In the recent past there have been various misrepresentations of the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) in the media with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) licenses.

The Authority would like to take this opportunity to allay any fears and assure the general public that the Authority under the stewardship of the NEMA Board and Management discharges its mandate of licensing within provisions of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999 and regulations made thereto.

Currently, the Authority is in the process of streamlining procedures of evaluating issuance of environmental licenses in order to continually improve service delivery to the public, in line with its mission.

Given the regulatory nature of the Authority, some of the decisions that we have taken have inevitably created discontent in some people and firms who would seek to exploit loopholes emerging from a rapidly evolving licensing regime, spurred by economic growth.

We would like to urge anyone with any information or evidence on any suspected corruption case to report to NEMA, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) or the Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) for necessary action. Corruption cases levelled against NEMA and its officers are matters currently in court. The Authority, as a law abiding entity, will await the court’s decision.

The Authority remains focused and steadfast, without fear or favour in the discharge of its mandate to the people of Kenya in order to ensure a clean and healthy environment for all.

Project proponents and the general public are advised to adhere to conditions under which respective NEMA environmental licenses are issued. These conditions are clear and succinct and any violations to such conditions will neither be tolerated nor wished away since they seek to avert serious injuries to the environment.

The Authority wishes to assure the public that the NEMA Board and Management are committed to ensuring that the institution continues to deliver on its mandate with honesty and integrity.

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