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PRESS RELEASE

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The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission will be taking to the Mombasa Anti-Corruption court on 18th May 2006, Mr. Maurice Kilonzo Advocate, Mr. Edwin Oduor Otieno and Mr. Lawrence Mwashigadi Makelele to be charged with various offences under the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act.

It is alleged that Mr. Maurice Kilonzo an advocate practicing in the firm of Fadhil & Kilonzo Advocates was acting on behalf of Nampaso Ltd in the purchase of Mapenzi Resort in Malindi the resort had been mortgaged to CFC Bank Mombasa branch who were exercising their statutory power of sale. A valuation was carried out by the bank which placed the property at 27million. The banks lawyers prepared a sale agreement for this amount which was executed by the parties and forwarded to M. Kilonzo for registration.

It is alleged that Mr. Maurice Kilonzo an advocate practicing in the firm of Fadhil & Kilonzo Advocates

- a) Altered the purchase price to 5million for property that was valued by the bank at 27million.
- b) Colluded with the government valuer in Kilifi a Mr. Edward Oduor Otieno who undervalued the property at 7million for purposes of stamp duty which was then assessed at ksh.280, 000.00.
- c) Obtained an official receipt with the help one Lawrence Mwashigadi Makelele an accounts clerk at Kilifi lands office for ksh 1,040,000.00, the correct amount of stamp duty payable on the 27million (which amount was not paid) for the purposes of accounting to his client and the bank. Investigation revealed that the duplicate of this receipt had been issued to somebody else for ksh 100.

After investigations the Attorney General agreed with the recommendations of KACC that Mr. Maurice Kilonzo Advocate, Mr. Edwin Oduor Otieno and Mr. Lawrence Mwashigadi Makelele be charged with various offences under the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act.

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