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PRESS STATEMENT

The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) wishes to inform members of the public that, as part of its ongoing compliance monitoring and enforcement mandate, several filling stations across the country have been temporarily closed due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements and licence conditions.

The nationwide compliance and monitoring enforcement operation commenced in May 2026 and is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Act, particularly Section 6(2)(g), Section 9(2)(h), Section 33(2)(g), (j) and (l), as well as Section 52(2).

To date, six filling stations have been temporarily shut down after inspections revealed various breaches of regulatory and safety requirements. The non-compliance issues identified include, among others:

- Environmental protection breaches;
- Absence of, or non-functional, oil-water separators;
- Failure to comply with prescribed technical and operational standards;
- Absence of leak monitoring wells;
- Inadequate fire protection systems; and
- Lack of appropriately trained personnel.

These requirements form part of the mandatory operational standards and licence conditions that all petroleum retail facilities are required to meet in order



to safeguard public safety, protect the environment, and ensure the integrity of petroleum infrastructure.

The affected filling stations include:

- Engen Filling Station, Tlokweng (along the A12 Road);
- TotalEnergies Filling Station, Metlojane;
- Cooperative Society Filling Station, Goodhope;
- Shell Filling Station, Sikwane;
- Shell Filling Station, Lobatse

BERA wishes to emphasise that the affected licensees were previously inspected and made aware of their noncompliance. During the Authority's previous compliance monitoring inspections reports were issued and reasonable timeframes were provided to enable operators to address identified deficiencies.

In addition, BERA has consistently engaged stakeholders across the petroleum industry through workshops, consultations, inspections, and awareness programmes aimed at strengthening understanding of regulatory requirements, applicable standards, and compliance obligations. These engagements remain ongoing.

The temporary closure of the affected facilities is a regulatory measure intended to ensure that all operators meet the minimum safety, environmental, and



operational standards required under the law. Facilities will only be permitted to resume operations once the identified non-compliance issues have been satisfactorily addressed and verified by BERA.

BERA remains committed to promoting a safe, reliable, environmentally responsible, and sustainable energy sector in Botswana. The Authority will continue to conduct compliance monitoring and enforcement activities across the country to ensure adherence to regulatory requirements and to protect the interests of consumers, communities, and the environment. This compliance and monitoring enforcement operation remains ongoing, and additional inspections will continue nationwide.

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