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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BERA, represented by the Chief Executive Officer - Mrs. Rose Nunu Seretse, elected as the Vice Chair of RERA

1. Member Regulators of the Regional Energy Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) elected the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) as the Vice Chair of the Association during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) No. 17 held on 25 February 2022 in Swakopmund, Namibia. BERA will serve as the Vice Chair of RERA for a two-year term from 2022 to 2023. Mrs. Rose Nunu Seretse, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and designated representative of BERA on the RERA Executive Committee (ExCo) will assume the role of the Vice Chair of the Association.
2. BERA is taking on this important leadership position at a pivotal time when the Association is preparing to be transformed into the SADC Regional Energy Regulatory Authority (SARERA). This follows the approval of the Framework and Roadmap for its transformation by the SADC Ministers responsible for Energy at a meeting held in Blantyre, Malawi on 02 December 2021.
3. The newly elected Executive Committee (ExCo) of RERA comprise the following seven (7) Members:

	Portfolio	Elected Member Regulator	Representative	
			Name	Title
1	Chair	Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA)	Mr. Motlatsi Ramafole	Chief Executive

2	Vice Chair	Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA)	Mrs. Rose N. Seretse	Chief Executive Officer
3	Portfolio Committee Chairperson - Capacity Building & Information Sharing (PC-CBIS)	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Ms. Nomalanga P. Sithole	Chief Executive Officer
4	Portfolio Committee Chairperson - Energy Sector Policy, Legislation and Trade (PC-EPLT)	Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA)	Mr. Edington T. Mazambani	Chief Executive Officer
5	Portfolio Committee Chairperson - Consumer Protection and Communication Services (PC-CPCS)	Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA)	Mr. Skhumbuzo Tsabedze	Chief Executive Officer
6	Portfolio Committee Chairperson - Regional Regulatory Cooperation (PC-RRC)	Energy Regulatory Authority (ARENE)	Mr. Paulo António da Graça	Executive Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer
7	Host Member Regulator	Electricity Control Board (ECB)	Mrs. Rachel Boois	Acting Chief Executive Officer

4. Collectively, the new ExCo of RERA brings a wealth of knowledge and diverse expertise from public and corporate sectors. The newly elected ExCo will help to deliver on the Association's transformation roadmap and its renewed purpose, mission and vision.
5. *"Congratulations to BERA on being elected unopposed as the Vice Chair of RERA. We are very thrilled to welcome Mrs. Seretse on board the leadership of RERA and there is no doubt that she will help in our Association's mission to facilitate harmonisation of regulatory policies, legislation, standards and practices and to be a platform for effective cooperation among energy regulators within the SADC region."*
6. *Mrs. Seretse brings with her not just the impeccable leadership credentials but also a wealth of expertise across areas such as legal, governance and diplomacy. She will be an undoubted asset to the Association going forward, being one of the only three (3) female Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) among our fifteen (15) Energy Regulators in the SADC region."* - Executive Director of RERA, Elijah C. Sichone

7. BERA, as the Vice-Chair - also considered as the future leader of the Association, will generally offer support to the RERA Chair and other leadership when needed. Specifically, BERA will tackle the following duties:
- (i) Prepares to assume the office of the RERA Chair;
 - (ii) Fulfills the RERA Chair's duties when the presiding officer is absent or if that office becomes vacant;
 - (iii) Assists the RERA Chair in the execution of his or her duties;
 - (iv) Carries out certain special tasks as delegated by the Chairperson including representing RERA at various international meetings and other events; and
 - (v) Works closely with the RERA Chair to transfer knowledge and history to prepare for leadership.

ABOUT RERA

- Who We Are

The Regional Energy Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) is a formal Association of Energy Regulators in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. The SADC Ministers responsible for Energy established RERA, initially focusing on electricity regulation only, on 12 July 2002 at their meeting held in Maseru, Lesotho. The Association was officially launched in Windhoek, Namibia on 26 September 2002. RERA's mandate was expanded from electricity to energy regulation in 2019. RERA has its own Constitution stipulating the objectives, functions and other operational requirements. Membership to RERA is open to electricity/energy regulatory agencies in the Member States of the SADC Region.

- Strategic Intent

RERA strives to be a credible and leading regulatory organisation internationally and to advance harmonisation of the SADC energy regulatory environment for the development of a sustainable regional energy market. Specifically, the Association seeks to:

1. facilitate the development of a regional energy market that is efficient, integrated, harmonised, sustainable and investment friendly;
2. develop and enhance the capacity of regulators;
3. promote universal access to modern, clean, reliable, quality and affordable energy services; and
4. transform RERA to proactively influence developments in the energy sector.

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