Shumba Energy and partners short listed in Hybrid Rural Solar EOI

The Board of Directors of Shumba Energy Ltd (the “Company” or “Shumba”) is pleased to announce that further to the Expression of Interest (“EOI”) made to the Botswana Power Corporation (“BPC”), in relation to tender no. 2172/17 Joint Venture for a solar hybrid rural network project in Botswana, the Company and its partners have been shortlisted by the BPC for a second prequalification stage. DLO Energy Resources Project Development (Pty) Ltd (“DLO”) and the Company, acting as project sponsors (“Sponsors”) together with their technical partner, Juwi Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd (“Juwi”) responded to the EOI.

The proposed Joint Venture with BPC for hybrid networks and power production is in order to address the electricity access challenges and to meet the future electricity demand. BPC in conjunction with the Ministry of Minerals, Green Technology and Energy Security, had embarked on a comprehensive electrical power system development strategy, which included among 96 villages, the development of mini hybrid power plants in 20 isolated villages.

The objectives of the Hybrid Rural Network Projects are to electrify isolated rural areas; improve security and reliability of energy supply; increase share of new and renewables sources of energy in the energy supply mix of the country; and offset the country’s carbon footprint.

DLO is a South African based developer with 250MW allocated under the South African Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme. In addition to its projects in South Africa, DLO has a solar photovoltaic pipeline of approximately 100MW in Nigeria, currently under development as well as a gas to power project pipeline of 250MW in the same country.

Juwi based in Cape Town, South Africa, is a subsidiary of the Juwi Group based in Germany. The Juwi Group currently stands as one of the leading renewable energy Engineering, Procurement and Construction (“EPC”) companies in the world, having installed more than 4,200MWp to date with 2,200MWp of photovoltaic and 2,000MWp of wind.
The Sponsors will form a special purpose vehicle, which will own, operate and maintain the proposed photovoltaic project assets. DLO and the Company will act as the co-developers responsible for the overall development of the projects with Juwi, acting as the EPC and O&M contractor.

By order of the Board

International Financial Services Limited
Company Secretary

07 December 2017

This Communiqué is issued pursuant to the Botswana Stock Exchange listing requirements and Section 87 of the Securities Act 2005, Rule 5 of the Securities (Disclosure Obligation of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007.

The Board of Directors of the Company accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Communiqué.