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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT LOBATSE

CASE NO: MAHGB-000653-20

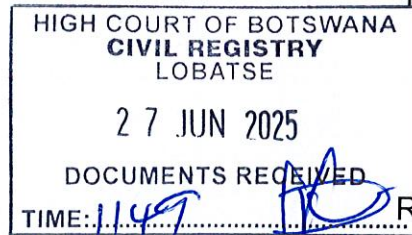
In the matter between:

DIKELEDI DIJENG BRIDGETTE MOTSEPE-RADEBE.

Applicant

and

ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF BOTSWANA



Respondent

DRAFT CONSENT ORDER

BEFORE the Honourable Justice Letsididi at Lobatse on the 26th June 2025.

UPON HEARING Advocate Geoff Budlender SC, Advocate Michael Mbikiwa and Attorney Unoda Mack for the Applicant, and Attorneys Khumomotse O.G and Matlala N. for the Respondent, and having read the documents filed of record.

NOTING the Government has made a public commitment to the investigation of the events giving rise to this application and recognises the need for the Applicant's reputation to be fully restored, it is ordered (by consent of the parties) that:

1. It is declared that paragraphs 19.7 and 19.8 of the affidavit deposed to by Mr Jako Hubona on 29 October 2019 and filed in case no: HC UGHGB-000388/19 (the "**Hubona affidavit**") contain unlawful, false and defamatory statements regarding the Applicant.

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2. The Respondent is directed, within 7 (seven) days of this order, to publish a notice in which it unconditionally retracts and apologises for the false and defamatory statements made about the Applicant in the Hubona affidavit.
3. The apology and retraction are to take the following form:

" APOLOGY TO AMBASSADOR BRIDGETTE MOTSEPE

On 29 October 2019, Mr. Jako Hubona, an investigator employed by the Botswana Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime, deposed to an affidavit in proceedings before the High Court of Botswana, in which he alleged under oath that Ambassador Bridgette Motsepe was the co-signatory to bank accounts in which funds allegedly stolen from the Bank of Botswana were laundered and implicated her in financing terrorism. The allegations made by Mr Hubona against Ambassador Motsepe and supported by the government bodies he mentions are entirely false and were made recklessly. The allegations also impugned others including Wilhelmina Maswabi, former President Seretse Khama Ian Khama and the late Isaac Kgosi as well as a number of financial institutions and the South African Reserve Bank among others. The Government of Botswana, the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime, the Directorate of Intelligence and Security Services and Mr Hubona unconditionally retract their allegations and apologise to Ambassador Motsepe for making them. The new human rights based Government of Botswana under the leadership of Advocate Duma Boko reaffirms its commitment to the rule of law and assures the public that fabrications of the nature as occurred in this matter will never reoccur."

4. The Respondent is directed to publish the aforementioned apology and retraction prominently:

4.1. on the home page of the Government of Botswana website (www.gov.bw) for at least 7 consecutive days;

4.2. as advertisements in the following newspapers (in their online and print edition): The Wall Street Journal (United States of America), the Financial

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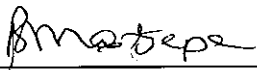
Times (United Kingdom); the Sunday Times (South Africa) and Mmegi (Botswana); and


4.3.as advertisements during news bulletins broadcasts by the following broadcasters: CNN International and the South African Broadcasting Corporation news channel.

5. The Respondent is interdicted and restrained from publishing any statement that says or implies that the Applicant financed terrorism in Botswana or that she is the co-signatory of funds stolen from the Bank of Botswana for that purpose.
6. The Respondent is directed to pay the Applicant's costs on a party-party scale, including the costs of two counsel.
7. The Applicant abandons her claim for damages, save that the Respondent shall be liable for the expenses that the Applicant reasonably incurred in the vindication of her good name.
8. The quantification of the expenses referred to in paragraph 7 shall stand over for later determination, and the matter is set down for a status hearing on

BY ORDER

THE REGISTRAR


Applicant


Respondent