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SUBJECT: HRDC SIGNS MoU WITH PEO YARONA (PTY) LTD

The Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Peo Yarona (Pty) LTD. The MoU also seeks to provide a platform for continuous dialogue on the importance of skills development in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Sector and enhance capabilities and skills of workers to deal with the rapidly changing competition in the job market.

In his remarks, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Meshack Tafa said “The project is envisaged to equip Graduates with the required experience and as such, improve their chances of employment. It is therefore, a milestone in the implementation of the National Human Resource Development Strategy and Human Resource Development Plans. Implementation of these plans contribute to the main enablers for a country, to produce skilled workforce that will drive the transition towards a knowledge economy and knowledge society.”

The Parties undertook to collaborate in the following areas:

Facilitating the re-tooling and up-skilling of unemployed Graduates and other youth to equip them with the latest high-tech skills that will make them globally competitive and improve their chances of getting employment or creation of new technologies, Planning and implementing short term training and apprenticeship models aimed at developing relevant skills for the Peo Yarona Project, Sharing of resources which may include expertise, consultants, database and physical resources as well as alignment of stakeholder engagement activities that are implementing the MoU.

Presenting her remarks, the CEO of Peo Yarona (PTY) Ltd Ms Wapa Ellery Chilume stated that “The Global Community speaks of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4iR) which emphasises the use of technology as the catalyst for efficiency and economic growth, presenting a need for acquisition of relevant ICT skills. Growing unemployment rates are a concern and have been attributed by skills mismatch between employers need and tertiary programmes.”

Peo Yarona (Pty) Ltd will provide training on IDCA (International Data Centre Authority) Accreditation for the first 100 unemployed ICT and Electrical Engineering Graduates with relevant bachelor’s degree qualification in Computer Engineering or Electrical & Electronics Engineering placed in the IDCA (International Data Centre Authority) Programme. The Company will further endeavour to place all the IDCA trained unemployed graduates under Peo Yarona/ IDCA partnership project in various data centres regionally and around the world.

Therefore, the signing further demonstrates collective efforts by Peo Yarona (PTY) Ltd and HRDC in a quest to transform and position Botswana as a regional and

international front runner on issues of national human resources including upskilling of graduates.

Presenting the vote of thanks, Dr Fernando Siamisang concluded “this partnership is not just a signing event but an effort by HRDC and Peo Yarona to make an impact in developing the ICT as well as addressing some of the challenges experienced by the youth in the Country.”

ABOUT HRDC

The Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) is responsible for: providing policy advice on all matters of national human resource development; coordinating and promoting the implementation of the National Human Resource Development Strategy (NHRDS); development of the National and Sector Human Resource Development Plans; and planning and advising on tertiary education financing and Workplace Learning.

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