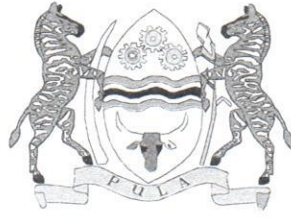


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PULA EXCHANGE RATE

1. This serves to inform the public that the Pula basket of currencies has been reviewed in order to keep-up with monetary policy developments in our major trading partner countries, with a view of maintaining a stable and competitive real effective exchange rate of the Pula. The Pula basket comprises of the South African rand and the IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR) – consisting of the US Dollar, Japanese Yen, the Euro, the British Pound and the Chinese Renminbi. During 2016, the weights of the Pula basket were 50 percent South African rand and 50 percent SDR, with an upward rate of crawl set at 0.38 percent per annum.
2. Following the review of the Pula basket in 2016, and in pursuant to Section 21 of the Bank of Botswana Act, His Excellency the President has approved the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development's recommendation to: **revise the Pula basket weights to 45 percent South African rand and 55 percent SDR; and change the rate of crawl from an upward crawl rate of 0.38 percent per annum to an upward crawl rate of 0.26 percent, effective 1st January, 2017.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.K. Dekop'.

C.K. Dekop
Ag. PERMANENT SECRETARY