a go se isa kwa pele.

A re e le dikgosi ba na le maikaelelo a go tshwaraganela le puso go dira ditlhabololo, ka jalo ba tshwanetse ba dire ditshutiso tse di ka thusang sekole seo. **BOPA**

# Ba Magapatona ba kgotsofalela tshwetso ya puso

**Ka Tebogo Masuruke**

**TUTUME** - Tona ya Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao, Rre Ketlhakefile Moshagwa a re kgosi ya kgotla ya Magapatona mo Tutume o tlaa tlhatlosiwa maemo go nna kgosi e sekisang.

Fa a bua kwa phuthegong ya kgotla kwa Magapatona ka Labone, Rre Moshagwa a re mo godimo ga moo, kgotla eo e tlaa nna le folaga.

Rre Moshagwa a re seo se tla morago ga gore batho ba kgotla eo ba ise puso kwa makgotla tshkelo ba kopa gore kgotla eo e tlhongwe motse, e be e nne le kgosi yo o sekisang e bile e na le folaga.

O boletse fa puso e dumetse fa kgosi ya bone a tlaa tsholediwa maemo mme fela go tlhoma kgotla

eo go nna motse go ka se kgonagale ka ke kgotla e e mo motseng wa Tutume.

A re motse o ka seke o tlhomiwe mo motseng o mongwe ka jalo ba tlaa tswelole e nntse e le kgotla e e fa tlase ga Tutume.

Rre Moshagwa o gakolotse morafe fa lephata la gagwe le sa beye bogosi mme tiro ya lone e le go lebelele go re molao wa bogosi le batho ba a reng. Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Moshagwa o ne are puso e mo thulaganyong ya go tlhabolola lenaneo la Ipelegeng go le tokafatsa gore e nne le e leng gore babereki ba lone ba tlaa fiwang dikitso tse di tlaa ba kgontshang go dira tiro ya lenaneo le le tlhabolotsweng. A re ditshekatsheko tse dingwe ke tsa gore dingwaga tsa dikamogelo tsa

bagodi di simolole ka masome a marataro.

Banni ba ne ba amogela mafoko a ga tona ka megolokwane le leshalaba.

Mongwe wa batsena phuthego eo Rre Lambani Moeti o boletse fa a itumeletse tshwetso ya puso go diragatsa se lekgotla le neng le se buile. Rre Moeti a re ke nnete moseka phufu ya gaabo ga a swe lentse, a tlhalosa fa ba tswa kgakala ba gogagoga le puso mme e sa diragatsa ditshwetso tsa lekgotla la ditsheko. A re ele le banni ba Magapatona ba itumeletse seo le ntsa bontlha bongwe jwa kgang eo bo padile.

Kgosi Abel Jenamo wa kgotla ya Magapatona, a re kgotla ya gagwe e tlaa robalelwa ke ditlhokwa. O

boletse fa banni ba kile ba bolelwa fa kgotla ya bone e tsholeditse maemo gape e dirilwe motse ka e le tona e na le batho ba bantsi mme seo sa tloga sa fetoga moragonyana ba bolelwa fa seo e ne e le phoso.

A re banni le boeteledipele jwa kgotla eo ba ne ba isa kgang kwa lekgotla tshkelo ka 2002 mme ba nna ba gogagoga le puso go fitlhelela ba fena bontlha bongwe jwa kgang ya bone. Mongwe wa banni, Mme Thato Tshiping o ne a bolela fa a le sebetse se molangwana ka kgang ya Ipelegeng e ntsha. A re ba ntse ba sokola ka tiego ya dikamogelo ntsa e se madi a a kalokalo jaanong a ipotsa gore ka lenaneo la dituelo tse di kgolwane seemo se ya go nna jang. Rre Gadzani Badumile ene o kopile

puso go sekaseka le go tsenya leitlho dikgang tsa ditlhalo tsa banyalani.

Rre Badumile are fa banyalani ba kgaogana mongwe mo go bone ditshwetso tse di tsewang di mmaya ka fa mosing.

Fa a araba, Tona Moshagwa o boletse fa kgang ya tiego ya dituelo tsa Ipelegeng e tshwerwe ka maatlametlo ke dikhansela go tokafatsa seemo. Rre Moshagwa a re fa ba dira ditogamaano tsa ditlhabololo ba tlaa tsamaya ba kala tse di botlhokwa mo matshelong a batho pele jaaka metsi le tsa botsogo mme di sekegelwe tsebele.

