#### APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT - SUSTAINABLE BONDS

Set out below is the form of Applicable Pricing Supplement that will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme:



#### **ABSA BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED**

(Registration number CO BW00001237900) (Incorporated in the Republic of Botswana) ("Absa" or "the Company")

Issue of BWP 47,400,000 (Forty Seven Million Four Hundred Thousand) Senior Unsecured Notes due 06 December 2025, with stock code ABBSF01

## Under its BWP2,000,000,000 (Two Billion) Medium-Term Note Programme

This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with the Programme Memorandum dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, prepared by Absa in connection with the Absa BWP 2,000,000,000 (Two Billion Pula) Note Programme, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "**Programme Memorandum**").

Any capitalised terms not defined in this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the section of the Programme Memorandum headed "Terms and Conditions of the Notes".

This document constitutes the Applicable Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein. The Notes described herein are issued on and subject to the Terms and Conditions as amended and/or supplemented by the Terms and Conditions contained in this Applicable Pricing Supplement. To the extent that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the contents of this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the Programme Memorandum, the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall prevail.

Prospective investors in the Notes of the Programme Memorandum as with any other listed security should ensure that they fully understand the nature of the Issuer's operations, its valuation and the extent of their exposure to risks, and that they consider the suitability of the Issuer's Notes as an investment in light of their own circumstances and financial position. The BSE's approval of the listing of the Programme Memorandum should not be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Issuer. The BSE has not verified the accuracy and truth of the contents of the documentation submitted to it and, the BSE accepts no liability of whatever nature for any loss, liability, damage or expense resulting directly or indirectly from the investment in this Programme Memorandum.

## **PARTIES**

1. Issuer

**ABSA BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED** 

2. Dealer(s)

Absa Securities Botswana

3. Paying Agent

**Corpserve Botswana** 

Specified Office

Plot 2482B Tshekedi Crescent Ext 9

Gaborone

4. Calculation Agent

**Corpserve Botswana** 

Specified Office

Specified Office

Specified Office

Specified Office

Plot 2482B Tshekedi Crescent Ext 9

Gaborone

5. Broker

Imara Capital Securities

Office 3A, Third Floor

Masa Center Plot 54353

**New Central Business District** 

Gaborone

6. Legal Advisor

**Armstrongs Attorneys** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Acacia House,

Plot 74538, Cnr of PG Matante and Khama

Cresent Ext

**New Central Business District** 

Gaborone

7. Auditor

**KPMG Botswana** 

Plot 67977, Off Tlokweng Road

Fairgrounds Office Park

Gaborone

8. Trustee

Tatenda Dumba

Specified Office

Minchin and Kelly (Botswana)

Plot 54349, Office Block B, 3rd Floor

Central Business District

Gaborone

9. Transfer Agent

Central Securities Depository Company of

**Botswana Limited** 

**Specified Office** 

4th Floor, Fairscape Precinct,

## Plot 70667 Fairgrounds,

#### Gaborone

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NOTES

10. Status of Notes

Sustainable Bond, Senior Unsecured

11. Form of Notes

**Listed Notes** 

12. Type of Notes

Fixed Rate Notes

13. Series Number

1

14. Tranche Number

1

15. Aggregate Nominal Amount:

47,400,000

16. Interest

Interest bearing

17. Interest Payment Basis

Fixed Rate

18. Interest Payment Date(s)

Means 06 June, and 06 December each year until the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment date being 06 June 2024, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day on which the interest will be paid, as determined in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention (as specified in this Applicable Pricing Supplement)

19. Interest Period(s)

Semi-annually each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the following Interest Payment Date; provided that the first Interest Period will commence on (and include) the Interest Commencement Date and end on (but exclude) 06 June 2024 (each Interest Payment Date as adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention)

20. Automatic/Optional Conversion from

one

N/A

Interest/Redemption/Payment Basis to another -

21. Conversion in the event of a Declassification Event

Business

Yes

22. Issue Date

07 December 2023

23. Specified Denomination

BWP100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand)

24. Specified Currency

Botswana Pula (BWP)

