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Press Statement

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BAC celebrates ERM 2012 Graduates

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BAC holds graduation ceremony for ERM Class of 2012

GABORONE – This Wednesday, 5th December 2012, saw the Botswana Accountancy College (BAC) graduation ceremony for the College’s first group of Post Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Class of 2012 students. Held at Boipuso Hall, the ceremony saw awards being conferred to 171 students from the College by Mr Thato Raphaka, the Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Transport and Communication, with an audience of 400 staff, alumni, friends and family to witness the momentous occasion.

VIP guests in attendance included the, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communication, Mr. Thato Raphaka and the Accountant General Mrs. Peloetletse. In addition, Mrs. Lesedi Lesetedi the Chairperson of the African Federation of Internal Auditors and the Director Principle of the Institute of Internal Auditors Global, Mr. Enoch Mushango, the President of the Institute of Internal Auditors Botswana and Mrs. V. Kabomo, Director of Internal Audit, Ministry of Finance Development Planning and the Chief Internal Auditor in the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning Mrs. T. Tomango together with key captains of industry graced the occasion with their presence.

Addressing the guests, Executive Director of BAC, Mr. Michael Lesolle, commented, “It is indeed a fruitful gathering as we have come to yet again acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of so many of our hardworking students. It is also an incredible privilege for us to have our distinguished guests with us today: Mr Raphaka, Mr Mongwaketse, Mrs Kabomo, and the family and friends of our wonderful graduates. Thank you all for being a part of this celebrating and witnessing this incredible milestone in the lives of these 171 students.”

The evening’s festivities saw the conferring of awards to graduating students for 171 ERM students making up the Class of 2012. Additionally, the ceremony served as a platform to inform key stakeholders about BAC’s ERM course, specifically targeting the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and the Ministry of Finance who were instrumental in establishing this course. The proceedings also highlighted the offerings of the College’s Consultancy Department, which included short courses and customised training solutions. ERM is a BOTA registered course at BAC, and sees 171 students graduating in this course.

Said Mr. Raphaka in his keynote address, “This evening we are celebrating the diligence and dedication of our students at BAC. Their effort and success is a testament to the instrumental role the business sector plays in our society and the role that our graduates will go on to play in their communities and in helping to grow and shape the Botswana economy.”

Concluded, Mr. Lesolle, "At BAC, we pride ourselves in the bright young minds that come into our college and the ambitious, well rounded, worldly students that leave our hallways, degrees or diplomas in hand. It is against this backdrop of a solid, all-encompassing education that our ERM Class of 2012 go out into the vocational world. We have faith in our students, for it is them that the future of nation lies and we could not have more faith in them."

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