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THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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(FOURTH SESSION)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Alleged Irregularities in Sewer installation in Nairobi County specifically in Ndwaru Link Road Sewer Project - RirutaWard

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47(2)(c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Environment and Natural resources regarding irregularities in Sewer installations in Nairobi County and specifically in Ndwaru Link Road Sewer Project in Riruta Ward.

Hon. Speaker, the sewer line construction project currently ongoing along Ndwaru Link Road in Riruta Ward, which is being implemented by the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) seeks to address an essential public health concern by improving sanitation infrastructure. However, its implementation on the ground has raised serious concerns of non-compliance with legal standards, poor workmanship, and labour rights violations.

Hon. Speaker, the following specific concerns have been reported:

- 1. Violation of Transparency and Accountability Standards- The contractor failed to erect a project information board on-site, contrary to provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 and the principles of transparency and public participation as outlined in Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya;
- 2. Use of Substandard Materials- Materials being used on site—particularly pipes and construction aggregates—reportedly fall below the standards required under Section 68 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, which mandates suppliers to deliver goods and services that meet contract specifications;
- 3. Neglect of Road Safety and Public Order- The works have disrupted traffic flow along Ndwaru Link Road without any detour signage, marshals, or traffic control mechanisms, in breach of Sections 10 and 11 of the Traffic Act, thereby endangering motorists and pedestrians;
- 4. Failure to Restore Damaged Public Infrastructure- Excavation works have left parts of the road and stormwater drains damaged and unattended, contravening Article 42 of the Constitution, which guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment; and
- 5. Non-Payment of Local Casual Workers- A number of local youth and casual workers hired during the project have not received their wages, contrary to Article 41 of the Constitution, which protects the right to fair labour practices, and the Employment Act, 2007, which requires timely and full payment of wages.

Hon. Speaker, such issues not only affect the wellbeing of residents but also reflect poorly on public service delivery and contractor accountability.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on: -

- i. The current status and scope of the project, including the expected completion timeline;
- ii. Whether the contractor is adhering to quality and safety standards as per the project agreement;
- iii. Action NCWSC is taking to restore the damaged roads, drainage systems, and other public amenities;
- iv. Reasons for the delay or failure to pay local workers, and measures being taken to resolve the matter; and
- v. Any enforcement action or sanctions that may be pursued against the contractor for non-compliance.

Hon. ERIC KIOGORA, MCA MEMBER FOR RIRUTA WARD NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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