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Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (right), Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major Gen. Pius Mokgware (centre) and Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, Ms Rose Nkolonyane at the diamond sector stakeholder meeting in Gaborone yesterday. Ms Kenewendo assured the industry players that government was engaged in coming up with measures to address the reciprocal tariff of 37 per cent imposed on Botswana by the US. Photo: Felicity Male

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# Minister implores leadership to work harmoniously

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - Kweneng and Letlhakeng district leaders have been urged to work in harmony as they are tasked with producing National Development Plan (NDP) 12 projects.

Addressing leaders that included area MPs, councillors, Dikgosi and Village Development Committee (VDC) members in Molepolole on Wednesday, the Minister for State President Mr Moeti Mohwasa said working in unity would ensure they produce quality NDP 12 projects on time as bickering or arguments could only lead to unnecessary delay.

He asked the leaders to work with the National Planning Commission to plan for the country’s next development agenda to take the nation forward.

He said this was not a political venture but a national project, which called for all stakeholders to be on board.

Minister Mohwasa also called for mindset change, saying the country failed to use previous NDPs to address issues of poverty and unemployment. He noted that it was unfortunate that the country enjoyed decades of opulence yet it was now faced with challenges at a time when the national purse had dwindled.

Mr Mohwasa said this meant everyone, not only politicians or public officers, have failed as the country, rich in natural resources, failed to accomplish the ideals of Vision 2016.

He said the next NDP should be people-centred and address unemployment and poverty. He said during their planning, they should envisage the Botswana they want to see in future, and not

necessarily a country with best infrastructure with citizens living in poverty.

Mr Mohwasa pointed out that Botswana, with a population of 2.4 million, should not be struggling with unemployment, poverty and poor health services.

He reminded politicians that after five years, they would have to present their performance plans to the electorate for evaluation.

He said as the Transitional National Development Plan ends in October, the NDP 12 should be implemented in November.

Mr Mohwasa advised that the general population should be consulted, saying the government encouraged a bottom-up development approach as the people knew and understood their issues better.

“Involve local communities in the planning process to align developments with their interests,” he said. He said as politicians, they were there to offer political oversight and therefore appealed to them to seek expert advice from public officers. The minister reminded them to prioritise their projects as the country was facing financial constraints.

He said the councils should be empowered to come up with business initiatives, as they could not rely on government, adding that funds from the Constituency Community Projects (CCP) could be used for investment purposes.

He said this would help create revenue for councils, reduce unemployment and subsequently poverty levels would also decline. He said in the process, the councils would help generate the promised 500 000 jobs by 2029.

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Japanese Ambassador, Mr Shindo Yusuke (left) handing over books on behalf of the Nippon Foundation to BUAN Vice Chancellor, Professor Ketlhatlogile Mosepele during a donation of 200 academic titles from the Read Japan Project in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Yusuke said the donation was a commitment to strengthen relations between Botswana and Japan. Photo: Felicity Male

# BUAN receives books from Read Japan Project

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

GABORONE - Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) has received a donation of 200 academic titles from the Read Japan Project, a contribution that will enhance educational resources at the university.

The initiative, managed by the Tokyo Foundation for policy research and supported by The Nippon Foundation, further strengthens the collaboration between Botswana and Japan.

“This project fosters understanding and appreciation, creating pathways for joint initiatives and cultural exchange,” said BUAN vice chancellor, Professor Ketlhatlogile Mosepele in Gaborone on Wednesday.

The selected books cover

various disciplines aligned with BUAN’s strategic focus areas, particularly in the economy, environment and technology.

Prof. Mosepele said the synergy between BUAN’s goals and the Tokyo Foundation’s research domains presented an ideal opportunity for future collaborations.

With the collection, Prof. Mosepele reckons that BUAN’s academic stature and competitiveness in the global marketplace of ideas would improve.

By integrating Japanese cultural perspectives into the university’s curriculum, the initiative also aims to enrich the learning experience for both staff and students.

“In addition, BUAN plans to expand its academic programmes to include the arts, to ensure that graduates are well-equipped with

soft skills for the job market,” Prof Mosepele said and explained that part of the university’s growth strategy, would entail developing satellite campuses across Botswana to provide vocational training for the youth.

He envisioned a future strengthened by collaboration and mutual understanding as BUAN embarked on its journey to transform into a world-class institution.

Handing over the books on behalf of the Nippon Foundation, Japan ambassador to Botswana, Mr Shindo Yusuke said while the project targeted young students and researchers interested in Japan, it was also meant to benefit opinion leaders and intellectuals specialising in areas other than Japan studies.

He said BUAN received 178 titles covering various subjects made available by the initiative, including economics, business, politics, international relations, culture, arts and history.

Ambassador Yusuke stated that in today’s fast-changing world, where information was readily available online, the role of books was irreplaceable since they were a bridge between minds and cultures, carrying stories, ideas and histories that inspired and educated.

“A well-curated collection of books provides a foundation for critical thinking, scholarly research and intellectual development,” he said.

Ambassador Yusuke hoped for continued strengthening of academic cooperation between Botswana and Japan in the educational sector to nurture curiosity, embrace cultural exchange and build a future where knowledge knows no borders.

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# Councillors prioritise key projects

By Relief Lephutshi

KANYE - Kanye District political leadership will endorse water development, infrastructure maintenance, health facility development and environmental upkeep as actionable items for submission in the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12).

This emerged at a special full council meeting held on Wednesday where councillors deliberated on key developmental issues to be included in NDP 12.

In an interview, the Deputy Council Secretary for Development and Planning, Mr Masilela Mandoze said the

council deliberations started with an overview of the plan looking at the Transitional National Development Plan projects.

He said that with the councillors’ deliberations, some key local indicators were suggested to be included in NDP 12.

“Those were suggestions, which community members through the leadership deliberations had also indicated as core,” he noted.

He said depending on the outcome, they would see from submissions made, which of the said projects would make it through as they were going to compete with others at national level. The other project reviewed

was the Ipelegeng programme Project Memorandum, which he said its enrolment in Kanye was at 2493 as per the reviewed quota of September 2024 and its budget was about P25.9 million.

“It reflects more focus on development and minor maintenance works in the district,” he said. He also stated that there was the reviewing of Constituency Community Projects (CCP) guidelines, which came into effect in 2017 and stakeholders had suggested that due to time changes, the guidelines should be reviewed to avoid working with outdated ones.

Furthermore, Mr Mandoze said members highlighted acceptance of the rest of the issues, except that they would like local leadership such as Kgosi, council members, MPs, Village Development Communities and other non-state actors to be in the forefront of the composition and identification of ward projects benefiting from CCP.

He said the other suggestion was of the P10 million threshold to be increased to P20 million for each constituency.

Mr Mandoze said the proposal was attributed to an increase of market prices as well as labour costs.

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# Observe labour laws - Mokgware

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Government will not tolerate any labour law violation and worker exploitation hence promotes decent work environment.

Officiating the diamond stakeholders meeting with the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs in Gaborone yesterday, the portfolio Minister, Major General Pius Mokgware appealed to players

in the diamond industry to value their workers.

He said based on the current prevailing circumstances one was left to wonder if the sector was a curse to its value.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware said the industry must comply with the labour laws and ensure that the value and shine of diamonds reflected on the industry workers. He said the reform was for players in the diamond value chain to come

together and engineer measures to improve the work environment and welfare of employees.

Minister Mokgware said encounters with companies in the diamond industry showed some difficulties in establishing the office responsible for the well-being of the workers.

“When dealing with labour, we are tossed between the offices of the manager, human resource manager and director. We are left to wonder as to who is responsible for the well-being of employees,” said Minister Mokgware.

He said government had in the near past engaged in labour inspections and diamond companies and businesses which were prompted by frequent complaints from employees.

He said most of the companies were found to be in violation of labour laws, with some encountering painful experiences and getting paid below the recommended mark.

“Some companies in the diamond industry are taking advantage of the desperate situation that the young people were found in as a result of unemployment.

They are subjected to exploitation, sexual harassment such as rape and other sexual violations,” said the minister.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware said it

was important to work together to ensure that diamonds were a blessing to the workers of the industry.

“We exploit the people we are supposed to guide, grow and mould into responsible future leaders. Use of foul and abusive language was common with the industry” he said adding that the diamonds must not be used to hurt instead people who work in the industry must shine.

Minister Mokgware said some companies in the diamond did not provide their employees with medical aid cover, proper clothing suffering injuries that could have been avoided and being exposed to other health hazard.

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He said in an effort to tighten the labour laws and address labour issues, he would during the winter Parliament table a bill for the amendment of the Labour and Employment Act, therefore appealing to all players in the diamond business to associate themselves with the draft document and provide their input.

One of the ministry’s mandate is to ensure productivity in the workplace and the minister said currently, productivity level in the country was at 0.44 per cent.

He said government was losing huge sums of money as a result of failure to comply with labour laws, adding that his ministry was to settle a debt of P123 million as a consequence of non-compliance with labour laws. **BOPA**

## Govt tackles tariff challenges

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Government is intent on addressing challenges posed by the 37 per cent reciprocal tariff imposed on Botswana by the US.

The global tariffs have since been affecting international trade upon coming into effect on April 9.

Speaking during diamond stakeholders meeting held in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs in Gaborone yesterday, Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo said the tariff issue was important as diamonds were the country’s leading export.

“Our silence does not mean we are not acting. I am here to give you assurance that government is taking the matter seriously.”

Ms Kenewendo said challenges emanating from the imposed tariff were not only affecting direct export channels, but also other markets the country was doing business with, such as India, Israel, Dubai, Antwerp and many others.

She said the concerned markets were being assessed to establish how the tariff had affected them and how they may be affecting the country’s efforts of beneficiation.

“We are focused on this issue and engaging with the White House. President Advocate Duma Boko is actively working with

a team to ensure that we have a proper strategy in attending to the matter and that the impact emanating from it will be mitigated accordingly. We intend to communicate with the industry regarding such efforts and we hope that in the meantime the diamond industry will remain steadfast, as it has shown in the past when exposed to various challenges,” said the minister.

She assured investors in the industry that government would persist in their engagement and keep them informed about President Boko’s ongoing efforts.

She said since coming into effect the tariff was hitting hard on the country’s economy.

Meanwhile, Ms Kenewendo said the meeting of the diamond industry players and Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs was a follow-up to the January stakeholder engagement, where it was proposed that the Diamond Hub should work toward becoming a true one stop shop and service diverse needs raised by players in the industry.

