



## Update on the Bleached Banknotes

The Central Bank of Lesotho notified the public of the discovery of bleached South African Rand banknotes in circulation that were suspected to have originated from criminal activities in South Africa. The notification caused public apprehension that resulted in some establishments opting to not accept the Rand banknotes. Nevertheless, the Bank maintained that the South African Rand is a legal tender in Lesotho that should continue to be generally accepted. The Bank was pleased with, and commends, the business establishments, commercial banks and other government organizations that heeded the call to acquire UV light devices that would help with the detection of the bleached notes.

The Bank hereby updates the public that in addition to its awareness efforts, it has undertaken numerous training activities at the request of retailers, banks, border agencies, mobile network operators and government agencies around the use of UV light devices to detect bleached notes.

**The result has been a marked reduction in the cases of reported bleached notes. Some remnants remain.**

The Bank reiterates that the South African Rand is a legal tender in Lesotho underpinned by the Common Monetary Area (CMA) Agreement and should continue to enjoy universal acceptance.

**For more information and inquiries, please contact the Corporate Communication Office of the Central Bank of Lesotho at: +266 - 58880647/22232500/22232042.**

## Ho Beha Sechaba Sehlohlolong ka Chelete e Hlatsuoeng

Banka e Kholo ea Lesotho e ile ea tsebisa sechaba ka ho fumaneha hoa chelete ea Afrika Boroa e bonahalang e hlatsuoeng ho pata hore e tsoa litlohlolong tsa molao. Le ha taba eo e ile ea baka pherekano karolong e 'ngoe ea sechaba le karolong e 'ngoe ea likhoebo, Banka e ile ea tsitsa tabeng ea hore chelete ea Afrika Boroa ke chelete e molaong e lokelang ho amoheloa thekong le thekisetsanong ea thepa le litsébeletso. Likhoebo, libanka le litsi tse ling tse amohelang chelete li ile tsa khothaletsoa ho ipatelela lisebelisoa tsa UV light e le hore li tle li khone ho lemoha chelete e hlatsuoeng. Re babatsa le ho thoholetsa hore bongata bo ile ba ikamahanya le khothaletso eo.

Banka e hlaha mona ho beha sechaba sehlohlolong ka hore, ho phaella matsólong a ho lemosa, ho otlolla taba le ho tsitsisa boemo, e ile ea tsóara letoto la lithupelo likhoebong, litsing, libankeng le malibohong mabapi le tsébeliso ea lisebelisoa tseo tsa UV light hore na chelete e hlatsuoeng e bonahala joang.

**Phello ea matsólo ana ke ho fokotseha ho bonahalang haholo hoa ho fumanoa hoa chelete eo e hlatsuoeng. E se e tlalehoa ka lipalo tse tlaase haholo e le methoaela.**

Banka e Kholo e sa boetse e hatisa hore chelete ea Afrika Boroa ke chelete e molaong e sebetsang ka har'a naha ea Lesotho ho ipapisitsoe le tumellano ea Common Monetary Area (CMA).

**Ho fumana leseli ka litaba tsena, letsetsa Bankeng e Kholo ea Lesotho: +266 - 58880647/22232500/22232042**