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Attention: Health Shops, Pharmacies, Retailers

Dear All,

RE: NOTICE - PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS AND DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS INCLUDING HEMP

The above matter bears reference.

The Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority ("Authority") has become aware of products circulating in the local market derived from cannabis and particularly hemp and hemp oil products. These products come in a variety of items including those for nutritional use, such as seeds and oils and cosmetic products such as shampoos and conditioners.

You are reminded that cannabis and the ingredients derived from cannabis, such as hemp, are deemed illicit substances and should not be included in products and availed for sale to the public. All products falling under such classification should be immediately removed from the market.

The Authority shall be monitoring and shall take necessary enforcement action where cannabis and related products are found in establishments and/or to have been sold to the public.

If any further clarity is required on any aspect of the provisions dealing with medicines please contact BoMRA at info@bomra.co.bw or on 3731720 for assistance. Further information may be obtained from www.bomra.co.bw.

Sincerely/Yours,

Dr. Stephen Ghanie

Chief Executive Officer