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COMPETITION AUTHORITY AND BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Competition Authority (CA) and the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) will on **Wednesday 13th November 2019** sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Media representatives are cordially invited to the signing ceremony which will take place at **09.30 am** at the Competition Authority offices at Plot 28 Matsitama Road, Main Mall, Gaborone.

The Competition Authority is constituted in terms of the Competition Act of 2009 and is responsible for the prevention and redress for anti-competitive practices in the economy, and the removal of constraints on the free play of competition in the market. In the near future, the Authority is set to widen its mandate to include enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act.

Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) was established by the Botswana Energy Regulatory Act of 2016. The Act mandates BERA with oversight over the electricity, petroleum products, coal, natural gas, bio-energy, solar energy, renewable energy resources and other energy sectors. In terms of the Act, BERA is responsible for setting and maintaining service standards, ensuring sustainable and secure supplies in the energy sector, protecting and preserving the environment; and maintaining best international regulatory practice.

Among others, the MoU is intended to facilitate information sharing between the two organisations, joint investigations and research as well as joint training exercises.

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