



MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 03 November, 2020
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PHASING OUT OF DIESEL 500 PPM

The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) would like to inform the general public that Diesel 500 ppm will be phased out of the Botswana market with effect from 1st January 2021. Diesel 50 ppm will continue to be available in the market throughout the country. The Authority is working collaboratively with the local oil industry and the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security to ensure that the transition is implemented smoothly.

The phasing out of high sulphur diesel 500 ppm is in line with the government's commitment to promote the use of cleaner fuels and global initiatives to reduce carbon emissions. There is an increasing demand for the use of low sulphur diesel due to newer vehicle models available in the market. The use of cleaner fuels will support the introduction of advanced engine technology that requires low sulphur content diesel, enhance preservation of the environment and care for public health.

The Authority will coordinate and monitor implementation of the phasing out of Diesel 500 ppm by working collaboratively with the oil industry. For further information kindly contact **BERA at 5310932 or info@bera.co.bw; tshepang.monare@bera.co.bw**.

About BERA

Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority was established in terms of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Act 2016 with the primary mandate of providing economic regulation of the energy sector. The Authority has been assigned specific functions to license, monitor and inspect licensees with the aim of enforcing obligations for the proper functioning of the sector.

ENDS