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**NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE
LAUNCHES THE NSE 25 SHARE INDEX**

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Nairobi, October 2, 2015: In line with global best practice, the NSE Board recently approved the launch of a new index dubbed NSE 25 Share Index with effect from **2nd October 2015**. The move is informed by the need to have a reference benchmark that can be used by Capital Markets players, as we gear to launch the NSE Derivatives Market.

The Exchange currently has five market indices, that enable investors to measure the performance of the major industry segments of our Securities Market; the NSE 20 Share Index, NSE All share Index (NASI), FTSE NSE Kenya 15 Indices, FTSE NSE Kenya 25 Indices and the FTSE NSE KE Government Bond Index.

“The new NSE 25 Share Index has been designed and guided by industry best practices, with a view to provide the Exchange with opportunities to develop structured products in the equities and the upcoming derivative market; said Mr. Geoffrey Odundo, Chief Executive, of the NSE.

The criteria used in selecting the companies for the NSE 25 Share Index are as follows:

Shares must have their primary listing on the Nairobi Securities Exchange.

A company must have a least 20% of its shares quoted on the NSE.

A company must have been continuously quoted for a least 1 year.

A company must have a minimum market capitalization of Kshs. one billion

Should ideally be a “blue chip” superior profitability and dividend record.

The constituents of the NSE 25 Share Index are;

Security	Issued shares	Available Shares (Float)
Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	5,431,536,000.00	5,010,874,186.00
CFC Stanbic of Kenya Holdings Ltd ord.5.00	395,321,638.00	389,967,926.00
Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	242,110,105.00	198,824,483.00
Equity Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.50	3,701,689,865.00	3,657,407,687.00

Security	Issued shares	Available Shares (Float)
Housing Finance Co. Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	348,788,876.00	322,561,256.00
I&M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	392,362,039.00	383,416,813.00
Kenya Commercial Bank Ltd Ord 1.00	3,025,074,934.00	2,213,669,478.00
NIC Bank Ltd Ord 5.00	639,945,603.00	536,430,619.00
Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	309,159,467.00	56,020,785.00
The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	4,889,316,295.00	4,527,813,720.00
Nation Media Group Ltd Ord. 2.50	188,524,246.00	169,760,023.00
WPP Scangroup Ltd Ord 1.00	378,865,102.00	377,781,128.00
ARM Cement Ltd Ord 1.00	495,275,000.00	485,738,760.00
Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	362,959,275.00	145,791,800.00
KenGen Co. Ltd Ord. 2.50	2,198,345,968.00	613,794,474.00
KenolKobil Ltd Ord 0.05	1,471,761,200.00	1,424,532,270.00
Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	1,951,467,045.00	933,192,395.00
British-American Investments Co.(Kenya) Ltd Ord 0.10	1,938,415,838.00	1,451,301,738.00
CIC Insurance Group Ltd ord.1.00	2,615,538,528.00	589,924,417.00
Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	699,947,417.00	276,393,953.00
Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord.1.00	146,249,997.00	127,304,648.00
Centum Investment Co Ltd Ord 0.50	665,474,443.00	559,716,182.00
British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Ord 10.00	100,000,000.00	37,692,816.00
East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	790,771,044.00	676,290,521.00
Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	40,065,402,000.00	9,943,695,934.00

About the Nairobi Securities Exchange

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), an associate member of the Association of Futures Markets (AFM) and a partner Exchange in the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative (SSE).

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