

## BANK OF BOTSWANA

### Public Notice

#### COUNTERFEIT BANKNOTES IN CIRCULATION

*The Bank of Botswana wishes to inform members of the public that forged P100 banknotes bearing the portrait of the Three Chiefs have been seen in circulation. The counterfeits of the new P100 note, about which the Bank is aware, are at least in 3 series - serial numbers G/23 419880, G/28 021206 and G/17 727674. Besides the serial numbers, the forgeries can be distinguished from genuine P100 banknotes as they do not have a genuine hologram and also bear no watermark. The hologram on genuine banknotes should be visible, with shiny switching colours of a zebra and the figure '100', while the watermark should be visible when the note is held against light. Furthermore, the print on the genuine banknotes has a slightly raised or rough feel; the forged banknotes are smooth to touch, and this is a common characteristic of all forgeries to date.*

*In addition, there is evidence that counterfeit 100 US dollar banknotes bearing serial numbers AB 72202490C, AC 40394435B and AE 24401221A are in circulation.*

The public is advised to be vigilant when accepting any banknotes, especially those that are old and worn-out and should examine the specified security features. Any suspicious banknotes discovered should be immediately reported to the nearest Police Station or Bank of Botswana offices in Gaborone or Francistown.

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