

## PRESS STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING IRREGULAR COMPENSATION BY THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION (NLC) TO TORNADO CARRIERS LTD IN RESPECT OF LAND REFERENCE MN/VI/3801

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has been conducting investigations into allegations of irregular compensation by the National Land Commission (NLC) on behalf of Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) to M/s Tornado Carriers Ltd (Kshs. 109,769,363.00) for land reference MN/VI/3801.

Pursuant to section 35 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 EACC submitted a report to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) on the result of Investigations, recommending charging of twenty four (24) persons.

Upon review of the report and the recommendations therein, the DPP gave consent to immediately charge the suspects with the following offences:

- I. Conspiracy to commit an economic crime
- II. Abuse of office
- III. Financial misconduct
- IV. Unlawful acquisition of public property
- V. Fraudulent acquisition of public property
- VI. Dealing with suspect property
- VII. Money laundering

Today 17th April 2019, the Commission arrested the following suspects:

1. Muhammad Abdalla Swazuri - Chairman NLC

- 2. Emma Njogu Commissioner NLC
- 3. Tom Aziz Chavangi CEO NLC
- 4. Salome Ludenyi Munubi Director Valuation and Taxation, NLC
- 5. Francis Karimi Mugo Director, Finance NLC
- 6. Catherine Wanjiru Chege T/A C. W. Chege & Company Advocates
- 7. Samuel Rugongo Muturi Businessman
- 8. Sostenah Ogero Taracha Businessman.

The Commission hereby directs the following persons to present themselves at Integrity Centre immediately;

- 1. Joash Oindo Mogambi Deputy Director Valuation and Taxation, NLC
- 2. Lilian Savai Keverenge Administrative Secretary, NLC
- 3. Jane Wanjiku Gachigi Businesslady
- 4. Kevin Oindo Mogambi Businessman
- 5. Evahmary Wachera Gathondu Businesslady
- 6. Michael George Onyango Oloo Businessman
- 7. Godfrey Rubia Muritu Businessman
- 8. Shakil Ahmed Khan Businessman
- 9. Nazir Ahmed Matabkhan Businessman
- 10. Francis Kibaru Karanja Businessman
- 11. Martha Wairimu Waithaka Businesslady
- 12. John Kamau Mwangi Businessman
- 13. Philip Kileiya Seiyanduki Businessman
- 14. Betha Wangithi Muthike Businesslady

The suspects will be arraigned in court to take plea on 18th April 2019

Twalib Mbarak

Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer

Dated this 17th Day of April 2019