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### LETSHEGO ANNUAL REPORT 2016 NAMED BEST IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR AT PWC AWARDS 2017

**Gaborone, BOTSWANA; 23 November 2017:** Letshego Holdings Limited (“Letshego Group”) is pleased to announce in this regard its recognition at the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Awards 2017 as the winner in the financial services sector for the Best Published Corporate Report and Accounts Competition. Now in its 17th year, the annual awards were held on Thursday 16th November 2017 in the presence of key representatives and adjudicators from across Botswana’s industries. The win reinforces Letshego Group’s commitment to high integrated reporting standards.

Chris Low, Letshego Group MD said, “We dedicate this heartwarming achievement to every member of our Letshego family and friends who have walked with us on our journey of delivering simple, appropriate and accessible solutions that drive greater inclusive finance. Our December 2016 Annual Report concept came on the back of the introduction of our new business strategy which strives to drive sustainable shareholder value, growing the franchise, building a customer centric change culture and ultimately improving the lives of those we service and engage. In addition, our December 2016 Annual Report had to tell our compelling story and those of our customers across our 11-country footprint. We are delighted to see the real life stories of people who have used our financial solutions to empower themselves being recognised and shared. This recognition aligns with our financial inclusion agenda and we are truly humbled.”

The PwC Awards were established to ensure that published financial statements comply with international accounting standards and statutory disclosure requirements. The platform is geared towards promoting Corporate Social Investment and to foster acceptance and observance with generally accepted accounting principles in Botswana. The Awards also encourage Botswana’s business community to improve the standard of financial reporting through benchmarking and the adoption of best practice.

Low added, “We continue to progress on the delivery of our strategic agenda of actively improving lives through providing bespoke and relevant solutions to empower people to become productive participants in their economies. This wonderful recognition of our 19-year-old proudly pan-African heritage and Botswana roots are the results of the unwavering support and diligence of many hands over time. We look forward to driving greater growth of the business, enhancing our unique customer experience and investing in our people and systems so that more lives can experience a change of life for the better.”

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## **Notes to editors**

Letshego Holdings Limited is an inclusive finance Group which was incorporated in 1998, is headquartered in Gaborone and has been publicly listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange since 2002. Today it is one of Botswana's largest indigenous groups, with a market capitalisation of approximately USD500mn, placing it in the top 50 listed sub-Saharan African companies (ex-South Africa), and has an agenda focused on inclusive finance. Through its eleven country presence across Southern, East and West Africa (Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania and Uganda), its subsidiaries provide simple, appropriate and accessible consumer and microfinance banking solutions to the financially underserved.

The Group employs over 3,250 team members, representing more than 20 nationalities, servicing a customer base of over 345,000 borrowers and 120,000 depositors through 307 customer access points.

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