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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Invitation to COVID-19 Media Conference:
BTV Auditorium, 6th April 2020**

Given the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic and Governments stance to ensure that COVID-19 protocols and health advice regarding social distancing is respected through the imposition of the lockdown effective the 3rd April 2020, a majority of employees in Botswana are working from home.

2. Under the circumstances, the Communications sector plays a pivotal role in ensuring that businesses continue to operate to avoid economic stagnation. That being stated, it is therefore imperative that mobile network operators and major internet service providers address the nation on the following:

- 2.1 The status of their networks and current performance;
- 2.2 The challenges being encountered;
- 2.3 The measures being put in place to mitigate and resolve the challenges; and
- 2.4 Plans to ensure future demand for capacity and connectivity are met.



3 Kindly be advised that you are hereby directed to attend the COVID-19 Updates Media Conference to be held on the **6th April 2020** at **1800hrs** at the BTV Auditorium at which platform you are expected to address the afore-mentioned.

4 Given the seriousness of the matter and in keeping with regular updates by Honourable Ministers, representation at the conference must be at the level of Heads of Organisation. Kindly be advised that the Honourable Minister of Transport and Communications will be in attendance.

5. Further note that each network operator will be given a 10minute slot and you are requested to prepare adequately for same and please arrive by 17:45.

Yours Sincerely



Martin Mokgware
Chief Executive