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SUBJECT: DEBSWANA SUPPORTS GREEN ENERGY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE UNION

Debswana Diamond Company participated in the Green Energy Seminar which was held last week at the Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC). The seminar was organised by Botswana Mine Workers Union (BMWU) in collaboration with Selibe Phikwe Economic Unit (SPEDU) and Leru Energy, a BMWU 100% citizen owned company that trades in the oil and gas industry.

The seminar provided an opportunity for delegates and participants to exhibit the green energy technologies, share insights, while promoting the use of renewable technology and natural resources particularly in the mining industry. Debswana utilised this opportunity to support the BMWU.

When giving welcome remarks at the seminar, Head of Safety and Sustainable Development at Debswana, Tefo Molosiwa, said that in line with Botswana Government's vision, Debswana sees the green economy making a significant contribution to the country's sustainable development in the future. "As such, Debswana has set out an ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030," said Molosiwa who further indicated that the strategy is focused on reducing energy intensity, decarbonising electricity, replacement of fossil fuels and carbon recovery.

The seminar, which Debswana sponsored with P80 000, was attended by captains of the industry, academics, investors, and renewable energy lobbyists.

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About Debswana

Debswana Diamond Company was established in 1969, and it is owned in equal shares by the Government of the Republic of Botswana and De Beers Group. It is one of the world's leading diamond producers by value and volume. Debswana operates four diamond mines in Orapa, Letlhakane, Damtshaa and Jwaneng. The company is a major contributor to the national economy of Botswana – contributing significantly to the gross domestic product, foreign exchange earnings and government revenues. Debswana is one of the largest private sector employers, with over 5500 employees and over 6000 contractors. Debswana is also the largest contributor to the De Beers Group rough diamond production. The company is committed to mining safely, optimally and responsibly, as well as making a meaningful contribution to the development of communities around its mines and the nation at large, thus making life brilliant. For further information visit www.debswana.com.