<u>Vote of Thanks for the Botho University Virtual Graduation, 10th July 2020</u>

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Vice Chancellor, Chief Guest, All Dignitaries, Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great honour that I give a vote of thanks on this great occasion where we have just witnessed a historic virtual graduation of the class of 2019.

Words would not be enough to thank the chief guest, (Hon.) Dr. Douglas Letsholathebe, Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology for gracing this occasion and giving a thought-provoking speech. Your speech, sir, had reignited the graduate's spirits to soar higher amidst the challenges of CVOID-19.

Special thanks also go to the Vice Chancellor, Sheela Raja Ram for her strategic leadership of BU. It is through her visionary leadership that BU has grown to become a truly African university whose ideal is to make meaningful contributions towards the growth of the African economy.

Let me also thank all senior government officials and corporates for having blessed us with their virtual attendance to this event despite their tight schedules. Your

participation in this historic event is clear testimony of the strong bond we have with both government and Industry.

I also wish to think the organizing team for the job well done. You have set the pace for others to emulate especially as we continue to battle the pandemic.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the graduates for making this event truly yours. Go out there and make a difference to the communities you will serve.

May the almighty hand of God be upon your lives as we send you forward. May you strive for excellence in all you do and be a source of joy and inspiration to those you will come across in the journey of life. May God protect you and all yours against the pandemic and may He keep you safe.I thank you.