She said the labour ministry wanted to facilitate businesses in the diamond sector by ensuring their compliance with labour industry laws and regulations including those pertaining to visa applications, as well as work and resident permits. **BOPA**

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Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major Gen. Pius Mokgware (right) and Diamond Hub coordinator, Mr Jacob Thamage at the diamond sector stakeholder meeting in Gaborone yesterday. Major Gen. Mokgware appealed to players in the diamond industry to value workers. Photo: Felicity Male

# Prisons receives books worth P2.5 million

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - Macmillan Education Botswana has donated books worth P2.5 million to 43 Botswana Prison Service centres across the country to contribute towards reading as a powerful

tool for personal development and growth of prisoners.

The donation comprised of literacy material and textbooks for primary, junior certificate and Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE), as well as fiction and non-fiction books.

Receiving the donation in Gaborone yesterday, the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana expressed delight that the donation came at a time when Botswana Prison Service was venturing into a transformational journey of being a Correctional Service.

He said the books would emphasise more on correcting the offenders by addressing the criminogenic tendencies that had driven them to commit crime.

“Books are not merely collections of words, they are doorways to new worlds, windows into our imaginations and tools for empowerment.

In a world where information is paramount, the ability to read and comprehend is a fundamental

skill that unlocks countless opportunities,” he said.

Mr Ramaotwana said literacy and access to knowledge had a profound impact on the lives of communities and the future, adding that reading also expanded one’s knowledge and perspective through literature. The minister also noted that the books would reduce idleness, which could distract the prison service’s determination to empower offenders for the betterment of their lives by maximising offenders’ engagement in literacy and mind occupation.

He noted that once the inmates got engrossed in the books, they would not have the luxury of time to think of negative things that did not assist in their rehabilitation.

Minister Ramaotwana said the donation would also encourage other corporate organisations and individuals to share their resources.

“I have also learnt that the donation is a precursor to the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Macmillan Botswana and Botswana Prison

Service, expressing hope that the partnership would be to the mutual benefit of the two institutions and ultimately to the nation,” he noted.

Mr Ramaotwana implored Botswana Prison Service to jealously protect the integrity of the books by effecting strict control measures for their preservation. He also expressed gratitude to Macmillan for its commitment to fostering a love of reading and learning in the community.

“You’ve not only donated books, but you’ve shared hope, inspiration and the potential for brighter futures.

Your support exemplifies what can be accomplished when we work together for the common good,” said the minister.

“May these books inspire curiosity, creativity and a lifelong love for learning. Let us create, in the offenders and ourselves, a community that values education and makes it accessible to everyone,” he said.

Giving an overview of the initiative, Macmillan Education Botswana general manager, Mr

Kopano Sechele said access to books should not be a privilege, but a right. “Reading programmes should be integrated into broader rehabilitation efforts communication if we really want to empower Batswana,” he said.

He also called for establishment and expansion of library programmes within correctional facilities to ensure inmates had access to a diverse range of books that catered to their individual needs and interests.

Beyond this donation, Mr Sechele said their company would also reward top achievers in Primary School Leaving Examinations, Junior Certificate of Education and BGCSE for two years, following an agreement with the relevant ministry management.

The Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga, Botswana Prison Service commissioner, Mr Anthony Mokento and Macmillan Education Southern Africa managing director, Mr Brett Basel, also graced the donation ceremony. **BOPA**

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# Organisation vows to safeguard Okavango Basin

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Safeguarding the extraordinary Okavango Basin for future generations requires deep collaboration with communities, non-governmental organisations and government working together at every level.

The chief science and innovation officer from National Geographic Society, Mr Ian Miller made the remarks recently during the launch of Nkashi Knowledge Centre at Beetsha village.

He noted that their mission was to illuminate and protect the wonders of the world and cited Okavango Basin as one of the few magnificent wonders.

He said the society was an

important partner to advance the lasting impact. Mr Miller noted their commitment to investing in and supporting the National Geographic Okavango Wilderness project, which began a decade ago under the leadership of National Geographic explorer, Mr Steve Boyes.

He said Mr Boyes had dedicated his life to conserving Africa's wilderness areas and the species that they depended upon through innovative and integrative methods.

Mr Miller said in 2015, Mr Boyes launched the Okavango Wilderness project, a multi-year effort aimed at exploring and protecting the little known wilderness of the Angolan highlands.

This is the one, he said, that

provided 95 percent of the water that sustained the delta and the biodiversity of the greater Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Area and the project had now become the National Geographic Okavango Wilderness project.

"Today Mr Boyes works alongside eight explorers from the region. Collectively, they are combining science with traditional knowledge, exploration, education and powerful storytelling to help ensure the future of the Okavango," he added.

Mr Miller appreciated that a partner, De Beers Group emerged four years ago to supercharge their efforts through partnership with Okavango Eternal and they had already seen tremendous progress.

He said they had made significant advance in science research, citing a job well done by the Okavango Wilderness Project team, which had mapped more than 1.25 million hectares of critical Angolan habitat, prioritising the area for conservation.

"Just as important, we have worked closely with the communities to ensure they are leading the way in conservation. Together with De Beers and other stakeholders, we have helped create more than 1500 opportunities from bee-keeping to regenerate agriculture, basket weaving and entrepreneurial skill building," he said. Mr Miller said another meaningful outcome of their partnership saw the word 'Nkashi' evolve, citing that what began with the Nkashi Classic and the National Geographic Film about the mokoro race had become a movement.

Many, he said, had shared how 'Nkashi' now stands for forward momentum, resilience and a

hopeful future for the Okavango.

He added that the movement came to life with the flagship Nkashi Knowledge Centre in Maun, a thriving hub that had already welcomed more than 3000 students, scientists and community members for trainings, events and learning opportunities.

He said through the centre, they had engaged hundreds of youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) as well as conservation initiatives through a new laboratory and also helped them and young professionals refine how they tell their stories through storytelling clubs.

"With the launching of Beetsha Centre, we are accelerating these efforts again in the heart of the delta and it is our hope that this space opens doors in ways that continue to elevate this community to build upon skills and reinvest them here to become the next conservation leaders, educators, storytellers and mentors," he added. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa (fourth right), National School quiz championship (NSQC) global founder, Mr Ian Venganai (left), St Joseph's College quiz coach and chemistry teacher, Mr Shadrack Tlou (centre), NSQC bee master, Ms Mphoentle Motswakae (second right) and learners from St. Joseph's College, Ledumang and Naledi secondary schools during National School Championship Quiz trophy and scholarships handover ceremony in Gaborone on Wednesday. Three St Joseph's College learners secured international scholarships valued at P820 000 to study in India. Photo: Gaseitsiwe moruakomo

## St Joseph's College learners secure international scholarships

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - In an outstanding achievement for Botswana's education sector, three students from St Joseph's College have secured international scholarships valued at P820 000 to study in India. The opportunity comes after their victorious performance in the National School Quiz Competition (NSQC) World Series 2024 Championship.

In addition to the scholarship, the students have been awarded a fully sponsored educational tour to India in August, providing them with a unique learning and cultural experience. St Joseph's College clinched first place in the NSQC World Series 2024, beating teams from around the globe.

Three students from Ledumang Senior Secondary School followed closely in second place, earning a 75 per cent scholarship for remarkable performance, while three students from Naledi Secondary School, the third-place winners, also received high praise for their achievements.

Speaking during the NSQC trophy and scholarships handover ceremony, organised by Ian P

Universal (Pty) Ltd in Gaborone on Wednesday, the Assistant Minister of Basic Education and Child Welfare, Mr Justin Hunyepa, commended the participating schools for representing Botswana on the world stage and congratulating the winners for their stellar performance.

"I want to congratulate St Joseph's College for their sterling performance in securing first place. Ledumang Senior Secondary and Naledi Secondary School have also made us proud by earning second and third place, respectively," he added. Mr Hunyepa said the NSQC World Series had proven that when learners were given the right platform, equipped with the right skills, and encouraged to follow their passion and collaborate as a team, they can excel internationally.

He emphasised the significance of the achievement, noting that the students' success has not only placed Botswana on the global map but also significantly reduced the financial burden on the government regarding university tuition fees.

He said the international scholarships awarded by Education For All (EDOOFA) would help

the students pursue their higher education without the heavy costs traditionally associated with studying abroad.

"Just a year later, our learners from these three senior schools have already made their mark on the world stage, and by securing top positions, our students have represented Botswana with pride; they have earned these scholarships, and this speaks volumes about their determination, focus, and grace," Mr Hunyepa added.

Mr Hunyepa also praised Ian P Universal and EDOOFA for their commitment to supporting local education through such impactful initiatives. He emphasised the importance of public-private partnerships (PPP) in the socio-economic development of the country, urging the business community to continue partnering with the government in initiatives that inspire others and leave lasting impacts.

Mr Hunyepa acknowledged the teachers for their hard work in preparing the students for the competition, as well as their ongoing support in preparing students for examinations. **BOPA**

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The landscape of information and knowledge management has changed significantly, assisting in efficiency and effectiveness, says University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris.

Prof Norris said this on Wednesday at the ongoing three day 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference of the Department of Library and Information studies held in Gaborone.

He said in an era of digital transformation and in the advent of computers and the internet, organisations were now using sophisticated software systems to manage vast amount of data, automotive workflows and ensure compliance with regulations.

Prof Norris said information was no longer confined to physical spaces as it is accessible anywhere, anytime to cloud computing and mobile technology.

With this era of technological evolution, Prof Norris said institutions of higher learning curricula should meet the needs of this increasingly digital and globalised world.

"Information management today focus on advanced data technologies including big data, cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI)," he said, adding that information systems were designed for real time data processing. Therefore, Prof Norris said there was a strong emphasis on data and analytics as well as data mining and machine learning.

He said the integration of cyber security, data privacy and cloud architecture were major components of information management curricula today.

The vice chancellor further said the modern knowledge management not only included managing information, but also sharing collaboration tools and the creation of knowledge networks.

"The curriculum incorporates social media, enterprise social networks and knowledge sharing platforms that leverage AI and machine learning," said Prof Norris.

Moreover, he said with countries currently talking knowledge economies, it was for African institutions of higher learning to also be at par.

He said countries needed well-educated, well-trained and highly skilled people to generate, distribute and use information and knowledge. "The knowledge economy depends on effective policies and economic environment that promotes entrepreneurship, stimulates investment in information and communication technology and permits the free flow of knowledge," Prof Norris stated.

Meanwhile, Prof Tom Kwanya of Technical University of Kenya said stakeholders should embrace AI, but said it needed context and ethics. He said librarians and information professionals were uniquely placed to bridge the gap between communities and technology.

He said knowledge systems should be reliable and sustainable tools, which can withstand shocks, adapt to change and continue to serve the people who rely on them.

"We are living through a time of enormous disruption from climate change and pandemics to disinformation and digital inequality and the world is testing the limits of the systems we depend on to make sense of it," said Prof Kwanya.

He added that knowledge systems such as libraries, archives, universities and data repositories were under pressure to be more adaptive, inclusive and secure.

He said knowledge should be inclusive, empowering and harmonious with AI and said the next generation of knowledge systems should be passive users of AI.

Held under the theme: Strengthening Information and Knowledge Management Paradigmmes in the Era of Advanced Technologies, the conference has drawn participants from various institutions of learning across Africa such as Botswana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Kenya among others. **BOPA**



# Learners to benefit from collaboration

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - In a landmark move to promote environmental education in Botswana, Children in the Wilderness (CITW), Botswana Insurance Holdings Limited (BIHL) Trust, and Mokolodi Nature Reserve have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Tshwaragano Primary School in Gaborone on Tuesday.

The three-year tripartite collaboration, supported by a P220 000 investment from BIHL Trust, aims to instill environmental awareness in young learners, blending theoretical knowledge with hands-on conservation experiences.

This initiative builds on BIHL Trust's long-standing commitment to supporting education, with Tshwaragano Primary School forming part of its Adopt-A-School programme.

"At BIHL Trust, we believe that investing in youth education and empowerment is the most sustainable way to ensure long-term conservation," said BIHL Trust Board chairperson, Ngwatshi Enyatseng. "This programme reflects our commitment to building resilient communities and nurturing a generation that values and protects our natural heritage," he added.

She emphasised that conservation was not the responsibility of scientists alone. "It starts with our children, and with partnerships like this, we can catch them early," he noted.

The CITW programme, an initiative of Okavango Wilderness Safaris (OWS), brings extensive experience in youth engagement

through environmental education, life skills development, and leadership training.

Tshwaragano Primary School is the latest urban school to join the CITW programme and has shown remarkable engagement in environmental initiatives. "We've had an especially strong collaboration with Tshwaragano Primary School more than with many of our rural partner schools," said CITW Board member, Derek de la Harpe. "Our mission is to educate, inspire, and uplift children through a programme that aligns with the national education syllabus, especially in subjects like Agriculture, Science, and Social Studies," he stated.

While Tshwaragano learners have previously attended CITW's annual educational camps hosted at OWS lodges, the school's urban location has posed challenges for consistent access to nature-based learning. This new partnership addresses that gap by incorporating Mokolodi Nature Reserve's natural environment.

"Mokolodi is committed to nurturing the future custodians of Botswana's natural heritage," said Dennis Ramokgau, Education and Stakeholder Manager at Mokolodi.

The initiative will include teacher training workshops to strengthen capacity in environmental education, 23 Eco-Club sessions per year aligned with the academic calendar, practical excursions to Mokolodi, and student-led projects with entrepreneurial potential. CITW's annual camps will also continue, offering a platform for leadership development and celebration of learning. **BOPA**



Botswana Insurance Holdings Limited (BIHL) Trust chairperson, Ms Ngwatshi Enyatseng (left), Children in the Wilderness board member, Mr Derek de la Harpe (centre) and Mokolodi Game Reserve education stakeholder manager, Mr Dennis Ramokgau during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding at Tshwaragano Primary School on Wednesday. The three-year tripartite collaboration, supported by a P220 000 investment from BIHL Trust, aims to instil environmental awareness in young learners, blending theoretical knowledge with hands-on conservation experiences. Photo: Teko Letsholo

## Relocation of health services addresses quality provision

By Esther Mmolai

BEETSHA - The relocation of primary health services to local councils is a step in the right direction to turn around the healthcare system by addressing issues that compromised quality health care provision.

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalale Motshegwa made these remarks during a recent tour of Beetsha clinic to appreciate challenges faced by employees.

He noted that they believed the councils could do much better to ensure communities access health services closer as well as attend to challenges well on time.

As such, he urged employees to be inspired, as the councils

would take the responsibility to ensure health facilities are well resourced to motivate them to produce quality results.

He said well-resourced workplaces could stimulate an environment that enhanced productivity and job satisfaction, leading to increased overall performance.

Mr Motshegwa assured employees that challenges such as shortage of resources and staff would be prioritised and encouraged them to work as a unit, saying the government recognised their efforts towards saving lives and promoting healthy lifestyles.

The nurse in charge at the clinic, Mr Walter Ovoya informed the minister and his entourage that the clinic was

faced with a serious shortage of staff, citing that 50 percent of staff was hired on temporary basis.

He said six nurses manned the clinic, one was a midwife nurse who served three clinics of Gudigwa, Beetsha and Eretsha, noting that transport was also a serious challenge as their catchment area was vast.

During weekends, he said one nurse on duty had to man all the three clinics and thus compromised delivery of quality health services to the communities.

"Currently, we are in a malaria season and we are overwhelmed as we have to see on average, more than 100 patients seeking health services in a day," he added. **BOPA**

## Lentswelemoriti land issue sparks verbal war

By Manowe Motsaathebe

LENTSWELEMORITI - The verbal war that has been simmering for some time concerning developments within the St. Engenas Zion Christian Church private land dubbed Lentswelemoriti, has attained full maturity, at least by observation and confirmation.

The kgotla meeting by area Member of Parliament, Mr Taolo Lucas was a catalyst that ignited a spark for the all-out, no holds barred verbal war between messengers of the church led by St. Engenas ZCC's chairperson of the church council, Mr Piet Lekganyane and residents of Lentswelemoriti.

Clearly, the two parties have been engaging unsuccessfully to a point where a group dubbed 'Bana ba Letswelemoriti' paid MP Lucas a visit to try and intervene with a view of hatching a lasting solution between them and the private land owner, being the church.

At the centre of the war is

the fencing of the farm which Mr Lekganyane said was for the security of the people living within the farm, a claim vehemently objected to by the 'Bana ba Lentswelemoriti.'

In erecting the said fence, Bana Ba Lentswelemoriti claim not to have been consulted upon which they were disrespected for voicing out their displeasure.

They claim that the fence is, in some instances, too close to their yards and therefore becoming "a death trap".

They argued that as Batswana who should be enjoying their full rights, they needed not be fenced and or contained as they had co-existed with wild animals ever since 1953 when they landed from Mochudi, where they fled religious persecution.

They alleged that Mr Lekganyane and his entourage would dismiss them as "nothing" and asked who they were when they aired their grievances. Mr Lekganyane did not rebut the claim, but said they regretted nothing at all.

"We can't be demonized and dehumanized in this only land we call home.

We have the minutes of our meeting with the bishop where he promised us that no developments will be carried here without consulting us," Mr Batshidi Tsae said.

"We seek church leaders to respect us and we will in turn offer the same as this 'village' is synonymous with mutual respect," Ms Sylvia Mlauzi said.

While they demanded respect, they were reminded of the rights of the freehold land owner in the private land they were demanding respect while lodged at.

However, Mr Lekganyane was unapologetic about the church fencing the area and telling those who seek developments to leave the farm and resettle elsewhere.

"When their parents fled Mochudi over religious persecution, the bishop granted them temporary stay in this private farm until the time when things got normal again. But as you know people, they took

advantage of the whole situation as if they're now in their land," said Mr. Lekganyane.

He said that during the said meeting where they claimed disrespect, they flatly refused to sign attendance register when he had requested to and as a result he decided against going on with the meeting.

Mr Lekganyane said the Bana Ba Lentswelemoriti committee did not have the authority to meet with MP Lucas over a church matter.

He said the ringleaders, who provided statistics of who preferred to stay not to stay in the farm inter alia, did not stay in the 'village' but elsewhere and hence they failed to turn up to the consultative meeting they were invited to despite having been given a week to prepare.

The chairperson of the church council pleaded with the complainants not to force the church to implement stiffer rules in order to keep them in line.

"We could start with lease agreement for each and every

house inside here if you want to force us into that direction," he said.

While in full understanding and agreement with church leadership over running of their private land, MP Lucas pleaded for courtesy in engaging with residents.

"While accepting that this is a private land we must also acknowledge that there are people living on it already," said Mr Lucas, while also conceding that Mr Lekganyane was right in claiming that only the land owner could dictate what happens in their farm.

He appealed to church leaders to be clear on whether or not they intended on evicting the people from the farm, and if so, to provide timelines for people to thoroughly prepare.

Realizing that the residents were emotionally charged, the MP encouraged them to appreciate the realities obtaining at the farm as freehold farms were constitutionally provided for. **BOPA**



# BURS surpasses revenue target

By Ndingililo Gaoswedwe

GABORONE - Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) has exceeded its revenue target for the 2024/25 financial year, collecting a record P61.097 billion in net tax revenue, surpassing the goal of P58.704 billion.

This achievement, marking a 4.08 per cent overachievement, is the highest in BURS's history.

At a press briefing in Gaborone yesterday, BURS Commissioner General, Ms Jeanette Makgolo, attributed the success to effective strategy, institutional commitment and national collaboration.

However, she acknowledged the challenging economic environment, which saw a 3 per cent decline in the country's GDP in 2024, highlighting the critical importance of domestic resource mobilisation.

Ms Makgolo explained that the surplus was largely driven by strong performances in Value Added Tax (VAT) and Southern African Customs Union (SACU) receipts.

"VAT exceeded its target by 28.15 per cent, collecting P14.455 billion compared to the projected P11.280 billion while SACU receipts also surpassed expectations, reaching P27.566 billion, P855 million above the

target," she said.

Ms Makgolo credited the VAT success to resilient domestic consumption and SACU's positive performance to favourable exchange rates.

However, Income Tax collections fell short by P1.745 billion, with P18.968 billion collected against a target of P20.714 billion. This shortfall, she said was attributed to challenges in the mining sector, including declining global demand for diamonds, unfavourable prices, stockpiling by dealers as well as subdued domestic business profits.

Ms Makgolo said BURS's Strategic Plan for 2024-2029 aims to mobilise P120 billion by March 2029 through diversification and modernisation of tax collection mechanisms.

The plan, she said, focused on closing tax gaps, improving compliance and introducing new revenue streams.

"Despite the economic downturn, we could not afford to sit back," she said, stressing the proactive approach through interventions like the creation of oversight bodies such as the Revenue Management Committee and Revenue Collection War Room.

BURS also launched the Multi-Disciplinary Block Management



Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) Commissioner General, Ms Jeanette Makgolo (left) and board chairperson, Dr Lesedi Senatla at a media briefing in Gaborone yesterday. Ms Makgolo said BURS had exceeded its revenue target for the 2024/25 financial year, collecting over P61 billion in net tax revenue, surpassing the goal of P58.704 billion. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Unit to inspect businesses nationwide for tax compliance, particularly targeting the cash economy. She said the agency also intensified its efforts with physical inspections at borders and airports, along with deploying anti-smuggling teams.

Additionally, mobile tax units were introduced to deliver services and educate taxpayers in remote areas.

