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 Dr Gustavie Chibwe, who was then the Minister of Water Affairs and Minefield Resources made a very strong impression on me. I had many pleasant and fruitful meetings with her during the following years, also when she later became Minister of Forestry Affairs. Her links with Sweden dated back to contacts she made with two missionaries on a boat to England, where she was going to study. She later also visited them in Sweden.
 I once, after a meeting in her office on a Friday afternoon, ask her how often she went to her home village, Serowe.
 - Often, she said. - I will be leaving for Serowe tonight, for example.
 - Well, I said. - At least there will be time for some sleep during the 300 km trip.
 - No, she said. - I am driving my pick-up myself.
 That, I think, explains why I liked the country and the people all levels, so much, especially their modesty down to earth love key approach to life.
 R.G.G.
 Swedish Ambassador to Botswana 1978-1981

SEABLO EXPRESS – A GIANT BOTSWANA TRANSPORT NETWORK WITH STRONG SWEDISH LINKS



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 When I started my business, I had my office in my pocket. Bookkeeping was not a priority.
 I saw the potential in transport when I was employed at the Printing and Publishing Company in Gaborone. At around 1970 I bought my first car and was able to sell after a while a second one. By 1971 I had a fleet of six cars, buses and motor vehicles. I had an old car for a passenger for transport.
 In my Seablo Express had 20 buses for Gaborone and a Scania, a VW van, a Mercedes Benz, a Peugeot and a number of other cars. The operators are people, making a lot of the big money in Botswana.
 by Ntsho. On that mission, I also visited a number of other companies and I could see that the Managing Director of those companies actually were working on the floor and participated in all kind of work. I had friends in Botswana who told me to relax and to be behind a desk with a white shirt and run the business the right way.
 What I saw in Sweden confirmed that I was running the business the right way.
 I was advised by Mr. Gösta Harryson, a Swedish working at the Botswana Technology Centre, on how to run my company. He told me what kind of bookkeeping I needed and that I should have my monthly salary. I did not like the advice as that was the reason I had my own job at the premises. I did not want to be paid for doing the job I was doing.
 by Ntsho



However after a few years of quarrelling with Gösta I began to understand that I had to have an expert bookkeeping which would make it easier to control my business also in banks for funding. Mr. Harryson never gave up on me. Even though he left Botswana many years ago, we are still visiting each other regularly in Sweden or Botswana.
 It was very well founded by Volvo to use earlier relations and their products were very good and the service was excellent. However, Volvo pulled out of Botswana and replaced themselves with an agent. Unfortunately the attention and the kind of service dropped considerably.
 I had been contacted by Scania, their level of finance is high. The other sales back up is excellent. They are an efficient sales team. I have a very good experience of Scania today.
 We have a good and close relation with the Swedish businessmen. They are very loyal to their customers relationships.
 by Ntsho

Seablo Express company incorporated in Botswana in June 1987 and operates from Serobele House in Gaborone

Seablo Group

- Seablo Express, a passenger carriage company
- Seablo Caravan, a cargo haulage company
- Seablo Travel & Tours, for tourism and leisure travel
- Seablo Air Travel, for hotel and airport transfers

MINOR FIELD STUDIES (MFS)

Many Swedish students in various disciplines have conducted MFS work in Botswana. This has given them opportunities to gain experience of people, environments and development issues in the country.

8 April 2000

Kalshani's thoughts I could not believe myself when we left the village. The road was very good and the scenery was very beautiful. I had never expected this and I will like it here.

for every day before we finish a diary written for Martin's help, who spent about five months in the Southern part of the country. Gravelled and Martin's help, who spent about five months in the Southern part of the country. Gravelled and Martin's help, who spent about five months in the Southern part of the country. Gravelled and Martin's help, who spent about five months in the Southern part of the country.



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