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BGI's P10Million Aeromagnetic data Project Nears Completion

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- 1. Botswana Geoscience Institute's multimillion-pula project aimed at interpreting and assessing Aeromagnetic Data in Northern Botswana, is on schedule and budget.**
2. This project, undertaken at a cost of P10,125,670.00 Million and funded through the Development Fund of National Development Plan 11(NDP 11) is primarily evaluating areas of mineral potential such as Base metals, Rare Earth Metals, Precious metals and platinum group metals (PGMs).
3. At a workshop, held recently, to review project progress, BGI incoming CEO, Mr Olefile C. Mashabila, was pleased with advancement to date including the deliverables of the project. This project commenced on the 10th of July 2020 and it scheduled to complete in February 2022, now basically left with two (2) months.
4. The project is undertaken by BGI in partnership with a consortium comprising Paterson, Grant and Watson Limited (PGW), a Toronto based Canadian company and Botswana companies; Water Resources Consultants (Pty) Limited (WRC) and Sky Tract (Pty) Limited.
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7. Due to COVID-19, Government of Botswana, rationalised the use of development budget and deferred some national projects. This project, because of its importance, was retained

due to its relevance to a number of the Vision 2036 ideals, in particular, the nation's aspiration of Sustainable Economic Development, Human and Social Development and Sustainable Environment. The project will result in a revised National Geological Map of Botswana, understanding of mineral systems as well as providing value-added products.

8. The project will go a long way in satisfying the requirements of BGI customers in the exploration/ mining sector in particular, academia and applied research, thereby impacting the lives of Batswana and the nation at large positively.

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