

# **BANK OF BOTSWANA**

## **Press Release**

### **NEW PULA BANKNOTES**

The public is informed that, following the launch by His Excellency the President today, August 21, 2009, the new family of banknotes will be put into circulation on Pula Day, August 23, 2009. However, due to logistical reasons, the new banknotes will be available from all commercial banks, Botswana Building Society and Botswana Savings Bank branches throughout the country on Monday August 24, 2009.

The public is advised to maintain vigilance and ensure that they only accept genuine banknotes bearing security features and images as indicated by the Bank on the public education materials, including posters widely available at Post Offices, District Administration Offices, Government Revenue Offices, Police Stations and other public places. The public is reminded that the existing banknotes remain legal tender and shall circulate together with the new banknotes until December 31, 2009 when the old banknotes shall be withdrawn from circulation. After December 31, 2009, the old banknotes can be exchanged for equivalent value of new banknotes only at the Bank of Botswana in Gaborone and Francistown until December 31, 2014.

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