As the 2025/26 financial year approaches, BURS faces a new target of P60.475 billion. To meet this goal, she said BURS plans to implement further reforms, including the introduction of a track-and-trace system for excisable goods, a transit monitoring system to prevent dumping and an electronic VAT invoicing system. BURS also intends to introduce VAT on

digital platforms, a significant step to bring the growing digital economy into the tax net and expanded taxpayer education will also play a critical role in improving compliance.

Beyond revenue collection, Ms Makgolo said BURS also played an important role in facilitating trade.

The Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme, launched in 2023, offered preferential treatment to compliant traders. To date, she said five businesses had been accredited, with three more pending. Ms Makgolo explained that the programme accelerated customs procedures and incentivised tax compliance.

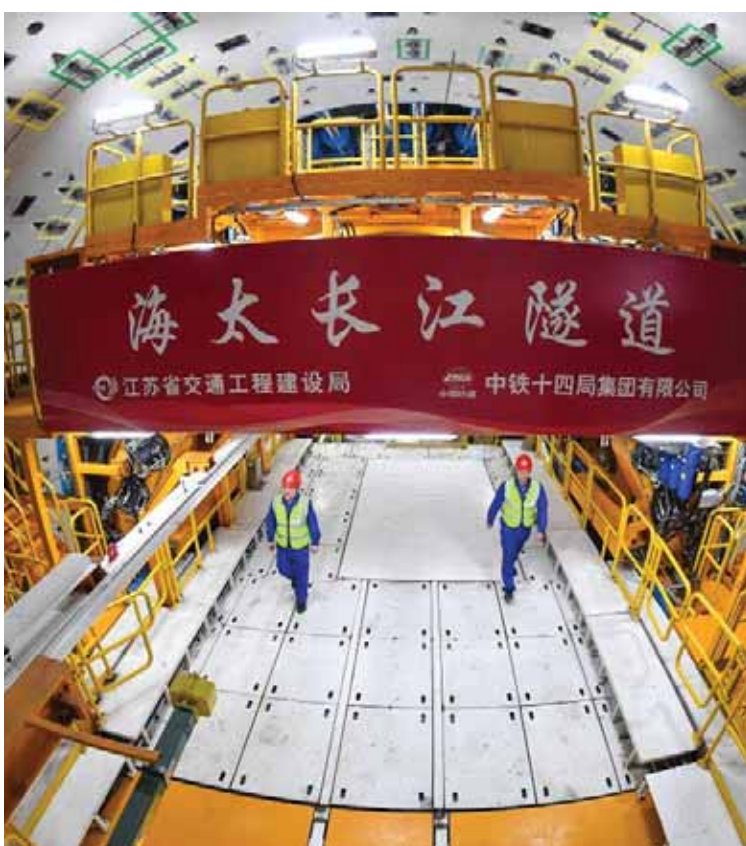
Meanwhile, Dr Lesedi Senatla, Chairperson of the BURS Board, stressed on the strategic

importance of revenue collection in the current economic climate.

Dr Senatla highlighted that BURS's role was not only essential for financing the national budget but also for managing borders and facilitating trade.

He said the agency's ability to exceed revenue targets, despite economic challenges, provides crucial funding for social programmes.

Looking ahead, Dr Senatla reiterated the government's commitment to expanding the domestic tax base, with BURS tasked with collecting over P60 billion in the current financial year. He also shed light on ongoing efforts to improve operational efficiency, including the review of key tax legislation and the taxation of digital platforms. **BOPA**



HAIMEN - An interior view of Jianghai, a giant self-developed tunnel boring machine deployed for the construction of the Haitai Yangtze River Tunnel, east China's Jiangsu Province. China on Wednesday deployed a giant self-developed tunnel boring machine for the construction of the world's longest underwater highway tunnel. The new machine named Jianghai, has a maximum excavation diameter of 16.6 meters. The tunnel is a key project to forge a major trans-river road link under China's longest river. Photo: Xinhua

## Namibia urges African countries to boost electricity production

WINDHOEK - Namibia has called on African countries to stop relying on imported electricity and instead invest in local renewable energy to strengthen energy independence.

Speaking at the opening of the Regional Energy Regulators Association conference in Swakopmund on Wednesday, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy Natangue Ithete said the region was facing rising electricity costs and unstable power supply, which

was affecting ordinary people and economies.

"The long-term solution lies in bold, coordinated action, such as investing in domestic renewable energy generation, strengthening transmission and storage infrastructure, and creating a regulatory environment that attracts private investment while protecting the vulnerable," he said.

Ithete said inclusive access to electricity must be a priority for both rural and urban communities.

He called for stronger regional cooperation in harmonising energy regulations, sharing resources, and building interconnected electricity markets.

"We must take action now to ensure energy for all and reduce our dependence on outside sources," he said.

The deputy prime minister urged regulators to return to their countries with clear action plans, realistic local electricity production targets, and policies that ensure affordability and sustainability. **Xinhua**



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# Stock theft syndicates terrorise residents

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Stakeholders have been urged to join forces toward cracking down stock theft syndicates in the North West District.

Despite efforts by the government to establish a stock theft unit in the region, the area is experiencing a rise in stock theft, which had led to some kraals abandoned while some residents are living in fear of losing their livestock.

Kgosi Tapoloso Mosika of Lekawa Kgotla in Maun said during a meeting with the district leadership on Wednesday that the thieves were armed with dangerous weapons. He implored government to tighten laws and stiffen sentences, to deter criminals from engaging in such crime.

He revealed that there were some cattle posts in the outskirts of Matsaudi termed as ‘no go area’ because they served as a haven for stock theft syndicates.

“The thieves are denying communities the right to enjoy their wealth” said the concerned Kgosi Mosika, who also indicated that his kraal was empty because of stock theft.

He also cited a recent incident in which 10 goats belonging to a certain farmer were stolen and kept in a hole in the bush.

He said it seemed the culprits monitored the movement of farmers noting that his animals were stolen while he was away in Maun for health reasons and upon return the following day, he found the kraal empty.

Kgosi Mosika also raised concern over butchery owners who



**Kgosi Tapoloso Mosika has called on stakeholders to unite in the fight against stock theft syndicates in the North West District. He said the rising stock theft cases in the area had left some residents living in fear.**

patronised such culprits by buying cattle and slaughtering them in the bush.

He indicated that there were reports that the stolen meat was sold to some local butcheries in Maun.

He said, the issue was of concern to traditional leaders under Matlapana customary court as farmers were using Topline dip aimed to control bovine-dermatophilosis disease, which they had been informed that it lasted for a period of three months in an animal.

“Our concern is that members of

the community’s health is at risk as they may end up buying the meat that is unsafe for consumption.”

While he appreciated efforts by the police to curb the problem, he emphasised they could not win the battle alone as they were under resourced and pleaded with other key stakeholders and the community at large to support them.

Stock theft, he said, had broader social and economic implications, which could impact the entire rural community and the wider agricultural industry hence the need to act to curb it.

Kgosi Mosika also highlighted that some thieves kept matimela cattle in their kraals, allowing them to give birth and then brand and mark the calves as their own.

Division traffic officer, Senior Superintendent Emisang Makgasane, shared the same sentiments saying stock theft was a problem countrywide. He however, stressed the need to strengthen community policing and rapport with police to combat the vice.

She highlighted that the situation was exacerbated by some farmers as they let their livestock roam freely without branding and

or a mark saying thieves took advantage, hence she called on farmers to introspect and brand their animals to fend off the thieves. Farmers were also advised to ear-tag their calves as a way of fighting stock theft. She said livestock was the backbone of many rural communities and if the situation was not arrested, it would leave some farmers impoverished.

Senior Superintendent Makgasane encouraged residents to report any suspicious incidents of stock theft to help police address the problem and bring the culprits to book. **BOPA**

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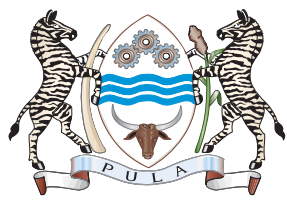
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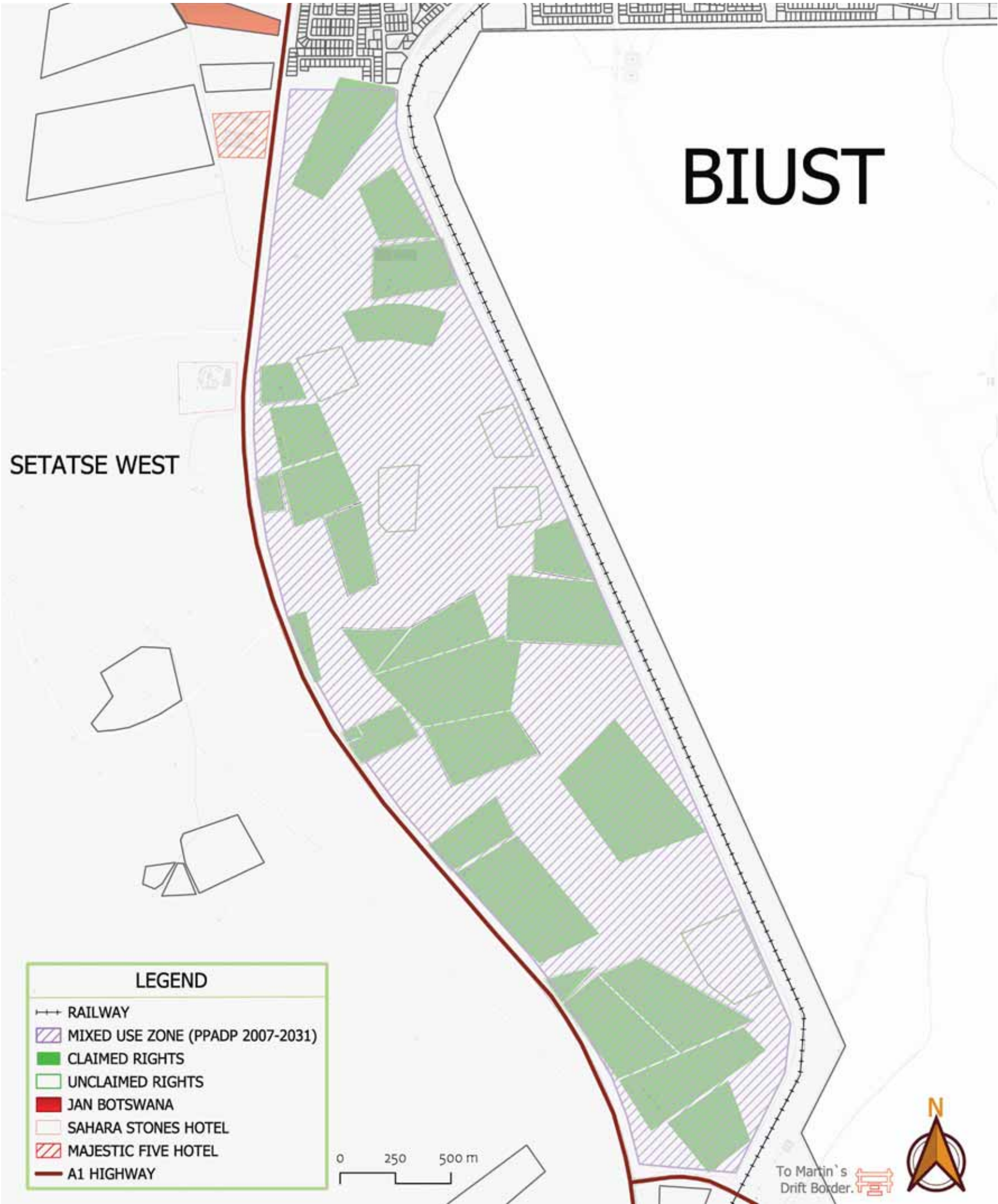
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# Ba kopa go boela CKGR

Ka Malebogo Lekula

NEW XADE - Banni ba New Xade ba ba fudugetseng mo motseng oo ka 1997, ba kopile puso go ba busetsa kwa mafelong a bone a tlhologo.