O tshepisitse banni fa a tlaa isa dikgang tse dingwe kwa maphateng a a maleba. **BOPA**

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**KE BATLA MODISA.** Contacts 74512847 / 77 598 413 Mahalapye. P.O. Box 2545 Mahalapye.

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Kovongo Contact Gaongalelwe 73143843

**KELEBILE SCHOLA KASALE**, owner of plot 31241, Mogoditshane Block 8, intends to change landuse from residential to multi family residential. For any objection, contact Mogoditshane Council Physical Planning office telephone 316 6653 or cellphone no. 71847784

**HERD BOY WANTED** contact 71622014 / 77 456 664 Tsabong.

**LOOKING FOR FARM WORKERS** at Seleka. Contact 71 383 552

**HERDBOY WANTED** @ MMASEHIPHA cattlepost . Tsimako- 72 153 325. Closing date- 31/01/2025.

**FARM WORKER REQUIRED** urgently. Apply P O Box 20795 Gaborone.

**KOLAPENG PTY LTD** requires farm workers. Please reply to: Box 720 Mogoditshane or 71 689 469. Closing date: 07/02/25.

**FARM WORKER REQUIRED** Apply to Bosele Gaoakanye P O Box 46496 Gaborone

**3 FARM WORKER WANTED.** JS BEEF. Box 11 Werda

**FARM WORKER WANTED:** To work in a horticulture farm at Phuduhudu Farms near Kalamare village. Contact: Serumola on +267 72 132 317.

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**FARM WORKER REQUIRED** at Senete cattle post.Contact Oteng Batlhoki at 71 322 582

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
*Master's Reference: ESHGB - 000800/24*  
**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **Dineo Seranyane** who died at Seetswane Ward, Mogapi, Central – Bobonong District, Botswana on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 1998. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty(30) days after the publication hereof.  
**Dated at.....on this.....day of .....2025**  
Executrix, Keitumetse Paris Ratsuru, P.O. Box 10225, PALAPYE, 74394801

**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: 33:01), 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 **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.  
**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2024**  
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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DIKGANG MPHARITLHE	ESHFT-000821-24	11-03-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
**ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act**  
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**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2025**  
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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SOLOMON TSHUKUDU	ESHFT-000837-24	08-04-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN**  
*ESHFT 00000162 - 23*  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **GALEBOIWE BATHOEN**, ESHFT- 00000162 - 23 who died at NYANGABWE HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2023. **NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.  
**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**  
EMILY BATHOEN, Executor Dative, P O Box 20037, Francistown, Contact:74681431  
**AND TO:** Master of the High Court, Private Bag F13, FRANCISTOWN

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to apply for a Certified Copy of Deed of Transfer No. **334/91** dated 24<sup>th</sup> day of **September 1991**, was entered into between the Kweneng Land Board as the Lessor, on the one hand, and Motlhaodi Benjamin Morake (Born on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1962) as Lessee on the other hand for a period of **NINETY-NINE (99) YEARS** commencing on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of **September 1990** in respect of:  
**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal Lot 1224, Mogoditshane;  
**SITUATE:** at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING:** 1871m2 (One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One Square Metres);  
**AS WILL MORE**  
**FULLY APPEAR:** From diagram **DSL No. 244/91** surveyed by Land Surveyor C.P. Vista in **August 1990** and approved by the Director of Surveys and Lands on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of **July 1991**:  
**WHICH PROPERTY:** Is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease Number **334/1991** dated 24<sup>th</sup> day of **September 1991** made in favour of **MOTLHAODI BENJAMIN MORAKE** (Born on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1962);  
**SUBJECT TO:** the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Lease;  
All persons having objections to the issuance of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020 Gaborone within twenty one (21) days from the last publication of this notice.  
**DATED at Gaborone this 15th Day of January 2025**  
**RENDO & CO**, Plot 54374, Unit 5B, 2ND Floor, Grand Union Building Central Business District, P O Box 70514, Gaborone.  
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**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**  
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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GERTRUDE UNAMI MOTHIBI	ESHFT-000801-24	11.03.2025	0900HRS	RAMPHA

