



Weekly Financial Markets Highlights

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1.0 Local Equity...

The tables turned for BTCL in the week as the demand surpassed supply for the first time in almost 4 months. The company gained 3 thebe, closing at P0.73/share by the week's end. Although the stock remains with a year to date loss of 11%, demand at these levels have the potential of further shrinking this position.

Demand for Letshego drove the stock up 2 thebe ending the week valued at P0.72/share. The stock has now recouped losses garnered in the year. Although the stock is back at zero in terms of price movements for the year, there is some lingering demand for the stock as investors bid to qualify for the Group's dividend by the 28 April 2021 - this will likely continue to edge the price higher as the qualifying date nears.

FNBB clawed back some its lost value ending the week priced at P2.15/share. The bank, though proving resilient in its financial performance, lost value after posting a trading statement that dampened sentiment for the stock in early February. The bank carries a year to date loss of negative 2.3%. Meanwhile, Absa dropped a thebe to end the week valued at P4.38/share. The thebe lost, increased the stock's year to date loss to negative 18.6%. Absa is currently the largest loser of the financial services companies listed on the BSE, and the second largest loser in the BSE equity market at large.

Letlole won back the thebe lost in the previous week, to closing the just ended week at P2.31/linked unit. It seems demand for the property stock is outweighing sentiment about the property sector at large. Letlole's yearly gain stands at 0.9%.

Sechaba lost value for another week, as the stock's price dropped 80 thebe to P16.60/share. This is despite the stock currently trading ex-dividend, suggesting investor sentiment for the holding company is on the low end, leading shareholders to divest at any price they can get.

COUNTER	16 Apr (t)	09 Apr (t)	Change (%)	YTD (%)
BTCL ↑	73	70	+4.3	-11.0
LETSHEGO ↑	72	70	+2.9	0.0
FNBB ↑	215	213	+0.9	-2.3
LETLOLE ↑	231	230	+0.4	+0.9
SECHABA ↓	1660	1740	-4.6	-19.6
RDGP ↓	214	215	-0.5	-0.5
ABSA ↓	438	439	-0.2	-18.6

Source: Motswedi Securities, BSE

BSE Indices – Week ending 16 April, 2021

DCI Close	6,551.83
Weekly Change (%)	+0.42
YTD Change (%)	-4.76
FCI Close	1,550.93
Weekly Change (%)	0.00
YTD Change (%)	+0.24
DCTRI Close	1,610.48
Weekly Change (%)	+0.71
YTD Change (%)	-3.26

Source: Motswedi Securities, BSE

Market Summary – Week ending 16 April, 2021

No. of Shares Trading	3,497,672
Turnover (BWP)	14,528,351
Turnover (USD)*	1,342,420
No. of stocks trading#	13
No. of stocks advancing#	5
No. of stocks declining#	3
No. of stocks unchanged#	15

Source: Motswedi Securities, BSE *US\$/BWP = 0.0924
= Domestic Main Board

2.0 Company Announcements

Botswana Diamonds announced that a further drilling programme on its Thorny River diamond prospect in the Limpopo Province of South Africa will begin Monday, 19 April 2021. Following the discovery of the River kimberlite pipe including 11 diamonds, the Company upgraded the potential of the property. An area with a similar geological and geophysical footprint immediately to the east of the River Pipe was identified. Analysis suggests potential for a larger kimberlite body than already identified. Following completion of earth works during the course of this week a six-hole reverse circulation programme will start on Monday, 19 April 2021. The programme is expected to take two weeks with the results announced shortly thereafter.

NewFunds has today finalised a distribution to holders of NewFunds ILBI ETF securities recorded as such in the register on Friday, 23 April 2021, for the month ended 31 March 2021 as 20.6580 South African Cents per ETF. In accordance with the investment policy of the ETFs, the distribution will be re-invested on behalf of investors via the purchase by the ETF of additional Constituent Securities, or Index Constituents, (as defined in the relevant Portfolio Supplement) in the appropriate weightings, thereby increasing the net asset value of the ETF

and, proportionately increasing the value of each ETF security.

BBS Stakeholders are advised that Mr James Kamyuka has been appointed acting Managing Director of BBS Limited with effect from 7 April 2021. Mr Kamyuka's interim appointment follows the Company's decision to terminate Mr Pius Komane B Molefe's contract of employment on 6 April 2021. He assumes this role having served as a non-executive director of the Company since 26 April 2018. Stakeholders are advised that all public statements and/or press releases issued by or at the direction of Mr Molefe after his dismissal on 6 April 2021 do not represent the views of the Company, its board of directors, its employees, or its stakeholders. Stakeholders are further advised that normal BBS Limited operations have resumed and all disruptions arising from the dispute between Mr Molefe and the Company have been resolved by the High Court of Botswana. The Company wishes to reassure stakeholders that whilst there is a legal dispute involving BBS Limited, Mr Molefe, and Mr Siphon Hector Showa before the courts, this dispute shall not affect the day-to-day operations of the BBS Limited. Following the publication of these announcements by BBS, the BSE advised that the halt on trading of the BBS Equity Securities registered on the BSE Serala OTC Board and the suspension of trading of BBS005 bonds have been lifted.

