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STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT REPORT- COLLAPSE OF BUILDINGS

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) is a statutory body established under section 3(1) of Engineers Act 2011 mandated to regulate the engineering profession by registration of engineers, regulating engineering professional services and setting of engineering standards in the country.

The Board commends the Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing & Urban Development for establishing a Multi-Sectoral Consultative Committee in December 2022 in which the Engineers Board of Kenya is a member through the Registrar/CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai. The Committee is currently reviewing regulations to strengthen compliance with laws in the built environment.

The Engineers Board of Kenya has taken up the following measures:

1. In March 2022, EBK finalized a countrywide Structural Assessment of building under construction and the report and submitted to the Parent ministry and relevant government agencies for implementation in August 2022. In the report, investigations revealed most developers do not involve engineers in the Professional (P.E) and Consulting Engineers (C.E) categories for supervision. Once registration of projects is complete on the NCA portal, developers proceed without the above registered engineers. Therefore, the Board is working to complete an EBK engineers portal to ensure engineers report on their projects for follow-up.
2. Currently, the Board is undertaking 20 No. disciplinary hearings on complaints received against registered engineers. The process is aimed at ensuring that registered engineers adhere to the engineers code of conduct in the exercise of their duties. The relevant sanctions will be effected against the engineers found to be non-compliant as provided under the Engineers Act 2011 and the Engineers Rules 2019.

3. The Engineers (Scale of Fees for Professional Engineering Services) Rules, 2022 were gazetted on 18th May, 2022 and commissioned on 19th July, 2022. Thereafter, on 2nd August, 2022 the circular on implementation from the Ministry was issued to all consumers of professional engineering services that from 15th August, 2022, the Scale of Fees were effective. The Board has held several stakeholder sensitization workshops on the scale of fees to ensure capacity building on their implementation.

4. The Board targets 15 No. of site visits this quarter with the intention to stop any construction without proper supervision by professional registered engineers. EBK will collaborate with law enforcement agencies and local administration on site.

5. Following the media reports on the cracking and settling of a building in Thindigua, EBK has established an independent team to carry out geotechnical and structural investigations on the cause of settlement and advise relevant stakeholders on remedial actions. The Board highly commends the multi-Agency Team, led by the County Government of Kiambu for the timely action to evacuate the building, preventing the loss of life and property.

As a result of these developments, the Board urges members of public, developers and citizens at large as follows:

- Members of the public should demand an Occupation Certificate before committing to rent or occupy any building.
- All developers in counties to engage professional registered engineers in the PE or CE category published in the Kenya Gazette.
- All persons who are not registered engineers to stop offering engineering services in compliance with Engineers Act of 2011.
- The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) urges government agencies to work closely together in order to build strong collaboration and cooperation including implementing The Engineers Scale of Fees 2022 and the Engineers Act of 2011.



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