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## PRESS RELEASE

## REVOCATION OF BUREAU de CHANGE LICENCE

The Bank of Botswana (Bank) wishes to inform the public that, in line with licensing powers enshrined in Section 30(1) of the Bank of Botswana Act (Cap. 55:01) and Bank of Botswana (Bureaux de Change) Regulations, it has revoked, with immediate effect, the licence issued to Arpanet Bureau de Change to transact foreign exchange business. This follows the cessation of operations and the voluntary surrender of the licence by the company.

Accordingly, the public is advised not to transact foreign exchange business with any person purporting to trade in the name of Arpanet Bureau de Change.

Members of the public are also reminded that it is a criminal offence under Section 30(4) of the Bank of Botswana Act (Cap. 55:01) to conduct the business of buying and selling foreign currency without a valid licence issued by the Bank.

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