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## **PRESS RELEASE**

DR. SHEM ODONGO OCHUODHO, MAURICE DANTAS AND DIRECTORS OF TRIPLE A CAPITAL LTD TO BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT TO FACE CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD KENYA PIPELINE COMPANY LIMITED (KPC) OF KSHS. 827 MILLION CONTRARY TO SECTION 317 OF THE PENAL CODE.

## **CHIEF NEWS EDITOR**

The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission will arraign in court **Dr. Shem Ochuodho** former Managing Director of Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd. (KPC), **Mr. Maurice Dantas** former Chairman of the Board of Directors of KPC, **Mr. John Gichia Macharia** and **Terry Kiarie Wijenje**, Directors of Triple A Capital Ltd to face various charges including **CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD CONTRARY TO SECTION 317 OF THE PENAL CODE**, **CHAPTER 63**, **LAWS OF KENYA**; **FRAUDULENT PAYMENT FROM PUBLIC REVENUE FOR SERVICES NOT RENDERED CONTRARY TO SECTION 45** (2) (a) (iii) AS READ WITH SECTION 48 OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIMES ACT, NO.3 OF 2003 and ABUSE OF OFFICE CONTRARY TO SECTION 46 AS READ WITH SECTION 48 OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIMES ACT, NO.3 OF 2003.

They will be arraigned in court on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010** starting at 9am in the **Anti-Corruption Courts – Nairobi.** 

It is alleged that on diverse dates between May 2003 and July 2004 in Nairobi as Managing Director of Kenya Pipeline Company Limited (KPC), Chairman of the Board of Directors of KPC and Directors of Triple A Capital Limited respectively, jointly conspired to defraud Kenya Pipeline Company Limited (KPC) of Kshs. 827,564,608.20 by entering into a refinancing arrangement which required KPC to pay Triple A Capital Limited credit charges amounting to Kshs 827,564,608.20 on account of Triple A Capital Limited paying KPC's International Creditors amounts owed by KPC, whereas Triple A Capital Limited had no money to pay the said creditors.

It is also alleged that on 29<sup>TH</sup> December2003 in Nairobi, being persons employed as Managing Director Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd (KPC) and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd respectively, jointly used their respective offices to improperly confer a benefit to Triple A Capital Limited by signing a Deed of Assignment of Debt on behalf of Kenya Pipeline Company Ltd (KPC).

Please find attached a copy of the Charge sheet for your reference.

Coverage of the arraignment and court proceedings would be highly appreciated not only by the Commission but by all Kenyan's in General. The fight against corruption is all our responsibility.

We appreciate your efforts in the attainment of a corruption free society.

Thank you,

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