



Weekly Financial Markets Highlights

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1.0 Local Equity...

The race to qualify for Letshego's final dividend drove the stock's price up 5.6% in the week – recording the second consecutive week in gains. Investors vying to get the Company's outstanding 8.3 thebe gross dividend have until the 27th April to buy in; the stock's ex-dividend date is the 28th April 2021. Interesting, the increase in demand for the stock, and as the price recovers, the lower the net dividend yield drops, closing the week at 14.8% from the prior week's closing 15.7%. Letshego's dividend yield remains the highest in the domestic equity board, indicating the undervalued nature of the stock's price. The stock closed the week at P0.76/share, with a year to date climb of 5.6%.

StanChart's 5 thebe price gain in the week was likely fuelled by strong demand for the stock in pursuit of the decent dividend recently declared. The company has a proposed dividend of 16 thebe outstanding, awaiting final regulatory approvals, with an ex-dividend date of 5th May 2021. The stock ended the week valued at P1.55/share, being a 3.3% increase from the prior week's closing price and a 6.9% climb since the year began.

Absa clawed back 2 thebe in the week, ending at P5.40/share, marginally reducing its loss for the year to negative 18.2%. This move wiped out the stock's losses recorded in the month of April 2021.

Afinitas went on ahead and kicked off its official road to delisting from the Botswana Stock Exchange's Venture Capital Board. As a result the stock was the most actively traded stock in the week, claiming 91.48mn shares of the total volume of 102.03mn shares that went through the market. Trading on the BSE for the stock is now suspended, leaving the

delisting price at P0.16/share. This being an 82% discount from the year opening price of P0.89/share.

Property companies, Primetime and RDCP, were on the chopping block in the week as well, both dropping 1 thebe, ending the week valued at P2.49/linked unit and P2.13/linked-unit, respectively. The losses in the week further weighed on the respective stocks' performances in the year so far. Primetime was down 9.5%, while RDCP was down P0.9% by the weeks end.

COUNTER	23 Apr (t)	16 Apr (t)	Change (%)	YTD (%)
LETSHEGO ↑	76	72	+5.6	+5.6
STANCHART ↑	155	150	+3.3	+6.9
NAP ↑	325	322	+0.9	+1.2
ABSA ↑	440	438	+0.5	-18.2
AFINITAS ↓	16	89	-82.0	-82.0
RDCP ↓	213	214	-0.5	-0.9
PRIMETIME ↓	249	250	-0.4	-9.5

Source: Motswedi Securities, BSE

BSE Indices – Week ending 23 April, 2021

DCI Close	6,546.75
Weekly Change (%)	-0.08
YTD Change (%)	-4.83
FCI Close	1,550.93
Weekly Change (%)	0.00
YTD Change (%)	+0.24
DCTRI Close	1,609.23
Weekly Change (%)	-0.08
YTD Change (%)	-3.33

Source: Motswedi Securities, BSE

Market Summary – Week ending 23 April, 2021

No. of Shares Trading	102,030,553
Turnover (BWP)	37,522,793
Turnover (USD)*	3,463,354
No. of stocks trading#	16
No. of stocks advancing#	3
No. of stocks declining#	3
No. of stocks unchanged#	17

Source: Motswedi Securities, BSE *US\$/BWP = 0.0923
= Domestic Main Board

2.0 Company Announcements

BancABC published an announcement pertaining to Atlas Mara Limited, ABC Holdings Limited and Access Bank Plc signing a share purchase agreement for the acquisition of 78.15% of the issued share capital in African Banking Corporation of Botswana Limited (i.e. BancABC Botswana). The transaction is expected to conclude in the first half of 2021, subject to the fulfilment of various customary conditions precedent including certain regulatory requirements by the Bank of Botswana and consents from other relevant authorities and certain counterparties. This transaction is expected to combine BancABC Botswana's strong retail banking operation with Access Bank's wholesale banking capabilities, providing significant scope for revenue diversification and growth in the corporate and SME banking segment. BancABC Botswana's customers to benefit from best-in-class digital platforms and product suites, leveraging Access Bank's group IT infrastructure.

Absa Bank Botswana Limited draws shareholders attention to the release of the Group's SENS announcement of 20 April 2021. The Company wishes to inform valuable shareholders that an agreement has been reached with Mr Daniel Mminele pursuant to which he has stepped down as

a director and Group Chief Executive of AGL and Absa Bank, and will cease to be an employee of the Group with effect from 30 April 2021. It has become clear to the parties that there is non-alignment on matters of strategy and culture transformation. The Group and Absa Bank Boards have appointed Jason Quinn as Interim Group Chief Executive with immediate effect, subject to regulatory approval. The Absa Group and Absa Bank Boards will announce the appointment of an Interim Group Financial Director in the coming days, following regulatory approvals.

Anglo American plc published its production report for the first quarter ended 31 March 2021. The company has a proposed demerger of the South African thermal coal operations. This is however, subject to shareholder approval on 5 May 2021. The company also signed a renewable electricity supply agreement for mains power at the Quellaveco copper project in Peru. All South American operations are expected to have 100% renewable electricity supply from 2022. In terms of production copper increased by 9% due to strong performances at both Los Bronces and Collahuasi. Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) production increased by 7%, with Mogalakwena production increasing by 17% due to higher throughput and grade. Iron ore production at Kumba increased by 10% driven by higher plant availability. Meanwhile rough diamond sales continued to improve amid midstream restocking following an encouraging holiday selling season for diamond jewellery in major global markets.

