

STATEMENT REQUEST ON MINING ACTIVITIES IN IKUTHA WARD.

Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 41(2)(c), I would like to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development on the following: -

If the Chairperson is aware that, serious mining activities are taking place in Ikutha Ward to be precise Nzamba Village, Ngwate Village and Kasaala /Uyini Village.

Whether the Chairperson is further aware that, the mining activities have caused serious health hazard including destruction of property due to use of heavy explosives in mining leading to cracks in houses.

Whether the Chairperson is cognizant that, the mining companies/ persons have been exploiting the residents by exposing them to health risks, low pay or no pay at all for the long working hours they are engaged.

Mr. Speaker, aware that the health and life of Ikutha residents is at threat as their representative; I strongly seek a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development, in response to the statement the Chair should avail:

- i. A National Government permit and the Kitui County Government mining consent
- ii. Avail a fully approved Environmental and social Impact Assessment license report for the mining activities in Ikutha Ward.
- iii. Environmental audit certified by National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).