

WELCOME REMARKS BY MR MORRIS RAMABU, THE  
BOBS STANDARDS COUNCIL VICE CHAIRPERSON AT  
THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY TO WELCOME  
HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO BOBS  
HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 2007

Director of Ceremonies

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Patrick Balopi

His Excellency Vice President, Ian Khama Seretse Khama

Minister of Trade and Industry

Cabinet Ministers

Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Kokorwe

Hon. Members of Parliament

Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade and Industry, Mrs

Molosiwa

Members of the Standards Council

Members of the press

Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my honour to welcome you to this important occasion on  
behalf of Standards Council of the Botswana Bureau of  
Standards (BOBS), Management and Staff. We feel very

encouraged that you have taken time out of your busy schedule to grace this event. Let me especially express our sincere gratitude to the Minister of Trade & Industry, the Honourable Neo Moroka who availed part of his morning to be with us and perform the introductory remarks.

Director of Ceremonies,

BOBS as you aware was established by an Act of Parliament the Standards Act No.16 of 1995. It became operational as a parastatal in April 1997 and is governed by a 12 member Standards Council. It is headed by a Managing Director and has a staff complement of 86. It has offices in Gaborone and Francistown.

BOBS is also responsible for administering the Weights and Measures Act, CAP 43:06 of 1973. This Act provides for the uniformity of measures of weight, length and capacity, the assizing and re-assizing of weighing or measuring instruments, weights and measures, better protection of the public in relation to sale of articles and other transactions by weight or measures and other matters incidental thereto

BOBS was formed with a mandate to offer technical services in the areas of standardization, testing of goods, certification of products, industrial and trade metrology, quality management systems, environmental management systems, information and training.

Director of Ceremonies, Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me once more welcome you to BOBS Headquarters. I believe and hope that you will enjoy your time with us, and will have an opportunity to under a tour of the facilities, which I am told is optional.

Thank you.