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## ***Botswana***

*(Based on a survey conducted in April 2013)*

*Local stock exchange*

*Botswana Stock Exchange*

*<http://www.bse.co.bw/>*

### ***Rules for listed filings***

#### **IFRS required or permitted for listed companies?**

Required for consolidated and standalone/separate financial statements

#### **Version of IFRS**

IFRS as published by the IASB

#### **Are subsidiaries of foreign companies or foreign companies listed on local exchanges subject to different rules?**

No

### ***Rules for statutory filings***

#### **Is IFRS or IFRS for SMEs required, permitted or prohibited for statutory filings?**

IFRS is required for some companies with turnover in excess of BWP 10 million and total assets in excess of BWP 5 million (in accordance with the Companies Act). IFRS for SMEs is permitted for companies which are not public interest entities as per definition issued by the Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants.

#### **Version of IFRS**

IFRS or IFRS for SMEs as published by the IASB

#### **In addition to local GAAP statutory financial statements, are there any other regulatory financial statement requirements that permit or require the use of IFRS?**

No

### ***IFRS conversion plans***

#### **Plans for converging**

Not applicable

#### **Other expected changes**

The Financial Reporting Act recently established the Botswana Accounting Oversight Board, which is tasked with reviewing the annual financial statements of all public interest entities as defined and will also regulate auditors of such entities.

The Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants is in the process of developing an Accounting Framework for Small and Medium Enterprises. This proposed compliance

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framework is aligned to the Botswana income tax regime, and would be voluntarily adopted by entities below the threshold which requires IFRS compliance. The Framework is expected to be issued in the first half of 2011 after appropriate consultation processes have been completed.

#### **Other useful websites**

Botswana Institute of Chartered Accountants

**<http://www.bica.org.bw/>**

#### **Tax information**

##### **Type of tax regime**

Quasi-dependent: Taxable profit is principally based on the legal entity statutory accounts, with a number of adjustments provided in the tax law. Most “fair value accounting” adjustments under IAS 16, IAS 19, IAS 39, IAS 40, IFRS 2, IFRS 9, etc. are reversed for income tax purposes.

##### **Plans for IFRS converging as the basis of tax reporting**

The local tax authorities have not announced any adoption or convergence plans of tax reporting to IFRS or IFRS for SMEs.