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BSE RECEIVES THE AFRICA TOP 50 PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCY AWARD

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Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) is honored to have been awarded the AFRICA TOP 50 INNOVATIVE PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCY AWARD at the 5th Africa Public Sector Conference and Awards (APSCA) Ceremony held on 4th October, 2024, at Hotel 430 in Gaborone, Botswana.

The APSCA brings together C-level executives, stakeholders, senior leaders, policymakers, in public and private sector to spearhead transformative discussions and share insights on best practices that will shape the future of the public sector, for strategic public-private partnerships and position Africa's economy for sustainable economic growth. The APSCA came to Botswana for the first time, having been held in Nigeria, Rwanda, Ghana and Kenya.

The Award is in recognition of the innovative leadership at the BSE, and the service excellence with respect to promoting innovation for sustainable finance. The Award recognizes the advanced initiatives for both the public and the private sector to raise Green, Social, Sustainability and Sustainability-Linked finance, on the BSE, that is geared towards Sustainable Development Goals.

Receiving the Award on behalf of the BSE, the Acting CEO, Mr. Kopano Bolokwe, remarked, **"We are humbled and honored for the recognition of our service excellence, and our innovative solutions and best practices in so far as sustainable economic development is concerned. Our strategic undertakings are aligned with the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Government's Transformational Strategies such as the Vision 2036. It is for this reason that the BSE has gradually evolved to become a one-stop-shop for sustainable finance, offering fee incentives, capacity building, and access to technical and financial assistance, in order to support the public and private sector to finance the Sustainable Development Goals by issuing Sustainable Bonds on the BSE"**.

The BSE takes this opportunity to thank its capital markets stakeholders, including the Ministry of Finance and the Regulatory Authorities, for the continued support and cooperation in delivering transformative and innovative instruments in the market.

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