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**LAUNCH OF NSE AS A TRAINING PARTNER OF
THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE FOR SECURITIES
AND INVESTMENTS**

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Nairobi, October 23, 2018: The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) has today been officially accredited as a training partner by the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI). The institute is the largest and most widely respected professional finance and investments examinations body for the securities and investment profession in the United Kingdom (UK).

The accreditation will enable the NSE to offer 3 main trainings on i) International Introduction to Securities & Investments (Kenya), ii) Kenya Regulation and Market Practice and iii) Derivatives (Level 3). The packages will ensure professionals get requisite knowledge and skills that will give them a competitive edge in today's capital markets industry. CISI programmes are critical to Kenya's capital market as they increase the professional standards and enable career progression in wealth management, capital market and financial planning.

Speaking during the accreditation ceremony, the NSE Chief Executive, Mr. Geoffrey Odundo noted that, *"The accreditation as a CISI trainer is in line with our broader training strategy of increasing financial literacy and building capacity for the capital markets in Kenya against global standards. This programme shall have an impact on business and employment growth, increase in products and services in the capital market and the certification will form the basis of entry and continuing development into the securities industry."*

Commenting on the accreditation, the East Africa Region Representative CISI, Mr. Kimacia Gitauthe noted "CISI is proud and honoured to be partnering with the NSE towards capacity building and bring together competence and professionalism into the financial services market. We are sure we will have a long and fruitful relationship."

The NSE will be one of three institutions to partner officially with CISI to offer training and financial literacy. The NSE will offer online learning and classroom classes so as to give maximum capital market exposure to the students. The classes will be offered on both part time and full time basis so as to accommodate different schedules.

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Notes to the Editor

About Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc

The Nairobi Securities Exchange is the principal securities exchange of Kenya. Besides equity securities, the NSE offers a platform for the issuance and trading of debt securities. The NSE is a member of the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) and the East African Securities Exchanges Association (EASEA). It is a full member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), an associate member of the Association of Futures Markets (AFM) and a partner Exchange in the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative (SSE).

About Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments (CISI)

CISI is the leading professional body for securities, investments, wealth and financial planning professionals. Established in 1992, the body enjoys a membership of over 45,000 professionals and has a footprint in 104 countries. The Institute aims at setting standards of professional excellence, competence and integrity for securities, investments, wealth and financial planning professionals through offering a range of country specific professional qualifications Capital Markets, Corporate Finance, Compliance and Risk, Islamic Finance, Financial Planning among others.

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