

# **BANK OF BOTSWANA**

## **Press Release**

### **EXCHANGE OF OLD PULA BANKNOTES**

The public is hereby informed that the Bank has extended the deadline for exchange of old banknotes for new ones at commercial banks, Botswana Building Society, Botswana Savings Bank and Botswana Postal Services through their branches countrywide from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010. The extension was necessitated by the realisation that in some parts of the country, particularly in remote areas, members of the public and businesses still hold significant quantities of old banknotes and are experiencing difficulties in exchanging them. The public is, therefore, requested to take advantage of this extension and approach the said institutions to exchange the remaining old banknotes without delay as there shall be no further extension beyond March 31, 2010.

Furthermore, the Bank wishes to remind the public that the exchange of the old banknotes for new ones at the Bank of Botswana in Gaborone and Francistown shall continue until December 31, 2014 as previously announced.

The public is further advised to continue to maintain vigilance and ensure that only genuine banknotes (old and new) bearing security features and images indicated by the Bank are in circulation.

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