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State Visit to Botswana by His Excellency President Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma

Gaborone, 23rd August 2012 – His Excellency Mr. Jacob G. Zuma, the President of the Republic of South Africa, will undertake a two-day State Visit to Botswana from 29th to 30th August 2012, at the invitation of His Excellency Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama, the President of the Republic of Botswana.

This will be a reciprocal visit by President Zuma following His Excellency President Khama's State Visit to South Africa in October 2010. The visit will, among others, afford the two leaders an opportunity to deliberate on the bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. Botswana and South Africa enjoy excellent and mutually beneficial relations, which are founded on shared democratic principles and values as well as close historical, cultural and family ties.

The State Visit aims to further strengthen the existing bilateral cooperation in a number of key development areas, including Trade; Energy; Tourism; Transport and Communications; and Defence, Justice and Security, for the mutual benefit of both countries and their peoples. A number of bilateral Agreements are expected to be signed during the visit. This will pave the way for broadening and deepening the scope of bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

While in Botswana, His Excellency President Zuma is expected to address a business seminar, aimed at enhancing economic and business relations between Botswana and South Africa.

President Zuma and his delegation are expected to depart on 30th August 2012.

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