



**THE REMARKS OF THE NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE CHAIRMAN,
MR. EDWARD NJOROGE
DURING THE BELL RINGING CEREMONY OF DIAMOND TRUST BANK
ON TUESDAY AUGUST 26, 2014**

The Chairman of Diamond Trust Bank Mr. Abdul Samji;

The Group CEO & Managing Director of Diamond Trust Bank Ms. Nasim Devji;

The Director Corporate Services of the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) Mr. Edwin Njamura;

The Members of the Board of Diamond Trust Bank present;

The Members of the Board of the Nairobi Securities Exchange present;

Distinguished Guests;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Nairobi Securities Exchange, I am delighted to welcome you to the Exchange Trading Floor to celebrate the listing and commencement in the trading of the additional 22,010,009 shares of Diamond Trust Bank (DTB). The listing is the first rights issue of the year. The demand was for 96 million shares (Kshs.15.84billion), over four times the amount DTB (Kshs.3.63billion) was seeking to raise. This is on the back of the British American Investment Company Bond issue, where investors applied for Kshs.7.4billion, more than twice the amount (Kshs.3.0billion) the firm was trying to raise. It signals the great demand from domestic and international investors for investment opportunities in the capital markets. We strongly urge our private sector and the Government of Kenya to take advantage of the current interest from investors to tap the capital markets to finance their projects.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Our relationship with DTB goes back forty two years to 1972. That was when Diamond Trust of Kenya, then a non-banking financial institution listed through an IPO and attained a share register of over 8,500 shareholders. In 1997, Diamond Trust of Kenya acquired a license to operate as a commercial bank.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is indeed commendable how Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) has repeatedly come to the capital markets to raise additional capital. This is DTB's fourth successful Rights Issue after three others in 2006 (Kshs.776 million), 2007 (Kshs.1.6billion) and 2012 (Kshs.1.8billion). DTB has used the funds to invest in its businesses across Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Rwanda. This has enabled DTB to use the capital markets to expand its footprint and brand across the region. The latest capital raise will be used to bolster its core capital.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The NSE continues to innovate, transform and adapt to fulfill the needs of our stakeholders and to live up to our own mission of providing a world class securities trading facility. Our long-term objective is to position Kenya as the financial services hub of the East African Region. 2014 is the diamond jubilee of the Exchange. We have demutualized and concluded our very successful Initial Public Offering. On September 9, 2014, we shall list the Exchange on the Main Investment Market Segment, (MIMS). Self-listing is proof of our commitment to transparency and good corporate governance.

Through the self-listing, NSE will join the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) as the second Exchange in Africa to demutualize and list itself. This places NSE in a better position to facilitate Kenya's capital markets as envisaged in the Capital Market Master Plan 2014 – 2023; A Kenya Vision 2030 Flagship project.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Nairobi Securities Exchange, I wish to extend a hand of congratulations and appreciation to the Chairman of DTB and your Board and the Chief Executive Officer of DTB and your Management for using the public markets to raise capital to finance your business.

With these few remarks, Ladies and Gentlemen, it's now my humble pleasure to invite Mr. Edwin Njamura, the Director Corporate Services for the Capital Markets Authority, to make his remarks.

EDWARD NJOROGI, CBS
CHAIRMAN