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On January 27, 1972, the International Development Association has approved a credit of $2 million to help finance a road project in Botswana, under a joint financing arrangement with the Kingdom of Sweden which is providing Swedish Kronor 20.5 million (approximately $4.3 million). The project comprises construction and paving of the road from Pioneer Gate just south of Lobatse to the Botswana Agricultural College five miles north of Gaborone, consulting services for the detailed engineering and supervision of this work and technical assistance for the Roads Branch of the Public Works Department of the Ministry of Works and Communications.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on April 27, 1972 were, from left to right: Mr. Bulcha Deemekas, Alternate Executive Director of IDA for Botswana; His Excellency Chief Linchwe II Molefi Kgafela, Ambassador of Botswana to the United States; Mr. S. Aldeworleld, Vice President of IDA; His Excellency Hubert de Besche, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States; and Mr. Carl Ohman, Alternate Executive Director of IDA for Sweden.

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