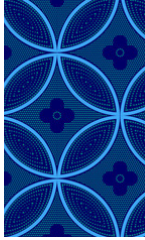


# ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS



The Company refers to the announcement dated the 19 April 2021 which appeared on XNews regarding the acquisition of the 78.15% of the outstanding share capital of BancABC Botswana (“The Company”) held by African Banking Holdings Limited (ABCH) by Access Bank PLC.

In that announcement, it was anticipated that completion of the transaction would occur by the end of the first half of 2021, following conclusion of other regulatory approvals and customary conditions. The Company hereby updates that good progress has been made to date with the various regulatory approvals. In addition to the conditional approval by the Bank of Botswana, further approvals and clearance for the transaction have been received from the Competition Commission Authority and the Non-Bank Financial Intermediaries Regulatory Authority.

The Company has also updated Shareholders through a notice made on XNews dated 30 June 2021 that the BSE has made a determination based on information supplied that the transaction does not trigger a mandatory offer to the other shareholders of The Company.

The parties are now working on the remaining conditions precedent required for completion of the transaction. Accordingly, the parties now expect the transaction to be completed in the third quarter of 2021.

Shareholders are accordingly so advised.

02 July 2021

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