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30th March 2010

The Permanent Secretary to the President
All Permanent Secretaries
The Commander, BDF
The Commissioner of Police
Attorney-General
Auditor-General
The Registrar of the High Court of Botswana
The President, Industrial Court
The Director General, Directorate on Intelligence and Security
The Director General, Government Implementation and Coordination Office
The Director, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime
The Ombudsman
Clerk of the National Assembly
The Secretary, Independent Electoral Commission
All District Commissioners
All Chairpersons, Ministerial Tender Committees

Dear Sirs/Madam:

**SUBJECT: REVIEW AND INCREASE OF FINANCIAL THRESHOLDS FOR
MINISTERIAL TENDER COMMITTEES (MTC's) AND DISTRICT TENDER
COMMITTEES (DATC's)**

Kindly refer to the subject at caption.

Addressees are hereby reminded that during the Budget Speech in February 2010, the Hon. Minister of Finance and Development Planning announced that the financial thresholds for the Ministerial Tender Committees and the District Administration Tender Committees were due for review by the PPADB to set new ceilings in accordance with Section 65 of the PPAD Act. The Hon Minister further advised that the new ceilings will come into force on 1st April, 2010 and that PPADB will announce the new thresholds to Ministries and Departments before the end of March, 2010.

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Accordingly PPADB has, pursuant to Section 65 of the PPAD Act reviewed and increased the financial thresholds of its adjudication committees as follows hereunder:

- (a) Ministerial Tender Committees (MTCs): The Financial threshold is increased from the current P5 000 000.00 (five million Pula) to P25 000 000.00 (twenty five million Pula).
- (b) District Administration Tender Committees (DATCs): The Financial Threshold is hereby increased from the current P500 000.00 (five hundred thousand Pula) to P2 000 000.00 (two million Pula).
- (c) The new thresholds take effect on 1st April, 2010 and shall remain in force until the next review.

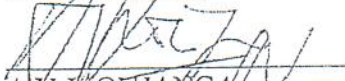
Being fully mindful of the need to build capacities in Ministries (MTCs and DATCs), I wish to advise all Accounting Officers that hence forth PPADB shall aggressively implement a capacity building programme targeting all the Ministries and Departments with a view to facilitating skills and knowledge transfer on a continual basis to capacitate MTCs, DATCs and Procuring Units. To this end and in an endeavor to further reinforce our ongoing capacity building efforts, PPADB will be communicating a comprehensive plan for enhanced capacity building in Ministries and Departments for implementation beginning first quarter of 2010/2011 financial year. In this regard, it is our sincere expectation that Accounting Officers shall play their part to meet PPADB halfway by ensuring that the requisite structures notably Procurements Units, MTCs and DATCs and respective Secretaries are established and well resourced with suitable personnel of appropriate skills, qualifications and experience.

In recognition of the growing importance of the work of these Committees and Units in the overall management of aspects of the procurement system with respect to project implementation and service delivery for various Ministries and Departments of Government, I wish to further exhort all Accounting Officers to ensure that the duties of officers serving on such Committees and Units form part of their core functions in their Job Profiles and are included in their respective Performance Contracts.

Finally, I wish to confirm that PPADB will continue to progress and bring to completion all the tender submissions already submitted to the Board for adjudication but still pending before the Board from the Procuring Entities in order to ensure and facilitate a smooth transition and hand-over.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,


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EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN