



## NOTICE TO OUR VALUED SHAREHOLDERS

Absa Bank Botswana Limited (“the Company”) is required, in line with the Botswana Stock Exchange (“BSE”) Listings Requirements, to announce through the BSE and to the shareholders any circumstances or events that have, or are likely to have, a material effect on the financial results of the Company for the period to be reported on.

The Board of Directors of the Company (“the Board”), hereby advises shareholders that the Company’s consolidated year end results for the year ended 31 December 2020 will be substantially lower than the results reported for the year ended 31 December 2019. Profit before tax is expected to be lower by between 40 - 50 percent (approximately BWP271 million to BWP339 million) than that reported for the year ended 31 December 2019, which amounted to P678 million.

The outbreak of Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the economy and business community across different industries at large. The impact has been significant on the Company’s credit impairment provisions line given the size of the business as well the strategies deployed to support the Company’s customers during this difficult time, through extension of payment holidays and other relief programs. This increase in credit impairments provisions has materially impacted the Company’s profit before tax in comparison to prior year results.

The full details will be provided to shareholders at the announcement of the year-end financial results due to be released on 30 March 2021. Accordingly, the shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when trading in the Company’s securities until the results are formally published.

By order of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred M Dube".

**Alfred M Dube**  
**Interim Board Chairman**  
**17 March 2021**