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Re-registration of Companies and Business Names deadline extended to 2 December 2020

The Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) has announced that the re-registration of Companies and Business Names on the Online Business Registration System (ORBS), which was due to end on 2 June 2020, has been extended by a further six months to 2 December 2020. This extension is in response to the hardships brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic in Botswana, and is intended to provide some relief to business owners.

“The extension is a gesture by CIPA that we welcome during this testing time. I do however urge business owners to act fast to get their companies and business names re-registered online at the earliest. The online system facilitates ease of submission of annual returns, renewal of business names, etc. and is a measure that has increased the ease of doing business in Botswana. Re-registration is also a prerequisite that allows companies to access the new online BURS system that is used to file company tax returns and complete other tax related activities.” - **Aparna Vijay, Head of Corporate Services**

If you need assistance to re-register your company, please contact Aparna on +267 76 237 789 / aparna.vijay@bw.gt.com.