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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **Tebelelo Pule Appointed CEO of the Competition Authority**

The Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Honourable Vincent T. Seretse has appointed Ms. Tebelelo Pule as the new CEO of the Competition Authority (CA). Ms. Pule has been the Acting CEO of the CA ever since the founding CEO, Mr. Thula Kaira left in April 2016.

Tebelelo Pule is a Bachelor of Commerce Graduate from the University of Botswana. She is a Fellow of the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) and an Associate member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) (UK). Tebelelo holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Derby, UK.

Mma P, as she is affectionately known to friends and colleagues, is an experienced administrator having cut her teeth at the then Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) which she joined as a graduate trainee and rose through the ranks up to the position of General Manager (Finance). While at BTC she was responsible for Treasury, Credit Control, Revenue Assurance, Cash Management, Budget and Budgetary control, Fixed Assets, Management and Statutory Accounts Reporting, Procurement and Costing.

Her desire for professional growth saw her join Bokamoso Private Hospital Trust after she left BTC. At Bokamoso her portfolio covered Finance, Front Office and Records.

During her illustrious career, Ms. Pule has achieved some notable feats which distinguished her as a results oriented leader. While working with a dedicated team of professionals from diverse disciplines she managed to set-up and launch beMobile, Botswana's third mobile operator.

Amongst many other notable projects such as beMobile, she managed the global connectivity project also known as the international undersea cable of the East African Submarine System (EASY) and the West African Festoon Cable (WASC).

Mma P's experience in the corporate world has not gone unnoticed in the varied boardrooms of Botswana. She serves the national electricity utility corporation, Botswana Power Corporation, as a board member where she chairs the Finance and Investment Committee and sits in the Audit and Risk Committee of the board. She has served as the Chairperson of Botsnet Board during her time at BTC.

When asked what her key priorities at the CA during her tenure would be she immediately pointed out four areas.

"My emphasis would be on enforcement, advocacy, prioritisation of the Authority's activities and lastly I would like to ensure that we build collaborations with our international partners in order to gain the requisite expertise in key areas. These would be the strategic areas that I would want to drive during my term."

Mma P is married to Mabuse Pule and they have been blessed with four girls.