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease, **NO: TL 661/2009** dated **18<sup>th</sup> September 2009** made in favour of **Phemelo Ntloyakhumo** in respect of:  
**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal LOT 7072 Molepolole  
**SITUATED:** In Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING:** 3184m<sup>2</sup> (Three thousand one hundred and eighty-four square meters)  
**HELD UNDER:** Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No:TL 661/2009 dated 18 September 2009 in favour of Phemelo Ntloyakhumo  
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the registrar of Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020 GABORONE within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice hereof.  
**DATED AT ON THIS DAY OF 2025**  
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**LESEGO SEMAUSU, INTENDS** to change land use of her plot at Matebele from Bakery to multi-family residential. Any objection regarding this proposal should forward it to Kgatleng District Council within fourteen days (14) at Physical Planning Office or contact Telephone or call 577 3512.

**LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER** at Kole cattle post (Mokubilo extension area, Contact 71 330 796

**LOOKING FOR 2 (TWO) FARM WORKERS** at Mokene farms. Contact 7 133 0796

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**FARM WORKER APPLY** to: Vibma (Pty)Ltd P O Box AD701 ADD postnet Gaborone Tel: 311 4434 Cell: 74 990 161 Closing:15/02/2025

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Nkopane, Kgatleng District. Applications to be sent to P O Box 40251 Gaborone

**A FARM WORKER** is required at Moamogwa lands. Contact no: 71315272

**FARM WORKER WANTED** : At Malotwane 1 km from A1 Road towards the village. Call Mr Godfrey Manjoro 71 812 037 P.O Box 53057 Gaborone.

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**LOOKING FOR APPIAH-KONADU** Felix B 639 AWH. Contact Atang Mooketsane. 74 754 806.

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**THE OWNER OF PLOT 10247** at Extension 10 in Palapye, wishes to inform their neighbors (10240, 10246 & 10248) that they wish to erect a boundary wall. For objections contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Office on 4930 881 within 14 days of publication.

**GAPE MORAKE, OWNER** of plot number 24920 would like to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objections please contact Serowe District Council, Physical Planning Office at telephone number 4630411 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

**GAPE MORAKE, OWNER** of tribal grant 343-MP would like to change land use from ploughing field to mixed use (agricultural and commercial guest house). For any objections, please contact Serowe District Council Physical Planning Office at telephone number, 4630411 within fourteen (14) working days of publication of this notice.

**NOTICE OF CHANGE** of land use. Onneetse Ndadi of Plot 2792, Tsolamosese ward in Mogoditshane wishes to change land use from civic and community to multi-family accommodation. Any objections within 14 days of notice can be forwarded to Mogoditshane/ Thamaga Sub District Council at 310 5615 or 71203186.

**OWNER OF PLOT 16285** consult owner of plot 16284 concerning boundary wall development in Tlokweng. Any objection contact 76 985 966

**THE OWNER OF Plot NO. 12144** in Ledumadumane, would like to inform neighbors and public at large about change of land use from single-family to multi residential use. Call 72 253 242

**THE OWNERS OF PLOT 3889**, Kumakwane intends to change land use from plant nursery to pre school and daycare / plant nursery within 14 days of this publication. Any queries contact 72 333 553 or Mogoditshane physical planning committee.

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
**ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act**  
**[Cap 31:01]**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOKWERE NDOMA	ESHFT-000699-24	08-04-2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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**Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
1. KEBAAGETSE MOSHABI	ESHFT-000862-24	12.03.25	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ELLIOT LUPE	ESHFT-000785-24	26.03.2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

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**Contact details; 393 2821 / 72 108 513**

**CLOSING DATE: 07<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025.**

**LOST TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Notarial Deed of Cession No.MA 30/89** dated **31<sup>st</sup> August 1989** made in favour of **R & O INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of;

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal Lot 141, Molepolole  
**SITUATE:** at Molepolole in the Bakwena Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING:** 975 m<sup>2</sup> (Nine Hundred and Seventy – Five Square Meters)  
**HELD UNDER:** Notarial Deed Cession No. MA 173/ 2004 dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 1989 made in favour of R & O INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

All such persons having objection to issue of such copy are hereby required to **lodge such objection in writing** to the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone **within (3) three weeks** of the date of second publication of this notice.