25. Issue Price

100%

26. Interest Commencement Date

06 December 2023

27. Maturity Date

06 December 2025

28. Applicable

Day

Modified Following Business Day

Convention

100% of the Nominal Amount 29. Final Redemption Amount By 17h00 on Gaborone Time in each year until 30. Last Day to Register Maturity Date or if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day before each Books Closed Period The Register will be closed from 10 Business Days 31. Books Closed Period(s) prior to each Interest Payment Date and/or the Maturity Date N/A 32. Default Rate **FIXED RATE NOTES** 7% percent per annum payable semi-annually in 33. (a) Fixed Rate of Interest arrear N/A (b) Fixed Coupon Amount(s) N/A (c) Initial Broken Amount N/A (d) Final Broken Amount N/A (e) Interest Determination Date(s) Actual/365 (f) Day Count Fraction N/A (g) Any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest **FLOATING RATE NOTES** N/A **ZERO COUPON NOTES** N/A **MIXED RATE NOTES** N/A **INDEX-LINKED NOTES** N/A **OTHER NOTES PROVISIONS REGARDING** REDEMPTION/MATURITY 34. Redemption at the Option of the N/A Issuer: N/A If yes: N/A Optional Redemption (a) Date(s) (b) Optional Redemption N/A Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s) Minimum period of notice (if (c) N/A different from Condition 7.3 (Redemption at the option of the Issuer)

	(d)	If redeemabl	e in part:	N/A						
		Minimum Amount(s)	Redemption	N/A						
		Higher Amount(s)	Redemption	N/A						
	(e)	Other terms redemption	applicable on	N/A						
35.		Redemption at the Option of the N/A Senior Noteholders:								
	If yes	If yes:								
	(a)	Optional Red Date(s)	lemption	N/A						
	(b)	Optional Red Amount(s)	N/A							
	(c)	Minimum pe	riod of notice	N/A						
	(d)	If redeemabl	e in part:	N/A						
		Minimum Amount(s)	Redemption	N/A						
		Higher Amount(s)	Redemption	N/A						
	(e)	Other terms Redemption	applicable on	N/A						
	(f)	Attach pro for notice(s)	orma put	N/A						
36.	and/o Cond Regu or on to Co	or tax reason lition 8.2 (R llatory and/or an Event of D	Tax Reasons), efault pursuant Event of default	Yes						
37.		option in the nge of Control	e event of a	N/A						
	NERAL									
		nal selling rest	N/A							
39.	Additio cond	nal terms itions								
	1	nternational dentification N	Securities umber (ISIN)	BW 000000 4977						
	<b>b</b> ) 5	Stock code		ABBSF01						

## c) BSE INSTRUMENT CODE

- 40. Financial Exchange
- 41. Method of distribution
- 42. Credit Rating assigned to the Issuer/Programme/Notes
- 43. Applicable Rating Agency
- 44. Governing law
- 45. Use of proceeds

ABBL-CRS-1225-01

BSE Limited

Private Placement

N/A

N/A

Botswana

The issuer will use the net proceeds of the issue of notes to finance and or refinance in whole or in part on a portfolio basis, renewable energy projects, green buildings, affordable housing in terms of the issuer's sustainable finance framework as found on the issuer's website: https://www.absa.co.bw/bwp-two-billion-medium-note-programme/ in relation to sustainable bonds.

#### Sustainable Bond Framework

ABBL has developed and adopted the Framework which provides the foundation under which ABBL may execute, and where applicable list, Green, Social and/or Sustainable Bonds, amongst other instruments. Green, Social and Sustainable Bonds issued under the Framework support ABBL's lending and financing activities (including refinancing activities) to Green Projects, Social Projects and Sustainable Projects. Framework sets out the 'use of proceeds' criteria and process for the identification of eligible projects or activities that would satisfy the criteria to enable sustainable instruments to be categorised as Green, Social and/or Sustainable Bonds.

#### Assurance

In connection with the Framework and in compliance with the applicable BSE Debt Listings Requirements, ABBL appointed a sustainability specialist, ERM to evaluate the Framework and to issue the ERM Second Party Opinion.

The ERM Second Party Opinion is available on Absa Botswana's website at <a href="https://www.absa.co.bw/content/dam/botswana/absa/pdf/bwp-two-billion-medium-note-programme/spo-report.pdf">https://www.absa.co.bw/content/dam/botswana/absa/pdf/bwp-two-billion-medium-note-programme/spo-report.pdf</a>.

## **Independent External Reviewer**

ERM is an independent external reviewer for the purposes of the BSE Debt Listings Requirements. The ERM Second Party Opinion constitutes the

report of an independent external reviewer on the Framework as contemplated in the BSE Debt Listings Requirements.

ERM is a multinational consultancy firm which focuses on sustainability. The company provides environmental, health, safety, risk, and social consulting services and sustainability related services.

## **Management of Proceeds**

The Issuer will track the receipt and use of the net proceeds of this Tranche of Notes via its internal tracking systems as more fully set out in the section of the Framework, headed "Management of Proceeds".