Cresta advised shareholders that they have transferred responsibility of transfer secretarial services to Central Securities Depository Botswana ("CSDB"), with effect from 1 May 2021. All shareholder queries related to their shareholding in the Company and unpaid dividends for the years

2017 and 2018 should be directed to the Transfer Secretary.

Turnstar is expecting its profit before tax for the year ended 31 January 2021 to be lower by at least 13% (P12.27m) from P94.13mn, for the year ended 31 January 2020 to approximately P81.85mn, for year ended 31 January 2021. The Group has pinned this loss to a net forex loss of a US\$ intercompany loan of P2.6mn from the previous corresponding year's gain of P10.44mn. Stakeholders were reminded that the foreign exchange translation gains are unrealised, and is dependant on the US\$ /BWP exchange rate at year end. The results for the year ended 31 January 2021 will be published before 30 April 2021.

Lucara announces that its Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Suite 2600, 595 Burrard St., Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1L3, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time).

Tlou Energy Limited is an ASX, AIM and BSE listed company focused on delivering cleaner electricity in Botswana and southern Africa using gas and solar power. The Company's first proposed development is the Lesedi Power Project ("Lesedi") which includes the construction of a power station and sale of electricity in Botswana. In addition, the Company has two large exploration areas designated Mamba and Boomslang. Tenders have been awarded to Zismo Engineering (Pty) Ltd for the construction of the overhead lines and to OptiPower for construction of substations at Lesedi and Serowe. The Company looks forward to finalising the contracts with both groups and subsequent commencement of construction.

3.0 Foreign Exchange...

The dollar was headed for its second week of losses, dragged by US Treasury yields which dipped to a one month low on Friday. Sentiment for treasury bonds was dampened as investors in the hard currency slowly accepted the US Federal Reserve stance in keeping its monetary policy accommodative for some time. In the last number of weeks, the dollar has been taking cues for the movement in US treasury yields, which in turn resulted in the dollar having one of its worst weeks in 2021. The dollar is expected to remain likened to the movements of the US Treasury 10 year yields in the short term.

Domestic Exchange rates

Currency	16 Apr	09 Apr	Change (%)	YTD (%)
US\$/BWP ↑ 	0.0924	0.0912	1.32	-1.81
ZAR/BWP ↓ 	1.3146	1.3321	-1.31	-1.12
EUR/BWP ↑ 	0.0773	0.0768	0.65	-7.98
GBP/BWP ↑ 	0.0673	0.0666	1.05	-6.27
JPY/BWP ↑ 	10.06	9.9900	0.70	-1.66
CNH/BWP ↑ 	0.6037	0.5992	0.75	-8.07

Source: Bank of Botswana

The emerging market currencies benefitted from the decline in the dollar, as investors seeking the riskier currencies for their yields. The local unit, as would be expected was up against a number of its trading partners with the exception of the South African rand.

4.0 Commodities...

Oil prices climbed for the fifth day in a row on Friday, as Brent prices rose above US\$67 per barrel. The commodity was fuelled by an improved demand outlook and positive signs of economic recoveries in the world's two biggest economies, i.e. China and

the United States. The International Energy Agency (IEA) adjusted its outlook for the global demand of oil in the week, forecasting that the demand dynamics for global oil will increase in the second half of 2021, which will in turn require producers to pump 2mn additional barrels per day in order to meet demand. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) also amended its global demand forecast on Tuesday, noting an expected increase in demand for 2021.

Also supporting oil prices was improved crude import data into China, which was up around 21% in March 2021, more so as refiners in the region ramped up their operations to accommodate the opening of its economy. While in the US, optimism was lifted by the ongoing vaccine rollout will support the recovery of demand for oil and oil products.

Gains were however capped by the slow vaccination rate in Europe and the expectation of increased supply from Iran in the next coming months. As well as rising coronavirus cases in other places around the globe. Oil was up about 6.6% in the week, priced at US\$67.18 per barrel.

Gold prices were up 1.3% for the week, hovering near their 7 week high supported by a dip in US Treasury yields, and a subsequently weaker dollar. Silver was up 2.6% in the week, while Platinum was down 0.5% for the week.

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