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TO: Issuers and Market Participants

FROM: Product Development Department, Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE)

DATE: 6th June, 2019

SUBJECT: RESPONSIBLE INVESTING AND ESG WORKSHOP

1. INVITATION TO THE WORKSHOP

- 1.1. Issuers and market participants are invited to attend a workshop on RESPONSIBLE INVESTING AND ESG hosted by the BSE in conjunction with the Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative (the SSE). The workshop will be held on 24th June, 2019 from 0800 hours to 1300 hours at BSE offices, 4th Floor, Fairscape Precinct, Fairgrounds, in Gaborone.
- 1.2. The objective of the workshop is to build capacity among issuers and investors on responsible investing and on integrating the **BSE's GUIDANCE FOR LISTED COMPANIES ON REPORTING ESG INFORMATION TO INVESTORS** (the **Guidance**) into their corporate reporting. The workshop also provides a platform to discuss the practicalities of ESG reporting from the regulator, issuer and investor perspectives. The Guidance was published by the BSE in January 2019 and is accessible at www.bse.co.bw.
- 1.3. Issuers are kindly requested to send at least **2 participants** from their organizations to attend this workshop. The workshop is free of charge.
- 1.4. To RSVP, and for further clarity, please contact the BSE Product Development Department at productdev@bse.co.bw or 3674400.

2. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 2.1. The BSE is a Partner Exchange of the SSE. The role of the SEE is to build capacity of stock exchanges and securities market regulators to promote responsible investment in sustainable development and advance corporate performance on environmental, social and governance issues (ESG). The SSE is a UN Partnership Programme of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the UN Global Compact, the UN Environment Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).

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