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Botswana Diamonds PLC
(“Botswana Diamonds” or the “Company”)

Drilling on AK 22 Commences

The Board of Botswana Diamonds (AIM: BOD) wish to announce that, further to the notification of 9 September 2016, drilling has commenced on kimberlite pipe AK 22 on Licence PL 260 in the Orapa area of Botswana.

A further announcement will be made as soon as practicable regarding the commencement of drilling on licence PL 135 in the Gope region.

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This release has been approved by Benjamin Mosigi, MSc (Mineral Exploration and Mining Geology), who is a member of the Geological Society of South Africa.

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This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of Regulation 596/2014.
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