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## **Stanbic Bank Botswana partners with Steinmetz Gaborone Marathon**

GABORONE - Stanbic Bank Botswana, Corporate and Investment Banking this month celebrates its inaugural Diamond Sponsorship of the third annual Steinmetz Gaborone Marathon (SGM).

The 2013 Steinmetz Gaborone Marathon takes place on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. The event is an international qualifier for major races and Botswana's largest running-for-charity event. This year, the event takes place at The Grand Palm Resort, offering four races: A Marathon - 42.2km, Half-marathon - 21km, 10km, and fun run/walk - 4km.

"We are tremendously excited to be partnering with the Steinmetz Gaborone Marathon. As a Corporate and Investment Bank, we are closely aligned to the diamond mining and downstream industry in Botswana. Hence, our decision to become a Diamond sponsor is of this event," said Stanbic Bank Head of Corporate and Investment Banking, Mr. Tasha Ferreira.

Mr Ferreira: "Our partnership with Steinmetz in this major event highlights our leadership in providing commercial and investment banking services to larger corporates, financial institutions, governments, parastatals and multinationals. We believe this event will offer a wonderful experience to our customers, our staff and the public as well as an opportunity to exercise and network. The Marathon is a great charity and sports event and we at Stanbic Bank feel honoured to be the Diamond sponsor."

As part of Stanbic Bank's involvement in the annual event, the Bank will offer registration at its branches across the country to ensure greater reach to seasoned runners, sports enthusiasts, friends and families. .

In addition, Stanbic Bank will run a promotion to encourage staff participation by offering free registration for staff and a P2,000.00 prize for the first Stanbic Bank employee finishing in any of the four races.

Proceeds from the registration fees are awarded to official charities selected by SGM.

“We applaud Stanbic Bank to sponsor this event at such notice and we look forward to a long partnership with them even in the coming years. Stanbic Bank is a key player in the diamond manufacturing industry and therefore we found them to be an appropriate diamond sponsor for the Steinmetz Gaborone Marathon. Race registration is ongoing and we encourage runners to register soon, as places are limited. Registration can be done in all Stanbic Bank branches and Steinmetz Gaborone Marathon offices. We are truly excited to kick off this year’s marathon and excited to be partnering with Stanbic Bank to bring the event to life,” concluded Stellan Bengtsson, Organiser of the event.

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More information about registration will be available at [www.stanbic-botswana.com](http://www.stanbic-botswana.com).

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