

**COMBINED TRADERS ASSOCIATIONS OF KUMASI CITY
MARKETS KEJETIA**

PRESS RELEASE

RE: OPENING OF THE KEJETIA MARKET

Having sited a press release purporting to come from the Kumasi City Market board of Directors, on the opening of the kejetia market which have been extended for one extra week start Monday 20th March 2023, we wish to categorically state that we disagree with this vehemently. Let no one take we traders and transport operators for granted. It very clear since the board has a constant source of living they don't care what source of livelihood the traders and transport operators depend on. Well we wish to serve notice to the public that kejetia will be open for trading on Monday. We will not accept the further one-week closure.

We wish to put this questions forward

- What did the board do with the numerous warnings from fire service, one of the copies of the warning letter attached to this release?
- What is the board trying to hid from the public? Is it their incompetence or ineptitude or their reluctance to act and supervise effectively when they needed to do so?
- So what have they done within the four (4) days so far when the market was closed down? We can confidently say when given one (1) full year they can't do anything to help us.
- Why is the board playing bromance with the management specifically the managing director? Is he their errand boy who does their bidding so they don't want to touch him?
- Why is the board chairman and the Managing director still at post after supervising this disaster? They must go now before we proceed.
- We were told all the juicy stories about the kejetia market, is anyone trying to cover the lie they told us about the structural integrity of the market.

- Has the board taken notice of traders who deal in perishable goods and that even the three day is of negative impact on the market.
- How is the board going to compensate traders who by virtue of the closure will lose customers to stiff competitor around the kejetia market?
- Is the board going to take responsibility of the daily earnings of traders?
- For the number of days' traders do not trade will the management have the courage and boldness to ask for service charge from traders when the market is opened?
- Where was the board who are told showing up as though the care so much and have been working so much when in actual fact they have been sleeping and allow kejetia to deteriorate
- We have heard the repetition of the word structural integrity, wow, does the board really care about the structural integrity of kejetia? Where were they when seven incidence of burst pipe lines destroy traders wear for which 33 traders are in court with Kumasi City Market Limited? Today fire has expose them big time so they want to buy time and hide their shameful faces?
- So what is the government lead by his Excellency Nana Addo Danquah Akuffo Addo position on all this, do they really care about our woes? Does the president really care about the kejetia economy in this difficult times of a nation? Does the president sleep comfortably while traders occupying over 8000 shops with transport operator suffer this way? We are also part of people of Ghana ooh.

We are by this release calling on all traders and transport operators to come to work tomorrow Monday 20th March 2023, no one should stay at home. Everyone should come along with red bans.

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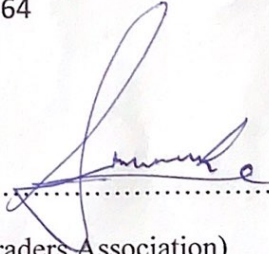


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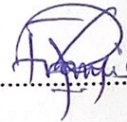
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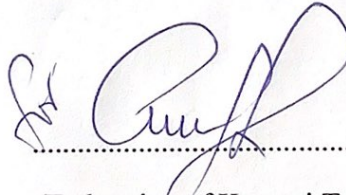
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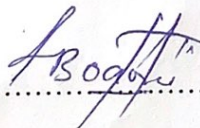
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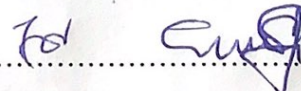
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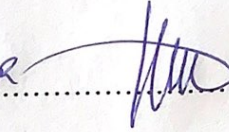


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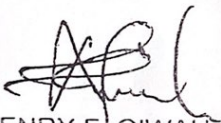
THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER
KUMASI CITY MARKETS LTD
KUMASI

RE: FOLLOW UP ON OUR FIRE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION


1. Your letter KCML/SPL/12/12/2022-315 dated 13th December, 2022 with the above subject refers.
2. Regulation 14 of Fire Precaution (Premises) Regulations, LI 1724 of 2003 states that an owner or occupier of premise who proposes to:
 - a. Make an extension or major structural alteration to the premises;
 - b. make an alteration to internal arrangements of the premises shall give notice of the proposal and obtain approval from the Chief Fire Officer before the proposal is effected.
- 203 lockable stores and 260⁺ spaces have been added to the initially constructed stores without approval from the Chief Fire Officer.
3. Regulation 6(1) of LI 1724 also states that the Chief Fire Officer may revoke a fire certificate if the fire precaution measures on the premises ceases to conform to the requirements of the regulations.
 - a. The couplings provided are not compatible with Ghana National Fire Service standard which is BS 336.
 - b. Main valve that supply water to properly protection equipment in the market have been shut down due to leakages.
 - c. Fire control panel connected to other early detection and warning systems have been shut down disabling the entire early detection and warning system in place.

The fire precaution measures on your premises do not conform to the standards of the above stated regulation.

4. You have been notified about the above as per letters numbered DF7/29/A1/9 dated 30th September, 2021, DI 7/29/A1/9 dated 14th January, 2022 and GNFS/KFP/RV/VOL.1/05 dated 18th October, 2022.
5. You are hereby notified that your Fire Certificate shall not be renewed unless steps are taken to improve the following conditions of safety on the premise:
 - a. Submit updated plan showing the additional stores and spaces that have been added to the premises;
 - b. Replace couplings or provide adapters for the couplings;
 - c. Fix the main valve that supply water to the property protection equipment such as hydrants, hose reel and sprinklers.
 - d. Fix the early detections and warning systems such as control panel, call point and sounders.
6. Take notice that the Chief Fire Officer reserves the right to prohibit or restrict the use of the premises if the fire risk to persons on the premises is high until the necessary steps has been taken to reduce the fire risk to a level acceptable to the Chief Fire Officer as stated in Regulation 15 of L11724.



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