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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### **To the shareholders of African Banking Corporation of Botswana Limited**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the consolidated and separate financial statements of African Banking Corporation of Botswana Limited (the group and company) set out on pages 12 to 84, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statements of changes in equity and the statements of cash flows for the year then ended, significant accounting policies and notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, these consolidated and separate financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated and separate financial position of African Banking Corporation of Botswana Limited as at 31 December 2020, and of its consolidated and separate financial performance and consolidated and separate cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Banking Act (Cap 46:04) of Botswana.

#### ***Basis for opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's *Responsibilities for the Audit of the consolidated and separate Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the group and company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Botswana, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



**Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

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<p>The Group's and the Company's core business involves providing loans and advances to retail and corporate customers.</p> <p>In the consolidated and separate financial statements, gross loans and advances to customers amount to BWP 6.3 billion as at 31 December 2020 and the movement in expected credit losses for the year amounts to BWP 273 million as at 31 December 2020.</p> <p>The expected credit loss (ECL) model applied to measure impairment requires management to exercise significant judgement in the determination of expected credit losses.</p>	<p>Our procedures included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We evaluated the design and implementation, and where applicable, the operating effectiveness of key controls over the loan impairment process, focusing on the identification of the ECL, the governance processes implemented for credit models and inputs, and management's oversight over the ECL.</li> <li>We evaluated the design and implementation and the operating effectiveness of controls relating to the Group's and the Company's loan origination process and credit reviews.</li> </ul>



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<p>Management calculates the ECL using statistical models. In the current year management changed the methodology used to determine ECL from a single default methodology to a technical default methodology.</p> <p>The following inputs to these models require significant management judgement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination of significant increase in credit risk (SICR);</li> <li>• Determination of macroeconomic inputs and forward looking information into the SICR assessment and ECL measurement; and</li> <li>• Estimation of the probability of default, the exposure at default and the loss given default.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above, judgement is also applied to determine whether any post model overlays are required for</p>	<p>Where expected credit losses were calculated on a modelled basis, we performed the following procedures, in conjunction with our credit risk specialists:</p> <p>We critically assessed the ECL models developed by management by using a challenger model and applying independent inputs to evaluate the appropriateness of the ECL model and output. This included assessing the ability of the model to reflect the impact of Covid-19 through appropriate calibration.</p> <p>We assessed the completeness, accuracy and validity of data and inputs used during the development and application of the ECL models;</p> <p>We challenged the parameters and significant assumptions applied in the calculation models which included SICR, estimated macroeconomic inputs and forward looking information, the estimated probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default by</p>



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<p>credit risk elements which are not captured by the models.</p> <p>Due to the significance of the loans and advances to customers and the increased significant estimation uncertainty as a result of Covid-19 and judgement involved in determining the ECL, the impairment of loans and advances to customers was considered to be a key audit matter.</p>	<p>evaluating these assumptions against internal business practices, industry norms and our own independent assumptions.</p> <p>We assessed how management have considered the uncertainties of Covid-19 in the estimate of ECL, specifically regarding macro-economic forecasts and behaviors of borrowers subject to payment holidays as well as the criteria set by management for determining whether there has been a SICR.</p> <p>We inspected a sample of legal agreements and supporting documentation to confirm the existence and legal right to collateral; and</p> <p>We assessed the collateral valuation techniques applied against the credit policy and industry standards.</p> <p>We evaluated the appropriateness of management's additional post model overlays by independently assessing the reasonability of these assumptions.</p>



### ***Other information***

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directorate, management and administration, Directors' report and Directors' statement of responsibility and approval, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the "Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020", which is expected to be made available to us after that date. The other information does not include the consolidated and separate financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated and separate financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated and separate financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### ***Responsibilities of the directors for the consolidated and separate financial statements***

The directors are responsible for the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Banking Act (Cap 46:04) of Botswana, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated and separate financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group and/or the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### ***Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated and separate financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.



Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated and separate financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and Company's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group and company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated and separate financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and/or the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated and separate financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated and separate financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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Certified Auditors

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7 April 2021

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