



**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**To: All Media Houses**

**TRUST PROPERTY CONTROL ACT – REGISTRATION OF TRUSTS AND TRUSTEES**

The above matter refers.

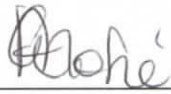
Members of the Public are informed that subsequent to the Press Release issued on 19 November 2020, the deadline to validate existing Trusts expired after 31 December 2020. The Trust Division, before the deadline, received applications to validate existing trusts and to register new trusts. A substantial number of the trusts lodged for registration and validation were found to be non-compliant, resulting in numerous queries being raised by the Trust Division.

Members of the Public are advised to urgently attend to the queries raised by the Master within a period of 14 days from the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, this will take us to Thursday 21 January 2021. The Master will at the expiry of the prescribed 14 days, make a final determination on all pending applications before him. Applicants, who would not qualify for issuance of letters of authority upon this determination, will be at liberty to file a fresh application.

Members of the Public are further advised that after 31 December 2020, and whilst awaiting consideration of the Trust application by Master, no business of a Trust can lawfully be carried out during that waiting period.

Members of the Public are further informed that any person who purports to act as a Trustee without the authority of the Master after 31 December 2020, is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of P20 000.00 or imprisonment for a period not less than 2 years or both.

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2021**



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