

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### 2011 GLO-CAF AFRICAN FOOTBALL AWARDS

Following the excellent performance of the Botswana Senior National Team during the qualifiers of the Orange Africa Cup of Nation Gabon/Equatorial Guinea 2012, which resulted in the Team qualifying for the first time for the finals of Africa's prestigious competition, Botswana football has been nominated for three awards for the 2011 Confederation of Africaine de Football (CAF) Awards, sponsored by Globacom Limited, a telecommunications company of Nigerian origin. Communication received from CAF is to the effect that Botswana football has been nominated as finalists in the 2011 edition of the awards in the following categories:

1. National Team of the Year - Senior National Team
2. Coach of the Year - Stanley Tshosane
3. Player of the Year (Based in Africa) - Jerome Ramathlakwane

The Zebras has been nominated alongside the national teams of Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, Niger and Tunisia's African Nations Championship team while Stanley Tshosane will compete with Nabil Maaloul (Esperance Football Club of Tunisia), Rachid Taoussi (MAS Fes Football Club of Morocco) and Harouna Doula (Niger National Team). In the Player of the Year category, a shortlist of three persons is yet to be announced.

These nominations are a first for Botswana football as no team or person from Botswana has ever been nominated for these awards before. The BFA National Executive Committee views the nomination of Botswana's team, its Head Coach and the team's consistent goal scorer during the AFCON qualifiers as true testimony to the progress that Botswana football has made over time, particularly during the last several years.

On behalf of the BFA National Executive Committee, the undersigned congratulates the nominees for making a first for Botswana and for their contribution in putting Botswana on the continental and world maps. Credit must go to the Head Coach, Senior National Team players and the technical team for their hard work in achieving a huge milestone. Credit must also go to the BFA National Executive Committee for its foresight and focus on taking Botswana football to another level, staff of BFA, Botswana Government for supporting and resourcing football, Botswana National Sports Council and

Botswana National Olympic Committee for their support and guidance, national team sponsors, (Orange and All Kasi) for making much needed resources available to the Team, as well as BFA leagues, clubs, Regional Football Associations, standing committees and national team supporters for their contribution to the upliftment of the standard of football in Botswana.

The CAF awards is a yearly event instituted to honour athletes and personalities who excel in various departments of the game of football as well as making meaningful contribution to the development of the game in the continent. The winners of the 2011 CAF awards will be announced at a ceremony to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 in Accra, Ghana. Both Stanley Tshosane and Jerome Ramatlhakwane and a representative of the BFA National Executive Committee will attend the awards ceremony.

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