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**ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS ('AADFI') RATES BDC AMONG THE BEST PERFORMING AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS**

Gaborone – Botswana Development Corporation ('BDC') participated in the 2021 AADFI 11<sup>th</sup> peer review exercise and recorded a compliance index of **91%** (a BB rating) against the Prudential Standards, Guideline and Rating System (PSGRS) administered by the Association of African Development Finance Institutions.

The PSGRS is a reference tool (a system of reference) and an integrated rating system adopted by consensus in 2008 by the African development finance institutions, under the auspices of the African Development Bank (AfDB). The system of reference comprises 100 standards and prudential guidelines in the areas of governance (39), financial management (30), and operational management (31). The purpose of the assessment is to assist the institution to identify areas of weakness to take corrective measures to address them. The results and rating obtained indicate the level of the institution's compliance with best standards and practices in the areas assessed. The exercise saw participation from 37 Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) in Africa.

The overall compliance performance indicates the degree of integration in the policies, strategies, and procedures of the participating DFIs, of the relevant AADFI prudential standards and guidelines, as well as national and international best practices under the code or accounting system, the regulation of the Central Bank, the Basel agreements, and the International Financial Reporting System ('IFRS') or the International Sustainability Rating System ('ISRS') standards.

"This AADFI rating reflects above all the achievements of the profound transformations observable and in working order within the Corporation. It also offers BDC advice on specific areas of improvement, which the Corporation is committed to, in order to maintain profitability, competitiveness and sustainability" said Managing Director Mr Cross Kgosiidile upon delivery of the results to BDC.

AADFI is an umbrella organisation for development finance institutions in Africa, created under the auspices of the African Development Bank in 1975. The objectives of the Association are to stimulate cooperation for the promotion and financing of sustainable development in Africa and to encourage the process of economic integration in the African region. - Ends

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## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

### **ABOUT BDC**

Botswana Development Corporation Limited, or 'BDC,' is the country's main agency for commercial and industrial development. Established in 1970, under the Companies Act, BDC is a Company Limited by Shares and fully owned by the Government of Botswana. BDC is mandated to provide, facilitate and support the financing of commercially viable enterprises that contribute towards building a sustainable and diversified Botswana economy; to stimulate the growth of the private sector; to invest in the region and internationally; whilst generating wealth for the Shareholder.

The Corporation invests in commercially viable projects across all sectors of the economy except large-scale diamond mining. These include Energy, Manufacturing, Industry, Property, Services, Tourism, Innovation and Technology as well as Agriculture.

Throughout, BDC intends to promote best practices in business, governance and environmental standards in the funds or companies it chooses to invest in. BDC conducts its business on a commercial basis and exercises special care and regard to economic and commercial merits.