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## BANK OF NAMIBIA AWARDED BEST COMMEMORATIVE BANKNOTE FOR 2021

 The Bank of Namibia was awarded the "Best Commemorative Banknote" at the recently concluded High-Security Printing (HSP) Virtual Awards in the regional category Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

- 2. Winning the award for the best commemorative banknote is a significant achievement for the Bank of Namibia as the note is the first-ever commemorative banknote designed and issued by the Bank. Appreciative of the award, the Bank of Namibia Director of Banking Services, Ms. Sencia Kaizemi-Rukata indicated that the award demonstrates the quality of the N\$30 banknote and is a validation that the banknote consists of the latest state of the art security features within the international currency industry.
- 3. Reconnaissance High-Security Printing (HSP) internationally recognises outstanding achievement in the design, technical sophistication and security of a banknote or banknote series, which is the key judging criteria. They further look at visual artistry and high levels of technical and security sophistication, with considerable emphasis placed on reflecting the cultural heritage of the issuing country in the note, and the relevance of the overall design and symbolism to the issuing country.
- 4. Worth noting is that the N\$30 banknote was issued in celebration of Namibia's 30th Independence Anniversary and symbolizes the smooth transition of power

between three Presidents and three decades of peace and stability. Proceeds from the sale of the commemorative notes that amounted to N\$480,000.00 were donated to the "Save the Rhino Trust Namibia" as part of the Bank's pursued efforts to preserve the Black Rhino from extinction.

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