Botswana's efforts to develop Francistown into a commercial and industrial center will be assisted by a credit of $3 million from the International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK. The urban development project, to be completed by 1978, will help to increase employment opportunities and improve the social environment and public health conditions of the town's large low-income squatter population.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on May 9, 1974, were, from left to right: Mr. Ismael El Misbah Mekki, Alternate Executive Director of IDA for Botswana; His Excellency Amos M. Dambe, Ambassador of Botswana to the United States; Christopher R. Poncia, Attorney, IDA; and Mr. Bernard R. Bell, Regional Vice President of IDA.

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