Ba buile se, ka Laboraro kwa phuthegong e e neng e buisiwa ke lekoko le le tlhomilweng ke Tautona Advocate Duma Boko go kopana le go tsaya maikutlo a Basarwa morago ga phuduso kwa New Xade. Kgosi Lobatse Beslag o tlhalositse fa New Xade a motse tlhomilwe ka 1997, mme a supa fa phudugo eo e ise e robalelwe ke ditlhokwa ka ba ne ba lemoga fa gore ditshwanelo tsa bone di ne di di le ka fa mosing.

Ka jalo, o ne a gatelela kgang ya gore ba eletsa gore puso e ncha e sekegele tsebe dikgang tsa ditshwanelo tsa setho.

Kgosi Beslag o ne a tlhalosa fa ditlhabololo kwa motseng wa bone di tlhabela mme ba na le tsholofelo gore lekoko le tlaa tla ka ditharabololo.

Rre Kelebonye Jumanta o ne a gwetlha lekoko go netefatsa gore ba tlhotlheletsa go fetolwa ga molao motheo gore melawana e mengwe e tsamaelanane le matshelo a banni gore a tokafale.

O kopile lekoko go bereka le makgotla a a ikemetseng a ditshwanelo tsa Basarwa gore ba kgone go bopa tsela ee lolameng ya go letlelela banni ithlhophele kwa kwa ba eletsang teng ntle le sekgoreletsi sepe.

Mo go tse dingwe, banni ba kopile puso go ba busetsa CKGR ka gore bone ba tlwaetse go tshela botshelo jwa bone mme ba re sebe sa phiri ke letlhoko la metsi koo.

Ba ne ba supa fa phudugo eo, ba tlaa nna kelelelo gore ga ba

phatlalale le CKGR, a re bogolo ba fiwe lefelo mo teng ga CKGR ba bo ba neelwa ditlamelo foo.

Ba re go dira jalo, go tlaa thusa go bolokela puso madi le go thusa seemo se puso e mekamekaneng le sone mo nakong eno.

Ba ne ba gakolola gore puso e ka tla ka methale ya go phatlalatsa metsi go tswa Kwa Gope le mafelo a mangwe. Ba supile fa ba na le kitso e e tletseng ya go itse go tshela mo lefelong leo ka jaana ba na le ditsa tlhologo tse di mo tikologong e bile ba na le kitso ya go di somarela gore di seka tsa nyelela.

Mo mafokong a gagwe, Mokwaledi wa lephata la diphologo Rre Boatametse Modukanele o ne a gwetlha morafe go kopanela dikgang tse di ba amang e le banni ba kgaolo gore ba bue ka lentswe le le lengwe.

O ne a ba rotloetsa gore ba santse ba na le sebaka sa go sala ba dira mekwalo e e tlaa tlalaletsang se ba se amogetseng mo diphuthegong.

Fa a ntsha malebo, Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Ghanzi Rre Shane Keadile o ne a lebogela dikakgelo tsa banni mme a ba gwetlha go tswelela ba tshwaraganetse dikgang tseo go thusa puso go baakanya melao e e tsamaisang lefatshe

O ne a ba rotloetsa go dirisa dikitso tsa bone tsa tlhologo Le ditsa tlhologo go dira dikgwebo tse ka tsone ba ka tlhabololang matshelo a bone go nna a a itumedisang. Phudugo ya Basarwa e tsile morago ga ditshekatshoko tse di tseneletseng ka matshelo a Basarwa mo lefelong la diphologolo la Central Kalahari Game Reserve(CKGR), ka dingwaga tsa 1990 go ya 2002.

Maikaelelo a phuduso e ne e le go atumetsa banni ditlamelo go tokafatsa matshelo a bone. **BOPA**

## Kotsi ya tsela e gapa matshelo

Ka Puseletso Kenyaditswe

LETLHAKENG - Rre wa dingwaga tse di masome a supa le botlhano, le yo mongwe wa dingwaga tse di masome a marataro le bosupa ba tlhokafetse mo kotsing ya tsela e e diragetseng fa gare ga Ditshegwane le Sesung, ka Labobedi.

Motshwarelela mogolwane wa mapodisi kwa Letlhakeng, Assistant Superintendent Lekopanye Molwantwa o tlhalositse fa koloi ya setshaba e e neng e pegile bapalami ba le lesome le borataro go balelwa mkgweetsi, e ne e ya Takatokwane, mme ya thunya thaere ya bo e pitikologa.

A re bapalami ba robabobedi ba

ne ba ragosediswa kwa kokelwaneng ya Letlhakeng ka dikgobalo tse di masisi, kwa ngaka a fetileng a rurifatsa fa rre wa dingwaga tse di masome a supa le botlhano a tlhokafetse. Asst Supt Molwantwa a re ba le supa ba ne ba fetisediwa kwa Scottish Livingstone kwa Molepolole kwa rre wa dingwaga tse masome a marataro le bosupa a neng a feta a tlhokafalela teng.

Bangwe ba ba neng ba bone dikgobalo tse dipotlana le bone ba ne ba isiwa kwa Scottish Livingstone.

Asst Supt Molwantwa o gakolotse bakgweetsi, bogolo jang ba dipalamo tsa setshaba go tlhomamisa fa dikoloi di itekanetse pele ba tsena mo tseleng. **BOPA**



**Kgosi Lobatse Beslag (bobedi molemeng) a na le lekoko le le tlhomilweng ke Tautona Advocate Duma Boko go kopana le go tsaya maikutlo a Basarwa morago ga phuduso, kwa New Xade ka Laboraro. Kgosi Beslag a re phuduso ya bone go tswa mafelong a bone a tlhologo go tla New Xade, ga e ise e robalelwe ke ditlhokwa go tswa kwa tshimologong ka jaana e ba beile ka fa mosing mo ditshwanelong tsa setho.** Senepe: Malebogo Lekula

## Mmirwa o bolokwa ka Matlhatso

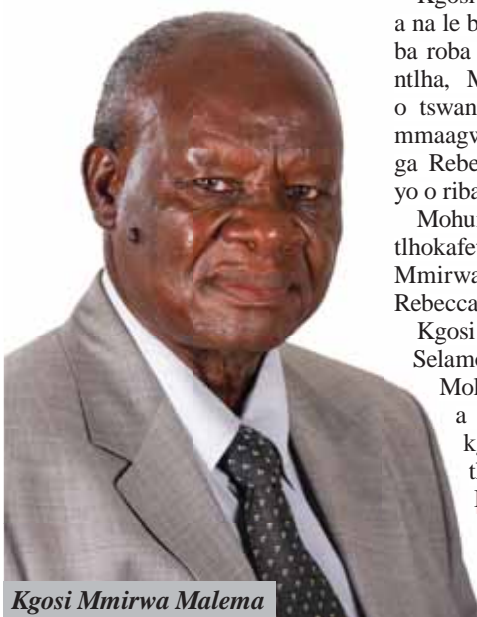
MOLALATAU - Kgosi Mmirwa Malema wa Babirwa o tlaa bolokwa ka Matlhatso. O tlhokafetse Moranang a rogwa a na le dingwaga tse di masome a a robang bongwe le bone, a bonwe Phatwe a tlhola ga bedi ka 1930.

Kgosi Mmirwa, yo o sa leng a busa Babirwa go simolola ka 1972 go fitlhelela 2016 fa a tlogela tiro ka bogodi, o galaletswe ke morafe wa gagwe ba mo kaya e le motho yo o mamu, boikokobetso le go rata kagiso. Le fa Kgosi Mmirwa a tlhokafetse a godile, leso la gagwe le garotse bontsi dipelo, ka ba setse ba tlhologelelwa puso ya gagwe e e neng e le ledula.

Ba re Kgosi Mmirwa e ne e le motho le go aga setshaba, a rotloetsa kagiso e bile a tlhokomela bana le ba e seng ba gagwe tota.

Morwa wa gagwe, ebong Kgosi Letso Malema, a re o gola a fithela rraagwe a afa badirelapuso boroko mo matlong a gagwe a Setswana a a neng a le mantshi mo segotlong, mo godimo ga moo a ba tlhokomela setsadi. Ka nako eo puso e ne e ise e agele badiri matlo e bile go sena a phiriso mo motseng.

Totatota, Kgosi Mmirwa o bolelwa fa a ne a kgathalela mongwe le mongwe. Mo pusong ya gagwe go ne go sena motho yo o pegwang molato a ise a athholwe ka bosupi jo bo papametseng.



Kgosi Mmirwa Malema

Kgosi Letso a re o gata mo dikgatong tsa mokaloba, yo gangwe le gape a neng a dirisa di-tsa gagwe mo ditirong tsa setshaba gore morafe wa gagwe o tlhokomelesege.

A re rraagwe, yo o neng a tlotlile morero e le tsela ya go aga morafe, o ne a aga a mo kgothatsa go bereka le mokhanselara le komiti ya ditlhabololo ka gore go tlhoka go dira jalo go ka babalela morafe.

Kgosi Mmirwa go bolelwa fa a ne a se magang a thata, a tlotla seriti sa gagwe mme a le kelotlhoko. O ne a sa itse go tsena motho ganong kgotsa go mo kgaupetsa fa a bua, mo bangwe ba neng ba tle ba ipotse gore a le go reetsa o reeditse.

Rre Daniel Makwana, malomaagwe Kgosi Mmirwa e bile e le mokhanselara wa pele wa Molalatau o netefatsa fa Kgosi Mmirwa a ne a le bonya go ikarabela le fa a ne a rumolwa.

