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NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE LAUNCHES THE 18th AFRICAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION (ASEA) CONFERENCE

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The Nairobi Securities Exchange Limited hosted the 18th African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) Pre-Conference Summit at the Exchange Building on 55 Westlands Road, Nairobi.

The 2014 ASEA Conference which marks the climax of the Exchange's auspicious diamond jubilee celebrations will take place on November 23 to 25, 2014 in Diani, Kenya. The Conference brings together the Association's members (23 key Africa Securities Exchanges) serving twenty seven (27) African States, and investors from the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, to reflect on the fundamental role of the Capital Markets in harnessing Africa's growth potential.

Speaking during the conference media launch, Mr Bob Karina the Vice Chairman of Nairobi Securities Exchange, said this year's conference theme is, Africa on the rise: Strengthening the Capital Markets Ecosystem to Fuel Economic Growth. The theme seeks to highlight how African exchanges are developing new products such as Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS), Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives to support Africa's growth.

Mr. Bob Karina added, we believe that the 18th ASEA Conference is a perfect opportunity for Kenya to showcase what we are doing as a market to position ourselves as the gateway to East and Central Africa. It also provides a very good opportunity to showcase to investors from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, how our listed companies can be used as a proxy for investment in Kenya and the wider East Africa region.



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The Vice Chairman of the Nairobi Securities Exchange, concluded by echoing the speech of His Excellency President Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, delivered during the Listing of the Nairobi Securities Exchange on September 9, 2014, “Do not let your country down: mine is to ask you to showcase Nairobi as the financial services hub of East and Central Africa; and to make the case for Kenya to your compatriots.”

Speaking during the panel session at the 2014 ASEA Pre Conference Summit, the NSE Chairman, Mr. Edward Njoroge said, The NSE thanks all the sponsors of the 2014 ASEA Conference and invites other listed companies to partner with us as sponsors and delegates of this year’s conference and to register for the investor relations meetings to be facilitated by the NSE at the Conference.

This year’s conference brings together executives from member Securities Exchanges in Africa among other executives from the investment community in the US, Europe, the Middle, East and Asia.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

NSE launched the ASEA 2014 conference through a Pre- Conference Summit. The panel discussion topics included:

1. *Has listing on African Exchanges created value for shareholders?*
2. *Powering Africa’s Energy Sector through the Capital Markets*

Panelists in Attendance:

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| Mr. Eddy Njoroge | - Chairman, NSE |
| Mr. Kitili Mbathi | - Group Chief Executive, CFC Stanbic Holdings Ltd. |
| Mr. Onchi Maiko | - Regional Head Investment Banking, KCB |
| Mr. James Mworira | - Chief Executive Officer, Centum Investment Company |
| Mr. Laila Macharia | - Vice Chair, Kenya Private Sector Alliance |
| Mr. Raj Shah | - Head, Investment Banking, East Africa, Barclays Africa |



ABOUT THE AFRICAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION:

The African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) is the premier Association of 23 securities exchanges in Africa. ASEA aims at developing Member Exchanges, enhancing the global competitiveness of Member Exchanges and providing a platform for networking and exchange of information. Established in 1993, ASEA works with African Member Exchanges to unlock potential of the African Capital Markets by:

For more information visit:

ASEA Website: www.african-exchanges.org

ASEA 2014 Conference website: www.2014aseaconference.org

ABOUT THE NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE (NSE)

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) 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 an affiliate member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) and an associate member of the Association of Futures Markets (AFM).

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