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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TRITON CASE IN COURT**

Senior management of Triton including Yagnesh Mohanlal Devani, together with identified officials of Kenya Pipeline Company have faced charges of various corruption and economic crime offences and also fraud related offences. They were arraigned before Principal Magistrate Rose Ougo at the Nairobi Anti-Corruption Court on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC), has been investigating allegations to the effect that officials of Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd (KPC) colluded with Mr. Yagnesh Devani and other senior officials of Triton Petroleum Company Ltd to irregularly release a total of 126,488,499 litres of petroleum products of an approximate value of Kshs. 7.6 billion to Triton without the requisite authorities from the financiers.

The Commission's investigations are complete. The investigation report was forwarded to the Attorney General with recommendations to charge identified officials of KPC, the senior management of Triton including Yagnesh Mohanlal Devani, the director of Triton, with various offences corruption and economic crime offences and also fraud related offences. The Attorney General concurred with the recommendations.

The nine suspects, who include Mr. Devani who is believed to be out of the country, were charged with thirteen counts covering various offences including fraudulent disposition of mortgaged goods; conspiracy to defraud; obtaining by false pretences; abuse of office; and neglect of official duty by a public officer. The accused denied the charges and were each released on a cash bail of 1.5m or a bond of 3 million with a surety of a similar amount. The case will be heard in September.