O ne a reetsa ka kelotlhoko lefoko lengwe le lengwe le le tswang mo molomong wa gago a go fa nako ya go ntsha se se mo mafatlheng a sa go kgaupetse, ga bolela Rre Makwana, a tlatsa ka go re Kgosi Mmirwa o ne a kgona go thubega ka setshego e le go thusa batho go wela dibete.

Ka tebo ya gagwe, batho ba ne ba tshaba Kgosi Mmirwa ba akanya gore ga a bonolo go bua le ene ka gantsi o ne a ikgogona mo bathung e bile a ya kgotleng fela fa go tlhokega.

Kgosi Mmirwa o tlhokafala jaana a na le bana ba le lesome le boraro, ba roba bobedi e le ba mosadi wa ntlha, Mohumagadi Selebogo yo o tswang goora Makgosa, e leng mmaagwe Letso. Ba le bararo ke ba ga Rebecca Malema mohumagadi yo o ribameng mo bogompioneng.

Mohumagadi Selebogo o tlhokafetse ka 1988 mme Kgosi Mmirwa a tsaya Mohumagadi Rebecca ka 2016.

Kgosi Mmirwa, morwa Selamolela o busitse morafe wa Molalatau ngwaga fela a bo a setse a tlhongwa go nna kgosi ya Babirwa ka 1972, thomo e e mo fuduseditseng Bobonong, motse mogolo wa Babirwa.

Babirwa ba ne ba romile Rre Walter Mosweu

go ba tswa maoto mme a tsena ka Rangwane Simon Radikhudu Malema, yo e rileng go ise go ye gope a supa fa Mmirwa a ka tsaya setilo sa bogosi.

Ka motlha oo Kgosi Pharitlhi e ne e le motshwareledi go fitlhelela 2012 fa Kgosi Letso a ne a bewa mo setilong sa gagwe.

Kgosi Boitumelo Garegae yo Kgosi Mmirwa a neng a mo tlhoma go busa kwa Moletemane mme jaanong a tlogetse tiro ka bogodi, sa gagwe e ne e le dikgalaletso fela fa BOPA e mo fitlhela kwa lesong ka Labobedi. Kgosi Garegae yo o tsholetseng kwa Serowe e bile e le Mongwato, o akgotse Kgosi Mmirwa go bo a lole go ntsha bogosi jwa Bobirwa mo go ba ga Mmangwato ka fa tlase ga ga Kgosi Moloi Segkoma ka 1972.

Kgosi Mmirwa ka e ne e le Mmusi yo o ponelopele, o bolelwa fa a ne a etelela mephato mo go ageng dikole tsotlhe tsa Bobonong, kwa ntle ga se sebotlana se se bidiwang Bobonong se a se fitlhetseng fa a simolola go busa. O simolotse ka se sebotlana sa Mafetsakgang.

E re ka a busitse Babirwa ka nako e nne naga ya bone e le lekgwere e bile e sa tlhabologa, Kgosi Mmirwa o ne a lwa ka gotlhe gore Bobonong e nne ene motse mogolo wa Bobirwa e seng Sefophe jaaka go ne go akantswe kwa tshimologong, ga bua Kgosi Garegae.

Kgosi Mmirwa go lebege a ne a belaela gore fa Sefophe a ka nna motsemogore ga Bobirwa, bontsi jwa morafe bo ne bo tlaa tlhabela ditirelo ka jaana motse oo o atamalane thata le khansele ya Selebi Phikwe.

Le fa a fudusetsa kgotla fa e leng teng gompiono, Babirwa ka bontsi ba ne ba le kgatlhanong le tshwetso eo, ba ikana gore ga ba na go ya diphuthegong ka jaana e le kgakala le bone. Modumedi wa Sekeresete mo phuthegong Assemblies of God, yo o tlhokafalang jaana a ntse a ikakatletse ka mekgoro, Kgosi Mmirwa o betletse morwawe, Letso tsela ya go busa bonolonolo.

O tlogetse Kgosi Letso motlobo wa ditso tsa metse ya Bobirwa ka dithuto tse a neng a di mo neela fa a sale botshelong. **BOPA**



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice issued in terms of section 7 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act Cap 65:07

NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS ON THE EIA FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LODGE AT XHORO (BORO 2) NG 32 BY WILD TRACK SAFARIS (PTY) LTD.

This notification is directed to the communities of Xaxaba, Xharaxao, Daunara, Quoqao and Boro as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultation process regarding the proposed construction and operation of a lodge at Xhoro (Boro 2) in NG 32.

Wild Track Safaris (Pty) Ltd intends to construct and operate a lodge at Xhoro (Boro 2) which is an area within the NG 32 concession. Following submission of the project brief to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review, the DEP subjected the project to a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment. It is through the advice from DEP and also in accordance with section 7 of the EA Act that this consultation with the relevant communities and stakeholders is based on. It is also through the dictates of this act that the communities should be made aware of the nature of the activity proposed and its impacts both negative and positive anticipated on the environment and the communities. The act further dictates that the communities should be given a platform to say out their views and opinions regarding the proposed development. Those salient issues should be used to inform the EIA study.

Nature of the activities

The proposed project entails construction and operation of seven (7) standard guest units and a single family unit within a 25ha plot which is allocated to Wild Track Safaris by the land authority, Tawana Land board The 25ha land was initially registered for integrated land use and was later changed by the proponent to a lodge and campsite type of use through the Tribal land law to suit the proposed use.

Anticipated Impacts

Anticipated Positive Impacts	Anticipated Negative Impacts
Increase in revenue	Loss of vegetation cover
Economic empowerment of the local communities	Degradation of air quality
Generation of employment for the locals	Disturbance of Archaeological Features
Skill transfer	Land pollution
Availability of accommodation for tourists	Loss of habitat
Monetary benefit for local supporting businesses.	Potential Human wildlife conflict
	Increase in poaching activities
	Potential Soil and / or ground wa ter contamination due to hydro carbon spillages
	Migration of wildlife

Community Views and opinions

As mentioned above, the consultation includes also gathering the views and opinions of the communities regarding the proposed project, therefore communities are urged to forward their views and opinions to:

WhatsApp or call: 74 534 242 / 75 301 613  
Email: loreinnovation@gmail.com

The last day for receiving the views and opinions is the 28/04/25.

# KITSISO YA SECHABA

Kitsiso e e anamisiwa go tsamaelana le molao wa Environmental Assessment (Cap, 65:07)

TSHEDIMOSETSO KA MAIKUTLO A SECHABA MABAPI LE TSHEKAT SHEKOYA TIKOLOGO KA GO AGIWA GA MANTLWANA A BOROKO KO MOTSENG WA XHORO (BORO 2) NG 32 KE BA KOMPONI YA WILD TRACK SAFARIS (Pty) Ltd

Tekodiso e e lebagane le banni ba metse ya Xaxaba, Xharaxao, Daunara, Quoqao le Boro e le tekodiso ya tshekatsheko tikologo mabapi le go agiwa ga matlo a boroko ke ba komponi ya Wild Track Safaris ko Xhoro NG 32.

Komponi ya Wild Track Safaris e na le keletso ya go aga mantlwana a boroko mo kgaolwaneng ya Xhoro e e fitlhelwang mo lefelong la diphologolo, NG 32. Morago ga go isa mokwalo wa project brief ko lekalaneng la Environmental Protection (DEP) go ya go sekasekiwa, ba DEP ba ne ba gakolola gore tiro e e direlwe lenaneo la tshekatsheko tikologo e e tseneletseng (Detailed Environmental Impacts Assessment), ka jalo, ke ka ntlha ya kgakololo go tswa go ba DEP gape e ikaegile ka ditsetlana tsa molao wa tshekatsheko tikologo (section 7) gore go bo go diriwa tekolodiso e. Molao o wa Tshekatsheko tikologo o boa gape o tlama gore banni ba metsana e e amegang, (Xaxaba, Xharaxao, Daunara, Quoqao le Boro) ba itsesiwe ka tebego le bokete ba tiro e e tlang le go itsesiwe ka manokonoko a ditlamorago tse di dikagantseng tiro e, tsotlhe tse di molemo letse di bosula. Gape banni ba metse ba tshwanetse go fiwa monyetla wa go ntsha dikakgelo le dikgakololo mabapi le tiro eo.

Tebego le bokete jwa tiro

Tiro e go bolelwang ka yone ke ya go aga mantlo a boroko jwa bajanala, e leng matlo a boroko a le eisght. Dikago tse di tla agaiwa mo lefelong le le kanang ka 25 ha le le abetsweng kompone ya Wild Track Safaris ke lekgotla la kabo ditsha la Tawana . Lefelo le la 25ha le ne la fetolelwa mo tirisong ya lodge and campsite morago ga gore le abiwe e le la tiriso e e tlhakaneng (integrated land use).

Ditlamorago tsa tiro e

TSE DI MOLEMO	TSE DI BOSULA
Koketsego ya dipoelo mo lefatsheng	Go latlhelgelwa ke ditlhare
Go tsholetsega ga itsholelo	Go kgothelesega ga phefo e re e hemang
Go thamela bengae meberekoko	Go kgothega ga tikologo
Go abelang dikitso	Go kgotlelesega ga mmu kana metsi a a ko tlase ga lefatshe ka mabaka a go tshologa ga diole
Go oketsega ga matlo a boroko ja bajanala	Go kgothelesega ga metsi a a kotlase ga lefatshe ka mabaka a go sa tshwarega sentle ga metsi a a leswe
Go thama meamuso ya kgolo ya dikgwebo tsa mo gae	Go huduga ga diphologolo

Dipotso le dikakgelo

Jaaka go setse go boletswe, tekodiso e e akaretsa go utlwa/tsaya dikakgelo le dikgakololo tsa merafe mabapi le tiro e, ka jalo morafe o rotloediwa go romela dikakgelo le dikgakololo ko dinomorong tse di latelang:

Whatsapp or call: 74534244/75301613  
Email to: loreinnovation@gmail.com

Letsatsi la bofelo la go amogela dikakgelo le dikgakololo ke di 28/04/25

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice issued in terms of section 7 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act Cap 65:07

NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS ON THE EIA FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LODGE AT DAUNARA NG 32 BY DELTA PLANS.

This notification is directed to the communities of Xaxaba, Xharaxao, Daunara, Quoqao and Boro as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultation process regarding the proposed construction and operation of a lodge at Daunara in NG 32.

Delta Plans (Pty) Ltd intends to construct and operate a lodge at Daunara which is an area within the NG 32 concession. Following submission of the project brief to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review, the DEP subjected the project to a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment. It is through the advice from DEP and also in accordance with section 7 of the EA Act that this consultation with the relevant communities and stakeholders is based on. It is also through the dictates of this act that the communities should be made aware of the nature of the activity proposed and its impacts both negative and positive anticipated on the environment and the communities. The act further dictates that the communities should be given a platform to say out their views and opinions regarding the proposed development. Those salient issues should be used to inform the EIA study.