**DATED AT MOLEPOLOLE THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

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**LEGOLO RELAENG ATTORNEYS**  
P O BOX 1235 MOLEPOLOLE

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
**Administrative of Estates Act**  
**[Cap.31:01]**

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ELINAH MAPHAKWANE	ESHFT-000759-24	25.03.2025	0900HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2025**

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**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**Master's Reference: ESHGB 000485/23**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MPHO CAROLINE MAGANO** who died at Extension 4, Gaborone, Gaborone District, on **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**.

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

**DATED at.....on this.....day of.....2025**

.....  
**Executrix Dative**  
**Naledi Kefetogile**  
**c/o Thabiso Tafia Attorneys**  
**P O Box 4919 GABORONE**  
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## Poso Gospel Icon selects 50

By Lindi Morwaeng

**GABORONE** - In the hunt for Botswana's next gospel star, judges of the Poso Gospel Icon audition faced a difficult task of selecting 50 contestants from nearly 500 entries for the Gaborone auditions.

This follows the successful launch of the competition on December 2, 2024, which included auditions in Palapye and Maun.

Successful participants from the earlier rounds received stamped postcards, granting them entry to the next phase of the competition.

Beatrice Kgoboeng, a 22-year-old from Molepolole and former winner of Botswana's My Star talent show, was among the lucky few who advanced to the next stage of the competition. In an interview after her audition, she gushed with excitement about her progress, also expressing her aspirations for the future of gospel music in Botswana.

"My love for music and my faith led me to audition for Poso Gospel Icon. The competition is tough even at the preliminary stage, as so many of us are passionate and talented singers, but I believe that my love for gospel will help me to stand out. The exposure and experience this competition provides is invaluable. I dream of becoming a gospel recording artiste and Poso Gospel Icon is a fantastic stepping stone to achieving my goals," she said.

Lady luck was also smiling on 18-year-old Chris Lebotse from Mochudi, who received a postcard after auditioning for the second time. After initially receiving a 'No' from one of the judges during his first audition, Chris was disheartened and began to doubt his abilities. However, when presented with a second chance, he gathered his courage and succeeded in impressing the judges.

Lebotse credited his church background with fostering his love for gospel music. "I started singing at church when I was six and have been doing so ever since. I believe in my potential, and that's what motivated me to audition for Poso Gospel Icon. This competition is a dream come true for me. I aspire to be a part of Joyous Celebration, one of the most beloved gospel choirs in South Africa," he said.

Lebotse emphasised that he would be working hard to prepare for the next stage of the competition.

Sibongiseni Buhle Thela, a judge in the Poso Gospel Icon competition and seasoned musician, pastor, and vocal coach from Joyous Celebration, shared her thoughts on the auditions. "The level of talent in Botswana is extraordinary, and this competition is designed to uncover those hidden gems. However, performing in front of a panel of judges can be nerve-racking, and sometimes we see potential in contestants, but have to reject them due to the pressure of the competition,"

she said, adding that the judges were looking for an artiste 'who exudes confidence and possesses a fighting spirit, someone who knows they want to succeed and has what it takes to become the next gospel sensation'.

She, however, emphasised that it was not just about talent, adding that originality and authenticity in their performances made part of the marking key.

"Gospel music is not just about entertainment, it's about inspiring and touching people's hearts," she emphasised.

Thela stressed the importance of being true to oneself and connecting with the audience through the music, traits she hoped to see in the winning contestant.

"Judging a competition like this is both challenging and exciting. There's so much talent to consider, but in the end, we must choose just one artiste who embodies all the qualities we're looking for," she stated.

According to BotswanaPost communications manager, Khumo Raditloang, the journey of Poso Gospel Icon began as a dream in 2011.

She said last year, BotswanaPost hosted Life Changing Concert, and this year, 'we are bringing you a singing competition that will culminate into the Life Changing Concert', Raditloang explained.



Poso Gospel Icon participants facing off during the competition's auditions in Gaborone on Saturday. BotswanaPost communications officer, Precious Molwelwa said they had registered 500 contestants while only 50 will proceed to the next round scheduled for March. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

She said Poso Gospel Icon was not just about the music, but was also about reigniting the love for letter writing and promoting their philatelic products.

"The stamped postcard will become a crucial element of the competition. Contestants will receive postcards upon passing their auditions, symbolising their progression through the

competition, and each card will tell each contestant's own unique story," she explained.

She said, the initiative aligned with the company's commitment to literacy empowerment, heritage, and creativity.

Following the successful auditions in Gaborone, the competition will move on to the elimination stage at a date to be

announced.

