

BOTSWANA GEOSCIENCE INSTITUTE

PRESS RELEASE

TO : ALL PRESS/MEDIA
FROM : Marketing and Communications Department
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SUBJECT : EARTHQUAKE: KASUNGULA-KASANE AREA

1. Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) wishes to inform members of the public that was an earthquake (seismic event) measuring 3.0 on the Richter scale in the Kazungula-Kasane area in the north-eastern part of Botswana in the morning of Friday 09th February 2018. This event occurred at 02:32:46 UTC (04:32:46 Hours Local Time).
2. The event was well recorded by the global seismographic stations, including the Botswana seismic stations at Sekoma (SKOMA) and Magotlhwane (LBTB) as well as stations in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia. The Institute has received reports from the public in Kazungula and Kasane Plateau areas.
3. The BGI would like to assure the public that there is no imminent threat to the country, and therefore the public is advised that it is safe to continue work as normal while the Institute continues to monitor the situation
4. Botswana Geoscience Institute continues to monitor earthquakes in Botswana in collaboration with its international partners and will inform the members of the general public through all available channels. Furthermore, we will continue to sensitise and educate the public on earthquakes and safety precautions to be followed in the event of an earthquake.

About Botswana Geoscience Institute

Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI), is a Body Corporate operating from Lobatse and it is wholly owned parastatal by the Botswana Government. BGI was established through the Botswana Geoscience Institute Act of 2014 to undertake research in the field of geosciences, providing specialised geo-scientific services and advise in geohazards. The Institute is also responsible for promoting the search for, and exploration of any minerals in Botswana. The Institute is a custodian of all geoscience data/information which include non-confidential prospecting reports.

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