

BANK OF BOTSWANA

PRESS RELEASE

Transfer of Letlole National Savings Certificates to Botswana Savings Bank

The Bank of Botswana and Botswana Savings Bank announced today that, with effect from April 1, 2005, the management and administration of the Letlole National Savings Certificates (LNSCs) will be transferred from the Bank of Botswana to Botswana Savings Bank (BSB).

Letlole National Savings Certificates were introduced in 1999 as a product designed to provide small savers with an alternative medium-term savings instrument offering an attractive rate of interest.

While LNSCs are issued by the Government of Botswana, the Bank of Botswana was initially mandated to manage their sale and distribution with the assistance of the BSB and Botswana Post. The intention was to eventually hand the programme over to an institution with savings mobilisation as a core function. In this regard, an agreement has been reached with BSB to take over the administration of the LNSCs programme.

In preparation for the transfer, the Bank of Botswana ceased to provide service to LNSCs customers effective March 23, 2005, the date on which BSB effectively commenced serving LNSCs customers. Sales and redemption of LNSCs will continue to be handled by BSB and Botswana Post as normal.

As usual, prospective savers are encouraged to make use of this facility.

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