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et
Botswana**

**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BOTSWANA**

ON

TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as "South Africa"), and the Government of the Republic of Botswana (hereafter referred to as "Botswana"), (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Signatories" and separately as a "Signatory";

DESIRING to further strengthen and deepen the friendly and historical relations which prevail between South Africa and Botswana;

RECOGNISING the significant economic challenges and opportunities arising and consequential to the evolving regional economic integration and emerging new global order;

DETERMINED to find new approaches and strategies of consolidating, expanding and deepening areas of economic development, industrial and trade co-operation between South Africa and Botswana, with specific focus on economic development which will be firmly guided by the principles of national sovereignty, opportunities to implement world class projects and of win-win outcomes;

WISHING to promote investments, industry and trade co-operation between South Africa and Botswana on equitable terms;

DESIROUS to facilitate the realization of increased flow of investments and the enhancement of trade and industry co-operation including institutional co-operation;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides a broad basis for cooperation between the Signatories with the intention of stimulating interest and involvement of private sector in both countries.

ARTICLE 2
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this MOU will be as follows:

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Trade and Industry (hereinafter referred to as the "DTI"); and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Botswana, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (hereinafter referred to as the "MTI").

ARTICLE 3
INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION

1. The scope of co-operation between the MTI and the DTI with respect to the defined projects, will include identifying technically competent organisations which are capable of drawing up development oriented industrial projects and sensitising organisations in both South Africa and Botswana which have the financial and technical capacity to implement those projects in partnership with their counterparts in their respective countries.

2. With a view to generally promoting industrial co-operation, the Signatories undertake to identify potential projects with opportunities for the development of complementary regional value-chains and sensitize potential investors who are residents of their respective countries that are willing and capable of establishing, completing and rehabilitating mutual beneficial projects in, *inter-alia* the following areas:

- (a) Transport and communications infrastructure projects;
- (b) Mining;
- (c) Energy;
- (d) Agro-business;
- (e) Tourism;
- (f) Financial and business-retail services;
- (g) Processing of natural resources.
- (h) Agriculture;
- (i) Manufacturing;
- (j) Leather industry;
- (k) Information and Communication Technology; and
- (l) Pharmaceuticals.