The winner will be awarded a year-long contract with Joyous Celebration, providing them with the opportunity to launch their career in the gospel music industry. The event is part of BotswanaPost's Corporate Social Investment mandate, done in partnership with Brave Heart and Joyous Celebration. **BOPA**

## Yogis unwind at Reset & Refresh Yoga Brunch

By Bakang Wren

**GABORONE** - Yownn Yoga hosted its Reset & Refresh Yoga Brunch at Gaborone's Ate@Design on Saturday to offer attendees an opportunity to realign their energies and step into the new year with renewed focus and purpose.

Certified yoga instructor, Bonolo Phaladze shared that the brunch was part of Yownn Yoga's mission to promote sustainable wellness practices.



Yogis during a session at the Reset & Refresh Yoga Brunch in Gaborone on Saturday. Yownn Yoga founder, Bonolo Phaladze said the event's mission was to promote sustainable wellness practices. Photo: Dimpho Buisanyang

The day began with a grounding yoga session that combined Hatha and Yin styles, designed to accommodate both beginners and advanced practitioners.

The session focused on relieving stress and restoring energy through mindful breathing and movement.

"This was about creating a space where participants could reconnect with their bodies and find calm in the midst of life's daily demands," she said.

She said the serene setting

added to the experience, with its stylish and tranquil ambiance complementing the theme of relaxation and inspiration.

Phaladze hoped that attendees would leave feeling re-energised and inspired to maintain balanced lives.

She added that the event was just a tip of an iceberg as their goal was to continue creating spaces where wellness felt accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Following the yoga session, transformation coach Tshepo Ntshole took the attendees into the art of journaling, a practice she described as a gateway to self-awareness and personal growth.

She guided participants through prompts designed to spark introspection and clarity.

Among them were statements such as, "I have decided to eat well because..." and "This year, my joy involves..." which encouraged attendees to explore their intentions for the year.

Ntshole also touched on how journaling could help individuals face challenges with courage, prompting participants to reflect on, "Facing my fear looks like..." She concluded the session by helping them visualise the future they desired, asking, "In 2025, my life feels..." She noted that journaling was more than just writing, but was a space for individuals to process

emotions and create actionable plans.

The final part of the event was led by life coach Nana Kgosidialwa, who facilitated a vision-boarding session.

She emphasized the importance of focusing on a few meaningful aspirations rather than overloading vision boards with numerous goals. Kgosidialwa explained that vision boarding was most impactful when it aligned with one's holistic well-being which is body, soul, and spirit.

"This is your life," she said. "You can change your mind, start over, and design the future you want."

She guided participants through an exercise that allowed them to identify and visualize their dreams, reminding them of the importance of dreaming big while setting realistic and purposeful goals to achieve their goals.

The brunch concluded with participants mingling over a wholesome meal paired with mimosas, creating an intimate atmosphere for meaningful conversations and organic connections.

One of the participants, Praise Bird said the Reset & Refresh Yoga Brunch left her not only refreshed, but equipped with tools to navigate her journey with mindfulness and intention, embodying the essence of new beginnings. **BOPA**

# Runners prepare for Kazungula Bridge Marathon

By Portia Ikgopoleng

**KAZUNGULA** - Dozens of marathoners and fitness enthusiasts on Saturday morning turned up for the FNB Kazungula Bridge Marathon (KBM) activation in Kasane.

Tackling the 21km and 10km races in preparation for the marathon billed for February 22, the marathoners traversed through Kazungula, Flowertown and part of Kasane.

In an interview, KBM Technical Director David Lebalelo expressed his satisfaction over the turn up for the activation, adding

that this was the first of a kind activation where they introduced 21km race.

He stated that they had engaged a route measurer in October in order to adhere to international standards which provided for marathon routes to be certified every three years.

"We have received certification from World Athletics and we are ready for the final whistle," he said.

Furthermore, he said this year they had engaged Gaborone Striders Runners Club for technical support in order to tie up loose ends and avoid confusions

like last year when the 42km race failed to produce a winner as athletes got lost along the route.

He revealed that the start off point for the 42km race would be the same spot as the finish line adding that shorter races would start at BDF junction.

Lebalelo encouraged participants to register online on the marathon's website and WhatsApp number in order for their details to be captured and eliminate any mishaps.