Nature of the activities

The proposed project entails construction and operation of a eleven (11) standard guest units and a single family unit within a 25ha plot which is allocated to Delta Plans by the land authority, Tawana Land board The 25ha land was initially registered for integrated land use and was later changed by the proponent to a lodge and campsite type of use through the Tribal land law to suit the proposed use.

Anticipated Impacts

Anticipated Positive Impacts	Anticipated Negative Impacts
Increase in revenue	Loss of vegetation cover
Economic empowerment of the local communities	Degradation of air quality
Generation of employment for the locals	Disturbance of Archaeological Features
Skill transfer	Land pollution
Availability of accommodation for tourists	Loss of habitat
Monetary benefit for local supporting businesses.	Potential Human wildlife conflict
	Increase in poaching activities
	Potential ground water pollution due to improper handling of liquid waste (Sewage)
	Migration of wildlife

Community Views and opinions

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The last day for receiving the views and opinions is the 28/04/25

# KITSISO YA SECHABA

Kitsiso e e anamisiwa go tsamaelana le molao wa Environmental Assessment (Cap, 65:07)

TSHEDIMOSETSO KA MAIKUTLO A SECHABA MABAPI LE TSHEKAT SHEKO YA TIKOLOGO KA GO AGIWA GA MANTLWANA A BOROKO KO MOTSENG WA DAUNARA (NG 32) KE BA KOMPONI YA DELTA PLANS (Pty) Ltd

Tekodiso e e lebagane le banni ba metse ya Xaxaba, Xharaxao, Daunara, Quoqao le Boro e le tekodiso ya tshekatsheko tikologo mabapi le go agiwa ga matlo a boroko ke ba komponi ya Delta Plans ko Daunara NG 32.

Komponi ya Delta Plans e na le keletso ya go aga mantlwana a boroko mo kgaolwaneng ya Daunara e e fitlhelwang mo lefelong la diphologolo, NG 32. Morago ga go isa mokwalo wa project brief ko lekalaneng la Environmental Protection (DEP) go ya go sekasekiwa, ba DEP ba ne ba gakolola gore tiro e e direlwe lenaneo la tshekatsheko tikologo e e tseneletseng (Detailed Environmental Impacts Assessment), ka jalo, ke ka ntlha ya kgakololo go tswa go ba DEP gape e ikaegile ka ditsetlana tsa molao wa tshekatsheko tikologo (section 7) gore go bo go diriwa tekolodiso e. Molao o wa Tshekatsheko tikologo o boa gape o tlama gore banni ba metsana e e amegang, (Xaxaba, Xharaxao, Daunara, Quoqao le Boro) ba itsesiwe ka tebego le bokete ba tiro e e tlang le go itsesiwe ka manokonoko a ditlamorago tse di dikagantseng tiro e, tsotlhe tse di molemo letse di bosula. Gape banni ba metse ba tshwanetse go fiwa tetla ya go ntsha dikakgelo le dikgakololo mabapi le tiro eo.

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Ditlamorago tsa tiro e

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Letsatsi la bofelo la go amogela dikakgelo le dikgakololo ke di 28/04/25



# ClassifiedAds

## FARM WORKERS

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Shakge/Mosolotshane P.O. Box 1488 ABG Gaborone.Post CV to my whatsapp call 72 546 638

**TWO HERDBOYS WANTED** at Tonota Mabole P.O.Box 20625 Gaborone 71 218 888

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Tonota lands,Bonampsa.Please call 75045222 or write to P O Box 400 Tonota

**GUEST CHARUMBIRA IS** looking for a farm worker.Apply to P O Box 860 Gaborone

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Mmadipereta.Call 71 597 780

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Ditshetshwane Malolwane farm. Apply Box 60404 Gaborone Contact 71718850

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Mimis Poultry farm Kanye Sepojane Box 10368 Contact 71 132 418. Closing date 30.04.25

**LOPANG BAIG IS** looking for a farm worker in Hatsalathladi Kweneng. Apply to P.O Box 2495 Gaborone. Closing 17/04/2025. 72 900 400 , 3936134

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** , Kanthavin Investments (Pty)Ltd , Box 46519 Gaborone, Kweneng Seherelela lands .Contact Kabelo 75136657, closing date 25/04/2025

**2 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Maboane. Contact: 75 526 185, S. Selotlegeng P O Box 5497, Gaborone.

**MODISA WANTED AT** Gasita contact 74 411 844/ 74 359 158.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** contact Mr Magetse on 71 485 230.

**LOOKING FOR FARM** worker at Seokoso area. Non citizen should have valid passport. 74668635.77465553.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Jakalas 2. Box 359 Francistown

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Moroka Box 8 J akalas NO: 2 . 71863786

**TWO HERDBOYS WANTED** at Tonota Mabole P O Box 20625 Gaborone. Cell 71 218 888.

**FARM WORKERS NEEDED** @ Mmamoagi Gaponto preferably males. Contact Mr Motlhala at 71865113

**2 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Ramonnedi Lands. Contact Judith Gora Box M76 Kanye, Contact 75985485 closing date 26-04-25.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Magoriapitse farms. Phola Modimoothata 73 409 964. Box 500191 Gaborone

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**NOTICE TO DEVELOP** plot 22914 Ramotswa- Owner of plot 22914 gives notice for a double storey residential development. Anyone with comments can view the drawings at the building control office at Ramotswa District Council.

**ABUENG SASARA OF** Plot # 6973 Tlokweng Mmaranang wish to erect boundary wall. Any neighbour objection be forwarded to Tlokweng Physical Planning office Tel 3695000.

**LAUGHTER LISEND A OF** Plot 6562 Metsimotlhabe wishes to change use of the plot from single-family to multi-family. Any objection contact 72 428 128.

**I TEFO A. MANYEULA** at Mogoditshane Block 6 of Plot 38482 would like to consult my neighbors about change of land use from single family residential to multi-family. For any objections please contact Mogoditshane Council. Physical Planning Office, telephone no.3105615 within 14 days of the advert.

**FRUIT OF LIFE** Apostolic Church being owner of ploughing field in Madinare ( Letlhakane lands) intends to change it to mixed use ( ploughing field and civic and community) (church). Objections are advised to contact Bobirwa Physical Planning Office ( 2619274) within 14 days of this notice.

## VACANCIES

**HOME HEALTHCARE NURSE** wanted at AO Clinic. Apply Box 679, Sebele, Gaborone. 76 207 246.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the master of the High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for 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.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Puleng Ookeditse	ESHFT- 00264-25	21-05-2025	0900 hours	Sarm

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of **Deed NO: 2340/2010 dated 09<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025** made in favor of **SASHA KARABO POWDER AND SANDILE POWDER** In respect of: LOT 40957 GABORONE

CERTAIN: piece of land being lot 40957, Gaborone  
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 43  
MEASURING: 450 m2 (Four Hundred and Fifty

Square Meters)  
**HELD UNDER:** TITLE DEED NO.2340/2010  
  
**All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Register of Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020 GABORONE within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice hereof.**  
  
**DATED AT \_ON THIS \_DAY OF \_20 APPLICANT**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LILLIAN SELEMOGWE** who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi , Kgatleng District, Botswana on the 17<sup>th</sup> day August 2018.

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 \_2023

The Executor  
Refilwe Selemogo  
P O Box 3766 Gaborone  
Cell: 75459385

Notice of Next of Kin Meeting  
Administration of Estates Act  
(Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the below 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 relative for 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.

Name of the Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
Kebareng Kesiilwe	ESHFT – 000096-24	11-06-2025	0900 hours	Rampha

Master of the Court

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.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SEILE CHRISTMAS	GFHFT-000358/23-24	10-06-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS  
Administrative 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 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.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEREMA MVUMBA	ESHFT-000376-24	09-07-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HED AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000591-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kuwule Mosweswe -ESHFT 000591-24** who died at Ndzinda ward Changate, Central-Tutume District on the 30th January 2021.

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 publication thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025

BOSE MAYNARD MOSWESWE  
EXECUTIVE DATIVE  
P. O. Box 299  
TATI SIDING

AND TO:  
MASTER OF HIGH COURT  
PRIVATE BAG F13  
FRANCISTOWN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBILC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000236/24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **KENNETH BISHOP - ESHFT 000236/24** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital District on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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 FRANCICTOWN THIS 09<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025.

TOOTUMA KETLHABANETSWE  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 36059 FRANCISTOWN

BERNADETTE KETHABANETSE  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 36059 FRANCISTOWN

AND TO:  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT  
PRIVATE BAG F13  
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the underdeigned intends to apply for a certified copy of deed no 883/2004 dated 7 May 2004. Made in favour of Boikhutso Osupeng in respect to the following property;

CERTAIN: piece of land being residential lot 5846 Lobatse  
SITUATE: In Lobatse Extension 23  
MEASURING: 437m2 (Four Hundred and thirty seven square meters)  
HELD UNDER: Title Deed No 883/2004 dated 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana within three weeks from the publication of this notice.

Dated: 09/04/2025  
Address:  
Plot 5823 Moshupa

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS  
Administration of Estates Act  
[Cap. 31.01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the master of the High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for 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.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ONALENNA NGUBULA	ESHFT-000537-24	27-05-25	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS -----DAY OF MARCH 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 2049/2017 dated 05th September 2017 made in favour of RAW WOOD INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 31391 Gaborone (formerly Portion 91, a Portion of Portion 4 of the Farm Content No. 1-KO )**;

SITUATE: **in the Gaborone Administrative District**;

MEASURING: **4,0625 ha (Four comma Zero Six Two Five Hectares)**;

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. **2049/2017** dated **05<sup>th</sup> September 2017** made in favour of **RAW WOOD INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED**;

SUBJECT TO: all such conditions as the aforesaid Deed will more fully point out;

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 31<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025

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FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHFT-000021-21

In The Estate of the late Reverend **HEINDRICK KEGAISAMANG GILBERT RAMOKWENA** who died at Letsholathebe Hospital in Maun, North West District on the 28th February 2021, Republic of Botswana.

**THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the above Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty One) 21 days from the date of publication thereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT MAUN this \_day of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Executrix Dative  
Christinah K Ramokwena  
P O Box 45462, Riverwalk, Gaborone



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Ensure the safe transportation and storage of heavy equipment.

Experience: Should have completed High school and having a certification in heavy equipment operation is an advantage.

