### KFSHG/NEMA/LP-KWSI ROAD/18/2

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13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Chairperson,
National Land Commission
Ardhi House, 1st Ngong Avenue,
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Dear Sir:

Re: FOLLOW UP INQUIRY ON THE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY PROCEDURE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR KWASASI ROAD PROJECT

The above matter and the letters attached herein Annex1 dated 06 Nov 2018 refer.

Kindly note that we have not heard from your office regarding the application on the non-compliance with statutory procedure for the acquisition of land for kwasasi road project.

The Access to Information Act (section 9) provides that, the public officer shall avail the information within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the application. Given that this time has now lapsed we request you furnish information on the application within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Mohamad Shee

Chairman Kwasasi Farmers Self Help Group

#### KFSHG/NLC/LP-KWSI ROAD/18/1

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5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

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Dear Sir:

## Re: NON-COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY PROCEDURE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR KWASASI ROAD PROJECT

I write to you on behalf of and as members of Kwasasi Farmers Self Help Group in Lamu.

Kwasasi Farmers Self Help Group is made up of persons whose farms were destroyed during the implementation of the road linking Lamu Port to Kwasasi. Kwasasi is on Lamu mainland in Hindi ward, Hindi location, 25km from Mokowe town where the 1050 mega watts coal fired power plant will be constructed. The plant will be the first in East and Central Africa.

The road was implemented in March 2017 by the Ministry of Transport and according to the former Principal Secretary Ministry of Transport Mr. Irungu Nyakera, the 9Km road aims at connecting the Kenya Shillings 200 billion coal power plant in Kwasasi to Lamu Port(attached copy of the daily annex 1).

Articles 40 of the constitution grants everyone a right to acquire and own property of any description, in any part of Kenya. However, it also allows the state to deprive the person of the property on condition that it is an acquisition of land for public purpose and in the public interest. In this regard it requires prompt payment in full of just compensation to the person. Section 107 to 115 provides a step by step land acquisition process which includes: request approval by the NLC, publication of the Gazette notice of intention to acquire the land, service of notice to the registrar and any person who the commission determines to have an interest in the land, inquiry

to be held thirty day after issuance of notice of intention to acquire the land and a written award

of compensation.

Unfortunately the road has been constructed without consulting the farmers, who are also

affected persons herein. We have and continue to bear enormous loss since the road traverses our

farms. The road construction destroyed crops such as cashew nut, pawpaw, watermelon, cassava,

simsim, peas, pumpkins to name a few which we were dependent on for our livelihood. This has

infringed our right to be free from hunger as enshrined in Article 43(1)(C). Further, the statutory

procedure for the acquisition of land was not followed as no notices were issued to us and no

inquiry was held for the persons whose land was used for the road construction, a clear violation

of provisions enshrined in the Land Act 2012.

It is worth noting that a week after the commencement of the road construction, a team

consisting of County Commissioner, Hindi area Chief and staffs from Kenya Port Authority

(acting on behalf of the Ministry of transport) visited Kwasasi and assessed the damage caused

by the road on the farms. As a result the names of the affected persons were recorded (See annex

2) and a pledge to the effect that they will be compensated made. To date these affected persons

are yet to receive compensation. This is contrary to Article 40(3) of the Constitution of Kenya

and Section 111 of the Land Act 2012 which requires just compensation to be paid promptly in

full to all persons whose interests in the land have been determined.

We therefore request your esteem office to consider our outcry and grant us monetary

compensation for the land used for the road project as well as the crops destroyed.

We look forward to hearing from you within 21 days of receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Mohamad Shee

Chairman Kwasasi Farmers Self Help Group

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# South African State-owned lender to fund Sh60bn Isiolo-Lamu road

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The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) is set to fund the construction of the Lamu-Garissa-Isiolo road at a cost of Sh60 billion, the Ministry of Transport has said.

The construction of the 580km road to bitumen standards is part of the Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport (Lapsset) project.

Transport PS Irungu Nyakera said in Mombasa that detailed designs of the road had been completed.

"We are glad that the Development Bank of Southern Africa is going to finance the construction of the Lamu-Garissa-Isiolo road to the tune of Sh60 billion. Sh5 billion has already been earmarked for the initial stages of the road construction," he said.

"The funding is already available, and we expect bush clearing to begin in May to pave the way for the major works."

The road construction, he said, would take between three and four years to be completed.



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