

**Public Participation for the sale of part of Portland's land to squatters settled on it starts.**

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## You Are In Our Thoughts


We extend our heartfelt condolences to one of our Colleagues, Mr. David Murage Mwangi of Commercial Department who lost his father, Mr. Daniel Mwangi Murage on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Kerugoya General Hospital in Kirinyaga County.

We request everyone to remember David and his family in prayers during this trying moment. May Mr. Daniel Mwangi Murage's soul rest in eternal peace.



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## PORTLAND BEGINS PROCESS OF SETTLING SQUATTERS

### **EAST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT PLC HAS**

begun the process of settling dozens of squatters occupying part of its land in Mavoko Sub-county, Machakos County. The company initiated the land sale and regularization process of three parcels of land LR 8784/144/145 and 653 measuring 709 acres during a Public Participation Meeting on Friday 26th August 2022 at Inter County Public Grounds in Athi River. The Public Participation Meeting was aimed at discussing the sale process and land prices. The meeting was attended by hundreds of squatters, political leaders, EAPC- PLC Management, lawyers and Geoner Systems Ltd officials who will act as land sale agents.

The Company has recognized squatters who have settled on the land through existing umbrella bodies. They are drawn from Kwa Mang'eli, Kasoito, Slaughter, Sofia and Kinanie slums and had written to the company to be legally settled in the land that they have been occupying since 2010.

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# EAPC-PLC Conducts Public Participation Meeting For Squatters Occupying Part Of Its Land

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Speaking during the function, Head of Corporate Affairs and Strategy Mr. Gordon Mutugi assured the squatters that no one will be evicted and that they would become plot owners. "Public participation is meant to ensure a transparent negotiation process.

As a company, we want to ensure a smooth sale process. Our directive is not final and it will include all stakeholders," said Mr Mutugi. Those applying to be allocated land will pay an administrative fee of Sh100,000 for a 40 by 80 plot. The applicant will sign a sale agreement

and will be given a beacon certificate which can be used to acquire loans from financial institutions. An applicant will then be required to pay Sh600,000 in instalments before being issued title deeds. The amount payable by registered members will be subject to the occupied parcel's size.

The squatters lauded the move saying it will end protracted wrangles, court cases and uncertainty that has affected them for the past decade. Their umbrella association's patron Mr. Pius Musembi urged East Africa Portland Cement Plc to fast-track the process. "We commend

Portland Cement management for the bold move. This is a win-win situation," Mr Musembi said.

**- By Kelvin Gitonga- Corporate Communications Officer**

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## Board Visits the Plant, Inspects Ongoing Kiln Shell Replacement Project

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EAST African Portland Cement PLC** on Monday visited the company for a Factory Tour and to inspect the progress of the ongoing Kiln Shell Replacement Project that they approved in Mid- July. Led by the Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, the Directors arrived at the Factory a few minutes after 9.00 am and were received by a well-coordinated team from the Executive Committee, MD's Office and the Corporate Affairs & Strategy Department led by the Managing Director Eng. Oliver Kirubai. Other Directors present were

Ms. Nancy Muya, Prof. Sarone Ole Sena, Dr. Anthony Omerikwa, Mr. Kung'u Gatabaki and the Company Secretary Ms. Florence Mitey. After a brief meeting which included a Safety Talk from the Head of Plant Operations Eng. Stanley Irungu, the Directors proceeded to the plant after planting a number of trees just opposite the ICT Offices. This was to show their support for the Company's dedication to the Environment Pillar of our Environment, Social and Governance goals. They were accompanied by the Executive Committee

including Head of Finance Mr. Mohammed Adan, Head of Corporate Affairs, Strategy and Commercial Mr. Gordon Mutugi, Head of Supply Chain Mr. Moses Sudi and Head of Human Resources and Administration Mr. Joel Kemei. Leading the tour was Head of Plant Operations Eng. Stanley Irungu who explained in details Operations of all equipment at the plant as well as the key Raw Materials in the cement manufacturing process. Eng. Irungu was keen to ensure that the Board of Directors is well apprised on the status of the ongoing Kiln Shell Replacement Project and assured them that it is well on course.

It was clear that the Directors were very impressed by the ongoing works in the plant evidenced by the fact that they could see the progress first hand as well as grinding of Cement ongoing as the works on the Kiln are being finalized, just as promised to our customers. "Am happy to see that the welding of the Kiln Shell has commenced and the Refractory Bricks have also been delivered.

We are headed for better times", said Board Chairman Mr. Kinyua as he inspected the Refractory Bricks outside the Head of Plant Operations' Office.

**- By Kelvin Gitonga- Corporate**



From Left: Head of Plant Operations Eng. Stanley Irungu, Board Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, Managing Director Eng. Oliver Kirubai, Head of Corporate Affairs and Strategy Mr. Gordon Mutugi and Director Ms. Nancy Muya when they toured the Packing Plant.

# Commercial Rums Up Sales

**VIBRANT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN** witnessed among our Commercial Colleagues after cement production resumed last week. This comes a week before the firing of the kiln which has been under maintenance for the past one month. The Manager - Sales and Distribution Mr. David Kilonzo couldn't hide his excitement saying his team has

always been on standby and ready to hit the market. He noted that there is enough stock cover to service customers orders across the country and with the rolled out robust Route to Market Strategy, there will be great partnership with Trade Partners across the country to accelerate our numeric distribution and overall brand visibility.

“So far we have received great positive response from our Trade Partners. We have since reactivated our tier one and tier two customers and ensured Blue Triangle Cement presence and visibility in all major Hardware stores across the country” said Mr. Kilonzo.

**- By Yasmin Haroub- Newsdesk Editor**

# Land Regularization in Pictures



Residents at the registration table before start of the meeting.



One of the Squatters who attended the Public Participation Meeting gives his views.



Portland's Management Team from Left: Gordon Mutugi, Mohammed Adan, Moses Sudi, Roselyne Ominde and Beatrice Kihagi from MG Law Firm.



Strategy Officer Mr. Fred Solonka hands flyers containing information on the Regularization Process to the residents who attended the Public Participation Event



Athi River District County Coordinator Mr. Charles Wambugu addresses the gathering.



Residents follow proceeding during the meeting.

# Board Visit in Pictures



Members of the Executive Committee pose for a group photo outside the Managing Director's Office as they wait for the Board of Directors to arrive.



Board Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, is received by other Directors and EAPC-PLC Colleagues after arriving at the Factory.



Board Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, and Managing Director Eng. Oliver Kirubai catch up in the MD's Office.



From left, Board Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, Director Dr. Anthony Omerikwa and Managing Director Eng. Oliver Kirubai plant a tree before the start of the Factory Tour.



Director Prof. Sarone Ole Sena (left) with Head of Finance Mr. Mohammed Adan.



From left, Managing Director Eng. Oliver Kurubai, Board Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, and Director Mr. Kung'u Gatabaki during the Factory Tour.



Head of Plant Operations Eng. Stanley Irungu shows Board Chairman Mr. Edwin Kinyua, EBS, the ongoing works inside the Kiln.



Director Prof. Sarone Ole Sena (right) shares a word with Head of Corporate Affairs and Strategy Mr. Gordon Mutugi after the tour.