Minimum of 2-5 years of experience operating heavy machinery in construction, mining, or related industries. Proficiency in handling various heavy equipment such as excavators, bulldozers, graders, and loaders. Strong understanding of equipment safety procedures and maintenance requirements. Ability to work in various weather conditions and challenging environments. Good communication skills and teamwork. Physical fitness and ability to work long hours when required. Valid heavy equipment operator's license or certification (if applicable).

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**Education:** Certificate in Plastering, Interior Design, or a related field is an advantage.

**Experience:** Minimum of 2 years of experience in POP decoration and installation.

**Skills** Ability read and implement construction drawings and heavy knowledge and able to apply Browning, Bonding, Thistle, Carlite, wet and dry coat

Strong knowledge of plastering techniques, including molding, casting, and finishing. Ability to read and interpret design plans and architectural drawings. Good craftsmanship, creativity, and attention to detail. Physical stamina and the ability to work at heights if required. Strong problem-solving skills and ability to work under deadlines.

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NOTICE

**NOTICE** is herewith given, in terms of Section 34(1) of Tribal Land Act, 2018, of the following proposed transaction:

a) **Description of the land:** Certain Land Borehole Point, situate in the Bokspits area, Botswana, with co-ordinates 26 41 00.6 S \* 21 08 29.0 E (the "Property"), held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant (Section 16).

b) **Full names of parties to the proposed transaction:**

The seller: **Kanidood Proprietary Limited [REG: BW00001701807]** of Plot 10154, Gaborone North, Gaborone, Botswana

The purchaser: **Mmandudu Magalie [Oman: 476228108]** ("the Applicant") of Plot 411, Khu, Mamadudu, Botswana.

c) **Details of the proposed transaction:** The Seller is the registered owner of the Property. The Seller is desirous to sell the Property to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser is desirous to buy the Property from the Seller.

d) **Consideration for the proposed transaction:** The Purchaser to pay BWP 200,000-00 (Two Hundred Thousand Pula) for the Property it intends buying from the Seller; and

e) **Reference to the right of any citizen of Botswana interested:** To the best of the applicant's knowledge, there is no citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction, in respect of the property, who should receive priority, notwithstanding the control transaction set out in the Notice.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any person wishing to object to this proposed transaction, may give written notice of his objection, with reasons therefor, for the attention of Mr. MTusetsang, Tsabong Sub Landlord, private Bag 4, Tsabong, with copies to the undersigned (Daniël S Goosen Attorney), within thirty (30) days from the date of publication hereof.

**Daniël S Goosen Attorney**

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# Ngwanathebe breaks barriers

By Naomi Leepile

MAUBELO - In a society where certain industries are often perceived as male-dominated, Tumisang Ngwanathebe is carving a niche for herself in the world of leather.

As the founder of Skin and Things Consultancy, she is not just creating

exquisite leather products; she embodies determination, perseverance, and a commitment to sustainability, all while empowering others and proving that gender should not dictate success.

Ngwanathebe's journey began in 2010, inspired by her parents' involvement in leather tanning and processing.

Growing up in a family that worked with

leather, she developed a deep appreciation for its potential. "I realised that leather can be the second diamond of Botswana," she said, highlighting the resource's untapped value.

She produces a diverse array of goods, including corporate gift bags, wine bags, knife pouches, belts, traditional mats, flowerpots, and hats.

Not only do her creations highlight the beauty and versatility of leather, but they also contribute significantly to the local economy.

Her commitment to environmentally friendly practices sets her apart in the industry.

Ngwanathebe sources hides and skins from local butcheries, weddings, and even funerals, often acquiring them at no cost. This method not only reduces waste but also creates a unique and eco-friendly resource for her creations.

She skillfully transforms hides from goats, sheep, cows, camels, and even wild animals like lions and cheetahs into finished goods, showcasing her extensive material expertise.

The transformation from raw hide to finished product is a meticulous and sustainable process.

Ngwanathebe incorporates natural resources such as Zutshwa salt, lime (kalaka), and the Elephantorrhiza elephantina plant (mositshane) while using herbs to produce different colours. "I use hand tools for crafting my work because they are more durable compared to machine work," she explains.

Despite her accomplishments, Ngwanathebe admits she faces challenges, including a lack of market, limited skilled manpower, transportation costs for harvesting herbs and collecting hides, equipment costs, and financial constraints. She also encounters difficulties with improperly skinned hides from some suppliers.

Her expertise has gained national and international recognition; she trained with the Botswana Training Authority (BOTA) as a trainer and assessor.

Her accolades include winning first prize at the 2010 Botswana Consumer Fair, where she competed with other SADC countries and earned the Local Manufacturing Award.

More recently, in 2023, she received the 1st Prize at the Global Expo - Productivity Award, again among SADC countries.

Beyond her entrepreneurial success, Ngwanathebe is dedicated to uplifting her community by offering training in leather tanning and product creation.

Her advice to women is, "Women should no longer think there are male-dominated fields."

She also emphasises the importance of patience and determination in business. Her journey serves as a reminder that with passion, perseverance and respect for the environment and community, anything is possible. **BOPA**



Skin and Things Consultancy founder, Tumisang Ngwanathebe is defying societal norms and carving a niche for herself in the world of leather, a field often perceived as a male preserve.



Ngwanathebe creates a diverse range of leather products, including corporate gift bags. Photos: Naomi Leepile



Tumisang Ngwanathebe



# Top premier league clashes weekend

By Baleseng Batlotleng

TLOKWENG - After a midweek medley of clashes in the FNB Premiership, more mouthwatering encounters are expected this weekend.

Lobatse giants, Extension Gunners will travel to face Jwaneng Galaxy in its backyard on Saturday.

Galaxy went top of the table after Township Rollers and visiting TAFIC FC failed to produce a winner as the two played out an exciting goalless draw at the Royal Aria stadium in Tlokweng on Wednesday and now are at 46 points each.

The draw handed Galaxy a golden moment to move into the top seat of the closely contested FNB Premiership log with 48 points after Neo Mkhachane grabbed a last gasp winner against rock bottom, Union Flamingo Santos.

Disappointed by the stalemate, Mapalastina as Rollers are fondly called by their supporters will have to lick their wounds quick and fast before welcoming their traditional rivals, Mochudi Centre Chiefs on Sunday, in what promises to be a thriller of epic proportions.

The two teams played to a goalless draw in their last meeting in the first round.

Magosi buoyed by their recent form and emphatic midweek 3-0 victory against VTM FC, will travel to the National Stadium confident of overturning the results and fight for league honours still wide and open.

Gaborone United aka Moyagoleele, after winning against struggling Chadibe FC at the Old Francistown Stadium on Wednesday, will face a wounded Morupule Wanderers at the GU Stadium on Saturday.

Security Systems FC will face another relegation contender, BDF XI in Lobatse, after scalping Matebele FC through a Tshepo Keselebale goal on the stroke of half time and denied the homeside a Top 8 berth on Wednesday.

VTM welcomes Orapa United at the VTM arena in Gamononyane. **BOPA**



*Township Rollers’ Segolame Boy (left) and TAFIC FC captain, Theo Shadikong battling for territory during an electrifying FNB Premiership game at the Royal Aria Stadium in Tlokweng on Wednesday. The game ended in a goalless draw. Rollers will play rivals, Mochudi Centre Chiefs at the National Stadium on Sunday. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu*

## Botho hosts interclub boxing tournament

By Baleseng Batlotleng

GABORONE - Botho College Boxing Club will on Saturday host the next edition of the monthly Botswana Boxing Association (BoBA) sanctioned tournament at the institution’s multipurpose hall.

In an interview BoBA vice president-technical, Boitumelo Taolo said shortly after the Zone IV matches in Mozambique the association was expecting highly charged bouts to be fought at the tournament, which would be used as preparatory matches for the upcoming regional and continental championships.

He emphasised that preparations would be adequately conducted to allow boxers to approach both the national and continental challenges adequately prepared.

The national team’s next international assignment is the AUSC region 5 tournament in Namibia in June.

Taolo said the team had just been dismissed from camp where they took part in the Zone IV tournament in Mozambique and performed well despite sending a small contingent.

Botswana finished in second place, while Lesotho took the last place on the podium. Seychelles came in fourth place, while eSwatini finished in fifth and last place.

Meanwhile, fists are expected to fly thick and fast on Saturday afternoon as some of the top drawer bouts are lined up for the tournament.

In an exciting 48kg battle, Kobamelo Molatlhegi of DTCB Boxing Club will face off with the hard-hitting University of Botswana Boxing club’s youngster, Katlego Keorapetse.

The two have established themselves to be a cut above the rest in their weight division and a meeting between them is undoubtedly expected to be explosive.

Another highly anticipated clash is the 67kg showdown between George Molwantwa of Police Boxing Club and Kago Raokgwathile of 125 Boxing Club.

It will be an interesting rematch between the two as they previously faced off in a recent best of the best tournament at the Molapo Piazza and Molwantwa emerged seriously bruised.

In an exciting elite women match, Phekie Bhele of Diamond Boxing Club will likely square up against Gift Modise, who scooped silver in Maputo in the Zone IV.

Another interesting duel is in the 60kg division where Keobakeng Phillip of Francistown will face off Dorcas Thabologo of the Diamond boxing stable. **BOPA**

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Group Director, P O Box 2252, Gaborone, Botswana





*BWX Links Construction Company workers spraying the final sealing layer on the National Stadium track last night, before doing the line marking, ahead of the FNB Botswana Golden Grand Prix scheduled for tomorrow. Photo: Yobe Shonga*

## All set for Grand Prix tomorrow

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - After a challenging week for stakeholders involved in preparations for the FNB Botswana Golden Grand Prix, everything seems to be falling into place.

Work that is left includes the finishing touches to ensure the National Stadium is ready to

host some of the top athletes tomorrow.

The rain in the past few days, had interrupted the refurbishment of the track and nearly spoilt what promises to be clash of titans from the likes of Letsile Tebogo, Bayapo Ndori, Leungo Scotch, Tshepiso Masalela, Akani Simbine, Ferdinand Omanyala, Mark Odhiambo,

Andre DeGrasse and Wayde van Niekerk among others. Botswana National Sport Commission chief executive officer, Tuelo Serufho said in an interview that despite the challenges, the meet would go on as planned.

He also encouraged the public to attend in large numbers.

Golden Door Sports Agency

director, Glody Dube said athletes had started arriving as early as Wednesday.

He said the athletes were looking forward to be the first ones to run on Botswana's new track.

Now that the issue of track completion looks certain, athletics pundits have started to ask question as to whether it was a fast track.

A fast track gives athletes the opportunity to perform better.

The difference between the slow and fast track is that, a fast track tend to be harder, the compaction firmer than in the slow track.

The harder, it is, the more it is able to resist the athlete, giving the runner an opportunity to bounce off and able to optimally do their best. **BOPA**