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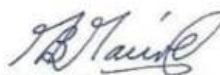
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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CLARITY ON EXPLORATIVE ACTIVITIES BY RECONNAISSANCE ENERGY BOTSWANA**

1. The Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security is concerned about misleading information regarding Reconnaissance Energy Botswana exploration activities in Botswana and in particular, the Okavango Delta area.
2. Reconnaissance Energy Botswana (Recon Botswana) was issued an Exploration license under the Petroleum Act to explore for petroleum minerals in the North West District of Botswana by the Ministry on the 1st June, 2020 for a period of 4 years. The license area does not cover the core and buffer zones for the Okavango Delta and the Tsodilo Hills Heritage sites, as these are protected sites.
3. The company is at preliminary stages of exploration that is focused on acquiring and processing information, analysis and interpretation of geological data and the commissioning of the Environmental Impact Assessment and getting the necessary approvals prior to carrying out any drilling activities.
4. The Ministry advises the public to disregard the misleading publications/articles which further allege that Reconnaissance Energy is planning to start hydraulic fracturing (fracking) as this is not factual. Hydraulic fracturing does not form part of the approved programme of exploration.
5. The Government of Botswana has stringent mining legislation which requires appropriate and best international practices, including environmental protection.
6. Botswana Government treasures and values both Tsodilo Hills and the Okavango Delta and the Ministry assures the public that there are no mining activities in these protected areas.
7. For further information please contact the undersigned at +267 365 6600.



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