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Stanbic Bank Chief Executive Charity Ride

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Stanbic Bank EXCO cycle for charity

GABORONE – Stanbic Bank Botswana this week announced the launch of their latest CSI effort, dubbed the “Chief Executive Charity Ride.” Speaking at a press conference held at Stanbic Bank Head Office on 30th May 2013, Stanbic Bank Chief Executive, Leina Gabaraane, officially announced the project, set to kick off on June 1st 2013. The Chief Executive Charity Ride will see Gabaraane and 5 members of the Bank’s Management team, cycle from Ghanzi to Gaborone in a bid to raise money for local charities. This comes as part of a continuing effort by Stanbic Bank to leave a positive footprint in communities across the nation.

“Stanbic Bank has been a strong advocate for giving back to the communities in which we operate since we opened our doors over 21 years ago. We take great pride in our CSI efforts each year, whether monetary donations or projects we actively get involved in and participate. This year, however, we want to do something that allows us to be proactive from all levels of the Bank, and it is against that backdrop that we are proud to launch this Charity Ride,” commented Mr. Gabaraane.

The Charity Ride aims to raise funds for various local charities to be announced after the completion of the Ride. The initiative is also another opportunity for the Bank to continue to contribute to the betterment of the local community. Stanbic Bank has pledged P150, 000 and will also incur all costs associated with the event, with sponsorships and donations from customers and various stakeholders being made to date.

The Chief Executive Charity Ride will see the 6 Stanbic Bank cyclists, accompanied by a professional cyclist, beginning their journey on 1st June 2013 departing from Ghanzi and traveling along the Trans-Kalahari Highway. The team will have 4 overnight stops at camping and lodging spots along the route along over the course of the 5 day. The 710km journey will culminate in arrival in Gaborone on 5th June 2013. The team comprises of avid cyclers as well as cycling enthusiasts, including:

- Stanbic Bank Chief Executive - Leina Gabaraane
- Stanbic Bank Head of Operations - Joel Stead
- Stanbic Bank Head of Business Banking - Tapela Mpuchane
- Stanbic Bank Operational Risk Manager - Thabo Okie

- Stanbic Bank Head of Credit - Rory Pollock

"We are extremely passionate about the Charity Ride, a project that my team and I have actually developed personally. We are proud of everyone both within and outside of the Stanbic Bank family who has donated or is supporting this worthy cause. We look forward to the endurance and team spirit that it will no doubt demand of us all. We're grateful for all who have been a part of bringing this project to life, including our valued organizers, technical support, and sponsors. Contributions are still being accepted and I urge anyone who is interested in contributing to this initiative to contact the Bank. We sincerely hope our efforts can help leave a positive footprint for Batswana," concluded Mr. Gabaraane.

The support team are:

- 3 x professional cyclers (Fred McDonald, Mike Mallett and Neville Van Zyl) – moral support
- Botswana Police – traffic department
- BOMAID – Med Rescue – Paramedics Botswana
- Cycle Base – mechanics
- Touch Clinic – physiotherapist
- Liberty – major donor and support staff
- 3 x Stanbic Bank staff

The Bank has advised that those keen on making a financial contribution can do so through the Stanbic Bank CSI Account: Account no. 9060000436483 at Fairgrounds Branch; code 064967.

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About Stanbic Bank Botswana

Stanbic Bank Botswana is a member of Standard Bank Group. Standard Bank Group is the largest African bank by assets and earnings. We aim to build the leading African financial services organisation using all our competitive advantages to the full. We will focus on delivering superior sustainable shareholder value by serving the needs of our customers

through first-class, on-the-ground operations in chosen countries in Africa. We will also connect other selected emerging markets to Africa and to each other, applying our sector expertise, particularly in natural resources, globally. We operate in 17 countries on the African continent, including South Africa, and 13 countries outside Africa with an emerging market focus.

Standard Bank has a 150 year history in South Africa and started building a franchise outside southern Africa in the early 1990s. In recent years, Standard Bank has concluded key acquisitions on the African continent in Kenya and Nigeria. Africa is at our core and we will continue to build first-class on-the-ground banks.

The group has more than 1 000 branches on the African continent and representation in key global financial centres.

The group's 53 000 employees across all regions deliver a complete range of services across personal and business banking, corporate and investment banking and wealth management. Standard Bank's Corporate & Investment Banking division offers its clients banking, trading, investment, risk management and advisory services to connect selected emerging markets to Africa and to each other. It has specific global sectoral expertise, particularly in natural resources, with value propositions in: mining and metals; oil and gas; power and infrastructure; and telecoms and media. Standard Bank Group had total assets of over ZAR1 379-billion (about US\$203 billion) at 30 June 2011. Standard Bank's market capitalisation at 30 June 2011 was ZAR159 billion (about US\$23 billion).

The group's largest shareholder is Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), the world's largest bank, with a 20,1% shareholding. In addition, Standard Bank Group and ICBC share a strategic partnership that facilitates trade and deal flow between Africa, China and select emerging markets.

Standard Bank Plc in London is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, and is a member of the London Stock Exchange, the London Bullion Market Association, the London Metal Exchange, the London Platinum and Palladium Market and the New York Mercantile Exchange (COMEX Division).

20 Facts about Stanbic Bank

1. Stanbic Bank trading as Union Bank opened in Botswana on March 2, 1992.
2. The bank's first Managing Director was a South African called Mr. Dave Brown.
3. The bank's Head Office and first branch was at Broadhurst Industrial on Kubu Road, near the railway line.
4. Standard Bank acquired ANZ Grindlays operations across Africa including Botswana in 1992. It later merged the two banks; ANZ & Union Bank and rebranded them to Stanbic Bank
5. Stanbic Bank brand's 1st mission in 1992 was "To be the best bank in Botswana with the most satisfied customers".
6. Stanbic Bank Botswana started offering Retail Banking services in 1994 when it opened the Francistown Branch at Blue Jacket Street.
7. Stanbic Bank Head office relocated from Travaglini House in Old Lobatse Road to Stanbic House at Fairgrounds in 2001.
8. Stanbic Bank acquired Investec Private Banking book in 2003.

9. In 2008, the Gaborone West Branch was relocated from Gaborone West Industrial, near the fly over to Game City Mall and renamed Kgale Branch.
10. In 2008, the Broadhurst Branch was also relocated from Kubu Road to Nelson Mandela Road.
11. The Bank rebranded Executive Banking to Private Banking in 2008 and relocated the unit to Kgale Branch at Game City Mall.
12. Stanbic Bank to date has, had 5 Managing Directors including the current Managing Director who is a Motswana, Leina Gabaraane. He was appointed in September 2008.
13. Tapela Mpuchane was the first Motswana to be appointed Business Banking Head in 2010.
14. Stanbic Bank last changed its brand promise from "Inspired. Motivated. Involved" To "Moving Forward" in 2009
15. The first time ever the AFCON Trophy was brought to Botswana by Stanbic Bank was in 2009.
16. Stanbic Bank opened a 10th Branch in Mogoditshane in 2011.
17. The Bank also started offering Point Of Sale Service in 2011, and it currently has the machines at 100 Merchants country wide.
18. In 2011, the Business Banking unit was further segmented into Commercial Banking, SME Banking & Agri Business.
19. As at February 2012, Stanbic Bank has a total of 540 staff members from an initial staff complement of 20.
20. To date, Stanbic Bank has donated millions of Pula to communities and a total of more than P880, 000.00 in 2011.