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EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA), The European Space Research Institute (ESRIN), Largo Galileo Galilei 1, 00044 Frascati (RM), Italy,

Attn: Hector Neto

Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR COLLABORATION WITH MLWA BOTSWANA

The above subject matter refers and receipt of the letters dated 28th February 2022 and 2nd August 2022 requesting for collaboration is acknowledged.

This services to express interest of Republic of Botswana through the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs to collaborate with a consortium of companies lead by the Spanish National Research Council in the context of the European Space Agency Earth Observation Africa Explores on the initiative to build an Africa-European Research and Development partnership to facilitate the sustainable adoption of Earth Observation and related space technology in Africa.

The Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs (MLWA) will be represented by the Department of Policy Development and Research and, the Department of Water and Sanitation on the collaboration to address Research and



Development issues and information requirements relevant for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals focusing on water scarcity and food security.

The MLWA request for a meeting to fully appreciate the collaboration and get relevant information prior to signing up and making commitments to the program. The MLWA is looking forward to the collaboration and awaits further engagement. Please contact Dir. Kobamelo Dikgola; Chief Research Officer at MLWA at 3682020; email: kdikgola@gov.bw for further communication.

Yours faithfully

Mr Nchidzi Mmolawa

/for **PERMANENT SECRETARY**