Anglo American plc further announced, regarding its final dividend of 72 US cents per ordinary share. The equivalent of the dividend detailed above, in Sterling is 51.551 pence per share and in Euros is

59.708 Euro cents per share based on exchange rates of US\$1=£0.715990 and US\$1=€0.829281. The US\$:£/€ conversion rates were determined by the actual rates achieved by Anglo American buying forward contracts for those currencies during the two working days preceding this announcement, for delivery on the dividend payment date. As announced on 25 February 2021, the equivalent of the dividend in South African Rand is 1050.55200 cents per ordinary share, based on an exchange rate of US\$1:R14.59100, taken on 24 February 2021. The payment date of the dividend is Friday, 7 May 2021.

Absa Bank Botswana notified shareholders are that on 26 March 2021 the Company declared a final dividend amounting to one hundred and seventy-six million pula (BWP 176 million), for the period ended 31 December 2020. The dividend will be payable on 20 May 2021 to those shareholders registered at the close of business on 10 May 2021, being the last date of shareholder registration, with an ex-dividend date of 6 May 2021. In accordance with Absa Group Limited's (AGL) stated principle of treating minorities fairly in respect of the separation costs incurred by the Company, following the Barclays Group separation from AGL, the Company Board resolved to declare a differentiated dividend such that minority shareholders will receive a final dividend of 26.499 thebe per share and AGL will receive a final dividend of 17.799 thebe per share.

Lucara Diamond Corp. announced that it will be publishing its 2021 First Quarter Results on Thursday, May 6, 2021 after market close in North America. The Company will host a conference call and webcast to discuss the results on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. Pacific, 10:00 a.m. Eastern, 3:00 p.m. UK, 4:00 p.m. CET.

BBS updated stakeholder on the suspension of the Managing Director and Company Secretary. Stakeholders were advised that the Company determined on 20 April 2021 to suspend Mr Pius Komane B Molefe ("Mr Molefe") from his duties as Managing Director of BBSL pending finalisation of litigation brought against the Company by Mr Molefe and Mr Siphon Hector Showa ("Mr Showa"). Stakeholders are further advised that Mr Showa has similarly been suspended from his duties as Head of Marketing, Communication and Company Secretary. The Company has appointed Mr James Kamyuka as acting Managing Director until a further appointment can be made. The court order obtained by the Company on 9 April 2021 was discharged on 19 April 2021, with the court ruling that the resolutions passed by BBSL's board of directors to dismiss Messrs Molefe and Showa on 5 April 2021 were a nullity by reason that Mr Molefe, in his capacity as a director, was not given proper notice of the Board meeting where these resolutions were passed.

G4S Botswana notified shareholders that the acquisition of G4S PLC by Allied Universal was successfully completed on the 6th April 2021. The acquisition creates a global leader in security with revenues of approximately \$18 billion, operations in over 85 countries and a workforce in excess of 800,000 employees. Of greater significance the merger offers the opportunity to leverage the latest security technology to offer our customers exceptional value and service. There are no envisaged structural and operational changes in the company's subsidiary companies including G4S Botswana.

3.0 Foreign Exchange...

The euro was up in the week, against its trading partners, supported by an improving economic outlook as the COVID-19 vaccine deployment continue to rise. Better than anticipated purchasing managers' index numbers for April in the euro zone further reinforced the economic recovery of the region. Capping the weekly gains for the unit were comments from the European Central Bank (ECB) President, stopping any speculation that the Central Bank will change its accommodative stance in the short term.

Domestic Exchange rates

Currency	23 Apr	16 Apr	Change (%)	YTD (%)
US\$/BWP ↑ 	0.0923	0.0924	-0.11	-1.91
ZAR/BWP ↓ 	1.3212	1.3146	0.50	-0.62
EUR/BWP ↑ 	0.0768	0.0773	-0.65	-8.57
GBP/BWP ↑ 	0.0666	0.0673	-1.04	-7.24
JPY/BW ↑ 	9.97	10.0600	-0.89	-2.54
CNH/BWP ↑ 	0.5994	0.6037	-0.71	-8.73

Source: Bank of Botswana

4.0 Commodities...

Oil prices were in line to post losses in the week, as concerns of the recovery in demand for oil and oil products weighed in. An increase in the daily recorded cases of the coronavirus in the world's third and fourth largest consumers of oil, being India and Japan, dampened expectations of a speedy recovery in the demand of the commodity. Also weighing on oil prices are ongoing talks between Iran and some world powers to resurrect the 2015 nuclear agreement, which has the potential of bringing back about 1mn to 2mn barrels per day of oil from Iran. This increase in output will be in addition to the expected increase from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other non-OPEC members, which

intends to increase their output levels by about 2mn across the coming three months. OPEC and its allies are expected to meet next week, wherein the output levels will be a part of the agenda.

Gold was set to post its third week of gains following the US President's proposal to increase capital gains tax. This worked to weigh on the US Treasury yields, which in turn weakened the US dollar, making gold attractive to investors not buying the yellow metal in the US currency. Gold prices were up 0.53%, at the time of writing.

Silver and platinum were up as well for the week, 0.54% and 0.78% respectively.

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