

DATE: 19TH JUNE, 2023

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

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THE COUNTY CLERK, KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY, P.O BOX 694 – 90200, KITUI – KENYA. SINTWIMUMA LIMESTONE

<u>RE : PETITION OVER THE LAND ISSUES IN TWIMUMA LIMESTONE</u> <u>MINING IN KYUSO WARD – MWINGI NORTH</u>

We refer you to the above subject matter.

We the land owners of Twimuma in Kyuso location, Mwingi Constituency would like to bring to your attention the following pertinent land issues that have become a bone of contention and we would wish to state the following:

- That Karsan Ramji & Sons Ltd of P.O Box 48838-00100 Nairobi Kenya, came to Twimuma area in 2019 and they expressed an interest to do prospection of the limestone rich Twimuma Hill but later on the process has been characterized with a lot of illegal mining activities. Therefore, as Twimuma land owners we dispute the manner in which the Karsan Ramji & Sons Ltd of P.O Box 48838-00100 Nairobi Kenya company is undertaking its activities since it is against Kenyan mining Act of 2016.
- That the investor Karsan Ramji & Sons Ltd of P.O Box 48838-00100 Nairobi Kenya has been ferrying millions of tones of raw materials from Twimuma to Nairobi in the pretext that the company is unertaking prospecting.
- 3. That the company did not conduct Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) as the law demands and this poses health hazards to us and the future generations.
- 4. The company has been periodically carrying out heavy blasting during mining and this resulted environmental degradation like dangerous cracks on the graves of our deceased relatives and buildings of the nearby schools Muuluko primary school and Kyuso Girls Secondary School.

- 5. That the land owners have been requesting for the establishment of cut line (buffer zone) by National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) with which the company should operate within but this has not been done.
- 6. That it's now apparent that the investor has no intention of establishing a cement factory as the law requires so that the locals can get job opportunities but instead this project is benefiting people from other counties.
- 7. That the company has declined to compensate our developments, that is, houses, graves, terraces and all commercial trees as the Kenyan mining law of 2016 requires.
- 8. That the company did not even bother to come up with a comprehensive resettlement plan for all affected land owners and the two public schools Muuluko primary school and Kyuso Girls Secondary School .
- 9. That the investor did not involve the land owners nor the liaison committee to determine the amount of money to be compensated per acre. The investor met secretly with individual land owners and were lured to sell their lands between Ksh.100.000 - 150.000 per acre and therefore we feel that we did not get value for our lands.

OUR DEMANDS

- 1. We demand for a community-driven negotiation process on how much money we should sell our lands per acre as opposed to initial approach by the investor where land owners sold their land on individual basis. We want a collective bargaining.
- 2. We demand the investor to build a factory at Twimuma and to stop ferrying materials to Nairobi.
- 3. We demand for adequate and prompt compensation once we agree on the selling price of our lands. The negotiation should involve all stakeholders.
- 4. We demand from the investor to disclose the types, quantity and commercial values of all minerals in Twimuma hill.
- 5. We demand for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment to be conducted in line with Kenyan mining laws of 2016 and by a company certified by NEMA.

- 6. We demand for the establishment of cut-line (buffer zone) by NEMA
- 7. The investor to state clearly the community projects that it intends to undertake as part of Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) as the law requires.
- 8. The affected land owners to engage an independent valuer to value their developments and the investor to compensate them immediately.
- 9. We also demand from investor to compensate the properties of community members which were destroyed when the company was doing blasting in the recent past.
- 10. We also demand for relocation of the two public learning institutions -Muuluko primary school and Kyuso Girls Secondary School and which have been adversely affected by blasting done by Karsan Ramji & Sons Ltd of P.O Box 48838-00100 Nairobi Kenya with an immediate effect.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, we the people of Twimuma would like to state that we have been exploited for a long and without any intervention of the two governments and we feel this is the time to act. We refuse to be silenced by forces of corruption and we tell them " If peace means willingness to be exploited, dominated, humiliated and segregated, we don't want peace" and there is nothing for us without us.

Attached herein, find the list of Twimuma land owners and the drawers of this petition.

Yours faithfully,



- Chief Officer for Energy and Natural Resources
- MP Mwingi North Constituency
- MCA Kyuso Ward

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