

BANK OF BOTSWANA

PRESS RELEASE

NEW P100 NOTES

The Bank of Botswana wishes to inform the public that, with effect from mid-December 2004, a new P100 (one hundred Pula) banknote will be issued into circulation. The new banknote will retain the general appearance of the existing P100 banknotes in terms of colour and layout. However, the new banknote will be distinctly different from the existing ones in some respects, and it is important that the public is made aware of these changes. The purpose of this press release is to describe the new features of the banknote, for the information of the public.

The banknote has the following features:-

(a) **Additional Intaglio Printing**

Additional intaglio printing with a raised effect can be felt, extending to the top and bottom edges of the banknote.

(b) **Dual Image Silver Hologram**

A silver-coloured dual-image hologram appears at the bottom edge of the note and features the number “100” and a zebra as two switching images, with the smaller image of diamonds in the background. The hologram is overprinted with intaglio printing.

(c) **Watermark Highlight**

The value “100” appears as an additional bright watermark.

(d) **Corner Watermark (Cornerstone)**

An additional watermark consisting of diagonal lines appears at each corner.

(e) **Colour-Changing Security Thread (StarChrome)**

The metallic security thread changes colour from red to green, according to the viewing angle, and when held up to the light can be seen as a continuous line reading “BoB 100”.

Posters showing the new banknote, as well as giving specifications thereof, will be displayed shortly in various public places. Publicity will also appear in the newspapers.

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