For her part Gaborone Striders Runners Club member Lapologang Magole said their club was roped into the marathon as technical advisers to ensure the routes were marked correctly with hydration stations installed at the right places.

She emphasised the importance of proper marshalling for runners as well as safety and security, which she said the club's engagement on the marathon would address.

Magole indicated that their club was proud of the fact that they had accredited coaches who were well trained to conduct and manage races in compliance with international standards.

"We are a trusted partner and we present vast experience having conducted several races in Botswana," she said. **BOPA**



Lapologang Magole



David Lebalelo

## Magosi, Mapantsula share spoils

By Aobakwe Molefhi

**LOBATSE** - The Saturday encounter of the two teams renowned for attracting large crowds and playing same kind of possession carpet football, Mochudi Centre Chiefs and Extension Gunners ended in a goalless draw.

In a game played at Lobatse stadium, both Magosi and Mapantsula showed a bit of tactical awareness and the ball was played mostly in the middle of the park.

It was not surprising though because the two teams have on many occasions shared spoils.

Football pundits who thronged the game complained of lack of goal poachers from both sides.

Such was evidenced by the fact that the game ended with neither team having attempted a shot at goal nor on target shot.

In the dying minutes of the game though, Gunners nearly did a smash and grab, when Patrick Kaunda whipped a shot in a tight angle which missed a target by a whisker.

The game ended with a nil all draw, a far result, as both teams were poor on the final third.

On attendance, the duo did not disappoint as they attracted quite a sizable crowd, where some opined that it was because the two recently bagged themselves sponsors.

They also said with team being taken care of and less drama of not paying the players, supporters too found it easy to attend games, something that had not been happening in the recent past. **BOPA**

## Morupule Wanderers defeat Chadibe FC

By Kelebogile Taolo

**FRANCISTOWN** - Morupule Wanderers, aka Coalboys, humiliated Chadibe FC by 3 goals to 1 in an FNB premiership encounter at the old Francistown Stadium on Saturday.

The game, which even on the first half failed to produce much spark, was characterised by long aerial balls from both sides.

Bonang Theetso opened the goals for Morupule Wanderers through a beautiful header after receiving a well calculated cross from Gaone Japane on the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute, giving his team a lead.

Both teams continued to attack but were unable to hit the net and went to recess with Wanderers leading by a solitary goal.

After recess, Chadibe FC

seemed to have heard instructions well as Morris Ruzivo scored an equaliser on the 57<sup>th</sup> minute with a wide shot.

The equaliser must have rubbed the Coalboys the wrong way as the team made a double substitution, introducing Maano Ditshupo and Kitso Mpuisang who came in fired up and started dictating terms in the middle field, putting their opponents under pressure.

On the 67<sup>th</sup> minute, Theetso scored his second goal to give his team a 2-1 lead.

Chadibe also had their moment to attack but their efforts were thwarted by Wanderers' goalkeeper. Kelvin Ndebele gave the Coalboys a third goal on the 76<sup>th</sup> minute with a good shot after the Chadibe FC defence failed to stop him, which resulted in 3-1

giving Morupule Wanderers the victory. In a post match interview, Morupule Wanderers coach, Pule Mogotsi, said it was important for them to collect three points so as they secure a spot in the Top 8.

He said they fought to come out of the relegation zone and now their mission was to stay in the top 8.

Coach Christopher Mwanza of Chadibe FC said his team did not go for the right gear and they did not create much chances whereas their opponent converted every chance they created to emerge winners. He said though they lost again in the second round of the league, the margin had been reduced. In the first round of the league Morupule Wanderers won Chadibe FC by 6 goals to nil. **BOPA**



Letsile Tebogo

## De Beers Group appoints Tebogo global ambassador

**GABORONE** - De Beers Group has announced Letsile Tebogo, Botswana's 200 metres Olympic gold medallist and World Athletics Male Athlete of the Year 2024, as its Global Ambassador.

A press release from De Beers Group says the collaboration builds on De Beers Group's efforts to showcase the transformative potential of its natural diamonds through engaging in shareable content, marking the start of a unique collaboration that celebrates both Tebogo's athletic achievements and the transformative power of natural diamonds.

"The longstanding diamond partnership between Botswana and De Beers has seen the country use its resource wealth for economic development, and the creation of new opportunities in education and sports has helped cultivate talents such as Tebogo," states the release.

