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Botswana Development Corporation Donates to Tonota Primary School Special Education Unit

Gaborone – As Botswana’s investment agency for driving commercial and industrial transformation in the economy, BDC fervently believes that an important aspect of moving Botswana forward resides in the significant contribution towards communities in need. The Corporation has donated printing and photocopying machines to Tonota Primary School Special Education Unit.

This initiative is part of BDC’s Corporate Social Responsibility effort to make a significant contribution towards communities in need and support the inclusion of people living with disabilities. As BDC continues on the path of economic integration, it is increasingly expected to contribute not only to wealth generation but also to participate in resolving some of the country’s pressing challenges.

“BDC’s mutual commitment to social impact is an integral part of strengthening our stakeholder relations and community ties. It remains intact and has been strengthened during these uncertain times. The Corporation is not only profit-oriented but also is steadfast in giving back to the communities in which we operate. Through our CSR mandate to support the inclusion of people living with disabilities, we aim to elevate people and communities for the benefit of the greater society” said BDC Information Technology Manager and CSR representative, Mr Kebareileng Lebalang at the handover ceremony.

BDC is committed to institutions that support young learners with disabilities. The Corporation has supported similar initiatives in the past, having donated a classroom block worth P1.5 million to the disabled children in Tonota Primary School in April 2013. The Corporation also built a similar block in Francistown in 2009 worth P800,000. Similarly, BDC donated a 17-seater Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Minibus to the Ramotswa Centre for the Deaf – a school that was adopted by the Corporation in July 2018.

“We believe that education is the hope for the development of a country. Former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela once remarked that education is the most powerful weapon one can use to change the world. So, at BDC we believe that when the youth are educated, then the country is educated. When the youth are strong then the country is strong” - Concluded Mr Lebalang.

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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.