



6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Mr. Juma Tellah**

The Chief Executive Officer  
Kenya Ships Agents Association  
Mission to Seamen  
P.O. Box 83908

**MOMBASA**

Dear Sir,

**RE: PROVISION OF NIGHT PILOTAGE SERVICES FOR  
PETROLEUM TANKER VESSELS**

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The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) management is pleased to inform you that we successfully commenced provision of night pilotage services for petroleum tankers at the Port of Mombasa with effect from **01<sup>st</sup> July 2023**.

As you are aware, pilotage being compulsory for all inbound and outbound vessels, the Port of Mombasa has over the years been providing 24/7 pilotage services for all vessels except the petroleum tanker vessels which were restricted to daylight hours.

KPA has with time invested in appropriate infrastructure and resources to mitigate the various inherent risks associated with petroleum tanker vessels. To minimize the risks to acceptable operating levels during the night pilotage the following are some of the measures we have undertaken:

1. Dredging and widening of the navigation channel to safely accommodate drafts of up-to 14.4m below Chart Datum.
2. Installation and maintenance of appropriate Aids to Navigation including Sector Lights.
3. Improvement in lighting at all marine oil terminals.
4. Acquisition of modern ASD Tugboats ranging from 57.5 Bollard Pull to 125 Bollard Pull.

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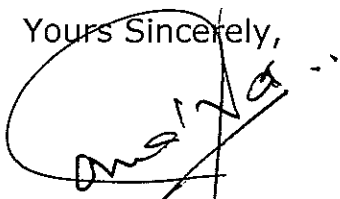
5. Training and professional development of Marine Pilots including simulator and ship handling training for Aframax Tankers in the UK and Germany.
6. Installation of new pneumatic rubber fenders at all marine oil terminals.
7. Construction of ultra-modern Kipevu Oil Terminal (KOT) II fitted with berth-mounted laser / radar ranging Berthing Aid System enabling Marine Pilots to make appropriate decisions for berthing energy and safe berthing /unberthing manoeuvres.

Additionally, in its quest to promote and sustain efficient port operations, KPA has also as from **July 1, 2023** suspended operation of the Likoni Floating Pedestrian Bridge for use by pedestrians to avail the Kilindini Channel for uninterrupted safe passage of vessels 24/7.

KPA in executing its mandate to achieve its Mission of providing efficient and competitive port services to facilitate global trade, takes pride and applauds the established partnership with the Shipping Lines /Agents not only as our primary customers but also as key stakeholders in port business operations.

Please bring the contents of this **Notice** to the attention of your members.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Namadoa', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Capt. Geoffrey Namadoa  
Harbour Master &  
General Manager Marine Operations  
**For: MANAGING DIRECTOR**