Tebogo's rise to excellence, like the diamonds that shaped Botswana's future, the release says highlights the country's latent potential that when nurtured, creates something brilliant.

The partnership, it says, also weaves together the story of Tebogo's sporting achievements with that of Botswana's development through diamonds, crafting a powerful narrative of possibility, passion and progress.

"The collaboration builds on Botswana's remarkable journey over more than five decades to become a world-leading diamond producer, which has in turn transformed the prospects for its people," adds the release.

Reflecting on the collaboration, as per the release, the Olympic champion said: "my success story is connected with our nation's diamond heritage.

The very resources that built our schools and sports facilities have paved the way for young athletes like me. I'm humbled that an organisation like De Beers, that has played such a pivotal role in the development

of my country, sees it fit to play a role in my future too."

"I'm excited to work with De Beers to highlight the power of natural diamonds for our country and its people. Our partnership goes beyond sport – it's about showcasing the natural resources driving positive change in our communities and creating pathways for the next generation of Botswana champions," he added.

De Beers Brands chief executive officer Sandrine Conseiller, as per the release, said "Tebogo's journey, from Botswana to Olympic glory, mirrors the transformation of natural diamonds. Just as diamonds are shaped by pressure and time, Tebogo's story embodies the spirit of Botswana's progress."

"We are incredibly proud to work with Tebogo as we celebrate not only his achievements, but also the remarkable parallel between the realisation of human potential and the journey of a natural diamond," she added.

The collaboration, the release says will involve a series of engagements and media activities focused on celebrating the good that De Beers' natural diamonds do.

The statement says as one of the first products of the collaboration, Tebogo will feature as the lead ambassador and central figure in a short film series, *Talent Unearthed*.

"Spotlighting athletic talents whose success is deeply connected to Botswana, the series will demonstrate how natural diamonds have uplifted communities and seeks to inspire the next generation of talent with Tebogo's story of perseverance and dedication," explains the release.

Another key element of the collaboration, the release says will see Tebogo and his team identify opportunities for investment in sports development in Botswana, adding that projects stemming from the collaboration will be launched throughout the year. **BOPA**

## Low turnout mars boxing tourney

By Baleseng Batlotleeng

**GABORONE** - Few boxers turned up for the first ever Botswana Boxing Association (BoBA) sanctioned interclub tournament of the year hosted by Diamond boxing club at the Game City mall ground floor terrace on Saturday.

BoBA secretary general Taolo Tlouetsile said the tournament struggled to attract a sizeable number of boxers owing to a number of reasons among them unfitness due to a long break during the festive season.

He said most clubs had shown interest to take part in the year opening tournament, but reported unfitness tests late and could not risk participating and incurring injuries.

The few boxers who pitched up displayed exciting techniques to the delight of a good crowd who had gathered for the outdoor event.

It was a fierce battle in the 49kg division where Kobamelo Molatlhegi narrowly inched past Prisons boxing club's Ofentse Kelosiwang through a judges split decision.

Molatlhegi looked nervous from the start and allowed his opponent space to throw a few jabs in the opening round. He however kept his guard intact and dealt with the blows excellently.

The enterprising Molatlhegi dusted himself up in the final round and kept Kelosiwang at the end of his hooks and the close points decision from the three of the five judges were waved in his favour.

Francistown based Otsile Mogobye had an easy 4-1 cruise against UB boxing club youngster Boitshoko Chepete in the 51kg class. Prison's Samuel Mogolodi got a rude awakening when Keratile Sejeso kept a 5-0 clean sheet against him in the 54kg division.

Sejeso's teammate Boifang

Kenaope repeated the same score line when he inched past Tshephang Madubela of Selebi Phikwe in the 67kg. Referee stopped the contest due

to outclass in the 63kg when Gaobonale Gaongalelwe ran out of steam against Thapelo Lekoba of Diamond club. National ladies bantam weight champion Phekie

Bele watched from the ringside as she did not get an opponent for the tournament.

Bele, who last competed in the December national

championships, said she was disappointed as lack of ring time ruined her preparations for upcoming regional and continental competitions. **BOPA**



Boifang Kenaope (left) of Diamond Boxing Club landing a left hook on Tshephang Madubela of CSE Boxing Club during BoBA Interclub Tournament at Game City Mall in Gaborone on Saturday. Kenaope won the 63.5kg category by referee stopped contest. Photo: Phenylo Moalosi

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