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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission has served a court order to the former Minister of Roads, Public Works and Housing, Hon. Katana Ngala, restraining him from transferring, alienating, disposing of, charging, pledging in any other way howsoever with the Official Residence of the Mayor which is the property of Nairobi City Council, I.R. 11173 L.R. No. 3734/261 located along Isaac Gathanju Close, Nairobi.

The above referenced property is the official residence of the Mayor of Nairobi but has been occupied by Mr. Katana Ngala as tenant since 1993. The said residence is currently claimed by one Vickly Isabella Nzalambi who is stated to be the wife of Mr. Ngala.

The Commission pounced on crucial and sufficient evidence to warrant the recovery of the asset belonging to the City Council following an initial inquiry by the Efficiency Monitoring Units (EMU) investigations which was conducted mid 2004 on an extra ordinary inspection at the City Hall. When the Mayor of Nairobi, Dick Wathika went to repossess the house he was unsuccessful and to date the council has not been able to reclaim the property.

KACC investigations revealed that upon expiry of the lease to the Ministry of Public Works, the City Council requested the said ministry to hand over the house to the Council. There are no City Council minutes approving any sale of the said property. In order for any transfer of Council property to be effected there must be an advertisement and upon receiving bids for the property a selection of the best offer is made. Approval of the offer is sought at a full council meeting and the Housing and Property Committee can thereafter communicate the acceptance if the resolution is passed.

Our investigations has clearly identified fraud, uttering of documents and forgery. Other letters that were produced as proof of sale have been denied as genuine by the City Inspectorate after investigations.

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission is committed and dedicated in marshalling all its efforts in the tracing and recovery of assets that have been acquired illegally. This is many of such illegal acquisitions that the Commission is targeting.

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