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KPDA PRESS STATEMENT ON THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID - 19) PANDEMIC, 20TH MARCH 2020

On 13th March 2020, the Government of Kenya confirmed the first case of Corona Virus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) in Kenya. Two more cases were shortly thereafter confirmed on 15th March 2020 in a statement delivered by H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya. As at today 20th March 2020 we stand at 7 confirmed cases with potential increase as has been witnessed in other countries around the world

As the Government of Kenya, the private sector and the public at large take precautions to mitigate the spread of the virus, we as the Kenya Property Developers Association wish to convey the following:

1. That as developers let us continue to be responsible and caring for the better good of our community and our Nation by joining the cause to limit the spread of the virus;
2. That developers be considerate of workers and provide as much support and care as possible as they are very vulnerable within our community including;
 - a. Ensure that all open construction sites operate within the hygiene and safety guidelines laid out by the Government of Kenya. These include clean water, detergents and to ensure there are enough hand washing stations throughout these sites;
 - b. That emphasis be placed on all construction workers washing their hands and tools, at least every hour with detergents and water and if possible to sanitize;
 - c. That masks and sanitizers be provided to construction workers where possible;
 - d. That any unwell construction workers are granted compassionate leave and allowed to self-isolate to avoid spreading the disease
3. That developers and contractors be responsible and ensure construction workers are paid on time as these workers have greater needs. Subject to the above safety measures, it is therefore imperative that construction sites operate within the government guidelines for as long as is safely possible to enable our employees to have income for their daily needs. Developers and contractors should continuously monitor this very fluid situation and follow all government guidelines and protocols as they continue to unfold.
4. Developers, contractors, financiers and consultants are encouraged to have open and supportive discussions on how to best address contractual terms and deadlines in light of the unfolding crisis. We work best when we work together.

We as KPDA urge everyone to take every precautionary measure to keep hygienic as we battle this Pandemic.

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS - BUDGETARY MEASURES AND PROPOSALS TO CUSHION THE ECONOMY FROM COVID - 19

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 which has affected the Kenyan economy, Anjarwalla & Khanna LLP have commenced engagement with the National Treasury as part of the ongoing Budget process to consider various tax and legal proposals intended to cushion businesses and individuals from the impact of Covid-19. Your input on the [proposals](#) will be highly appreciated. Please feel free to share your views via dng@africalegalnetwork.com and kkn@africalegalnetwork.com

19th March 2020

Business Daily | James Kariuki | Thursday 19th March 2020

KENGEN PENSION SELLS SH100M BEACH PLOT

Property-rich KenGen Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme (SRBS) is disposing of an eight-acre beachfront plot located next to Kilifi Ocean Beach Resort with a reserved price of Sh99.6 million. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Mwangi Muiruri | Thursday 19th March 2020

TENANTS WANT TIGHTER CONTROLS ON LANDLORDS

The Urban Tenants Association of Kenya (Utak) wants the Rent Restriction Tribunal amended to give renters more power to deal with landlords. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Winnie Makena | Thursday 19th March 2020

STUDENT BOOM CREATES ROOM FOR HOSTEL INVESTORS

Anthony Munene spent three months looking for accommodation in Karen prior to joining Kenya School of Law, only to end up in Rongai, Kajiado County, where accommodation was affordable. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Mwangi Muiruri | Thursday 19th March 2020

MARAGUA WHERE WOMEN RULE IN TENANT OWNERSHIP

Behind every successful man is a woman, goes the adage. But behind Maragua town's success in rental yields are women tenants. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Peter Muiruri | Thursday 19th March 2020

LOBBY ROOTS FOR ZERO-RATED HOUSEHOLD UTILITY BILLS

Mount Kenya Tenants Association wants the government to zero rate households' basic utility bills to cushion Kenyans from tough economic times in the wake of the coronavirus scare. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Wainaina Wambu | Thursday 19th March 2020

HOW ESTATES HAVE BECOME AN EYESORE IN NAIROBI'S UPMARKET HOUSING

At the heart of Nairobi's leafy suburbs of Kilimani, Kileleshwa and Upperhill stand box-shaped old apartment blocks housing anxious pensioners or their offspring. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Reuters | Thursday 19th March 2020

FROM FOOD TO TECH, CORONAVIRUS TO SPUR URBAN PLANNING RETHINK

The coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the planet will force city authorities and planners to more seriously consider factors such as population density, technology, food security and inadequate housing, urban experts said. [Read More.](#)

18th March 2020

Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Wednesday 18th March 2020

DEL MONTE IN COURT TO EXTEND ORDERS IN LAND LEASE ROW

Thika-based fruit company Del Monte has gone back to court seeking an extension of orders barring residents from invading its expansive farm in Kiambu and Murang'a counties. [Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Editorial | Wednesday 18th March 2020

TREAD CAREFULLY ON LAND

The impending expiry of long-term leases to prime land held by multinationals could just set the stage for a major crisis. Some people see this as a possible solution to a historical injustice that saw the land excised for settlers. However, it could become counterproductive if not properly handled. [Read More.](#)

3rd March 2020

Daily Nation | Etta Madete | Tuesday 17th March 2020

IS THE BUILDING YOU ARE IN SAFE TO OCCUPY?

More than 700 buildings in Kenya are condemned as unsafe yet people continue to live in them. In the past 10 years alone, over 20 buildings have collapsed, killing over 100 people and injuring thousands. [Read More.](#)

Daily Nation | Karen Muriuki | Tuesday 17th March 2020

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE WOODEN FLOORS

Flooring is one of the most basic yet important decisions a homeowner has to make when undertaking a renovation or home constructions. [Read More.](#)

16th March 2020

Business Daily | Collins Odote | Monday 16th March 2020

GOOD PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY LAND MATTERS

The history of land governance in Kenya has been one of official policy trying to subdue customary and communal ownership of land at the expense of private ownership. [Read More.](#)

Business Daily | James Kariuki | Monday 16th March 2020

STATE SEEKS 5,000SQ FEET IN CITY CENTRE

The government is seeking to bulk-lease office space within Nairobi's office nodes of Westlands, the central business district (CBD), Community, Upper Hill, Hurlingham, Kilimani and Milimani. [Read More.](#)

14th March 2020

Business Daily | Brian Okinda | Saturday 14th March 2020

HOW THE ULTRA WEALTHY CHOOSE NEW HOMES

What are wealthy house buyers or renters looking for? According to Knight Frank's latest *Wealth Report*, the beauty of the landscape, which means more flowers, more butterflies and more insects, is increasingly becoming important when choosing a new home. [Read More.](#)

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