# Impact Measurement and Reporting and External Review

ABBL will prepare and publish an Annual Allocation and Impact Report as more fully set out in the section of the Framework headed "Reporting".

ABBL will request (from the first anniversary of the Issue Date and until the earlier to occur of the Maturity Date or full allocation of the net proceeds) a limited assurance report of the allocation of the proceeds of Green Bonds, Social Bonds and Sustainable Bonds to eligible assets as contemplated by the Framework, to be provided by its external auditor.

The Annual Allocation and Impact Report and related assurance report will be included in ABBL's annual Integrated Report and be available on ABBL's website at https://www.absa.co.bw/bank-reports/.

## Incorporation by reference

The Framework and the ERM SA (Proprietary) Ltd are incorporated by reference into this Applicable Pricing Supplement.

Notwithstanding the incorporation by reference of the Framework and the ERM SA (Proprietary) Ltd, the attention of investors in the Notes is drawn to the risk factor set out in Section Four of the Programme Memorandum.

#### Interpretation

For purposes of this paragraph 51 (*Use of Proceeds*):

- (a) "ABBL" means Absa Bank Botswana Limited;
- (b) "Annual Allocation and Impact Report" means, in relation to sustainable instruments issued under the Framework, the annual allocation and impact report prepared by ABBL;
- (c) "ERM SA" means ERM SA (Proprietary)
  Ltd a company incorporated in accordance
  with the laws of the Republic of South
  Africa with registration number
  2003/001404/07, registered address
  Building 27, Ground Floor, The Woodlands
  Office Park, 20 Woodlands Drive,
  Woodmead, Sandton, 2199;
- (d) "ERM SA Second Party Opinion" means the second party opinion issued by ERM SA confirming that the Framework is aligned with the ICMA Principles and Guidelines;
- (e) "Framework" means the ABBL Sustainable Finance Issuance Framework dated June 2023;
- (f) "Green Bonds" means any Notes the proceeds of which are applied to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, Green Projects;
- (g) "Green Projects" means any project and/or activities that promote climatefriendly and other environmental purposes;
- (h) "ICMA Principles and Guidelines" means the Green Bond Principles, the Social Bond Principles and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines, as applicable, published by International Capital Market Association ("ICMA") from time to time;
- "Social Bonds" means any Notes the proceeds of which are applied to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, Social Projects;
- "Social Projects" means any project and/or activities that are aimed at reducing economic and social inequality;

- (k) "Sustainable Bonds" means any Notes the proceeds of which are applied to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, Sustainable Projects; and
- "Sustainable Projects" means a combination of Green Projects and Social Projects.

Applicable – see Annexure "A" (Additional Terms and Conditions)

46. Other provisions

## Responsibility

The Issuer certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no facts that have been omitted from the Programme Memorandum or this Applicable Pricing Supplement which would make any statement false or misleading, that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made and that the Programme Memorandum together with this Applicable Pricing Supplement contain all information required by law. The issuer accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Programme Memorandum, this Applicable Pricing Supplement and all documents incorporated by reference (see the section of the Programme Memorandum headed 'Document Incorporated by Reference').

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<b>SIGNED</b> at	GABOLO,	NE	on this	day of	DECEMBER	2023.

For and on behalf of

ABSA BANK BOTSWANA LIMITED

Name: Keabetswe Pheko- Moshagane

Capacity: Managing Director

Who warrants his/her authority hereto

Name: Cynthia Morapedi

Capacity: Finance Director

Who warrants his/her authority hereto

#### **ANNEXURE "A"**

#### **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

# **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The additional terms and conditions set out below ("Additional Terms and Conditions") shall apply to the Tranche of Notes described in the Applicable Pricing Supplement ("relevant Tranche of Notes" and "Notes") and shall form part of the Applicable Terms and Conditions of the relevant Tranche of Notes.

The Applicable Terms and Conditions (including the Additional Terms and Conditions) of the relevant Tranche of Notes are incorporated by reference into the Certificate/s (if any) representing the Notes.

- "Declassification Event" means that the Notes issued hereunder no longer qualify as Sustainable Notes as defined below;
- "Conversion in the event of a Declassification Event" means that in the event of a
   Declassification Event, the Sustainable Note/s issued herein shall have deemed to have been
   converted from a Sustainable Note into a Senior Note (as defined in the Programme
   Memorandum); and
- 3. **"Sustainable Note/s"** means the sustainable instruments as defined in the Sustainable Finance Issuance Framework June 2023.