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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## KACC ARRESTS AND WILL ARRAIGN IN COURT FOUR DIRECTORS OF A FRIEGHT FORWARDING AND CLEARING COMPANY

## Dear News Editors,

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) kindly requests you to publicize and inform the general public of the following.

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission arrested ANTONY JORDAN HUDSON Managing Director, LEONARD KARANJA - Operations Director and SUSAN WANJIRU LEE - Operations Manager, all three Directors of Hellman Worldwide Logistics Ltd together with STEPHEN OTIENO ONYANGO the Managing Director of Cargo Rollers Ltd. The suspects will be arraigned at the Anti-Corruption Courts in Nairobi on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 at 9am.

It is alleged that within the City of Nairobi the Directors of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics Ltd and acting through a sub-contracted agent namely Cargo Rollers Ltd, fraudulently failed to pay a sum of Kshs.2,449,217/= being customs duty payable to Kenya Revenue Authority in respect of 400 cartons of sealed solar batteries that were being imported from China by Davis & Shirtliff Ltd.

The said Companies and their Directors will charged with tax evasion and fraud, uttering a false document contrary to Section 353 of the Penal Code, conspiracy to commit an offence of corruption or economic crime contrary to Section 47a (3) as read together with Section 48 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003 among other counts of criminal charges. They are also being investigated for other numerous tax evasion and fraud related offenses.

**Hellmann (K) Ltd** is a freight forwarding Company and logistics provider for the region and world markets. It is an affiliate of Hellmann Worldwide Logistics group, a global Company with presence in 134 countries worldwide. **Cargo Rollers Ltd** is a local clearing and forwarding Company.

The said Directors were previously operating under another Clearing and forwarding Company by the name Box Clever Ltd. This Company was later deregistered by KRA due tax malpractices. Upon the collapse of Box Clever Ltd they registered Hellmann Worldwide Logistics Ltd (Hellmann) in July 2005. One of the former employees

registered Cargo Rollers Ltd. The two Companies have been working closely together defrauding their Clients and the Government of Kenya of tax revenue.

Around the time when KACC commenced investigation onto tax evasion of this case the same people registered yet another Company by the name Pinnacle Group, a freight forwarding Company which could be perpetrating similar criminal activities. One of the Directors of Hellman, Mr. Anthony Hudson Jordan, a British citizen is alleged to have been recently employed by a United Nations Body.

Kindly publicize and broadcast this information to the public in your respective media. The fight against corruption continues.

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