

## Eye-to-eye with a giraffe



**15-year-old Ramadhan Mwedya (right), a Form Three student at St Martins Kaewa Secondary School, feeds a giraffe with ease at Haller Park in Mombasa. Bamburi Cement paid for Mwedya and her school mates to tour the park as a reward for their environment conservation efforts at school. [PHOTO: KELVIN KARANI/STANDARD]**

# Kaimenyi and Swazuri defend Waitiki land charges

## MOMBASA COUNTY

By PATRICK BEJA

The national government has defended the Sh182,000 charge on squatters allocated land on Waitiki Farm in Likoni.

Recently, the Opposition opposed the charges, with Governor Hassan Joho saying beneficiaries of the farm should not pay a penny. A week ago, the governor said it was unfair for the Government to buy land for squatters elsewhere in the country but charge those on Waitiki land.

But the Government said the amount is reasonable since an acre goes for Sh40 million at the farm, according to a Government valuation.

### BROKERED DEAL

In a joint statement issued on Saturday, Lands ministry and National Land Commission (NLC) countered reports by Opposition that beneficiaries were unhappy with the deal brokered by the President. They said instead, the collection of the leasehold titles has picked momentum.

Lands Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi and NLC Chairman Muhammad Swazuri said already, 1,400 beneficiaries have collected their documents, paying to Settlement Fund Trustee (SFT) a total of Sh700,000. The officials also said the certificates of lease issued to the land beneficiaries were authentic and would be



### WHAT OFFICIALS SAID

- Kaimenyi and Swazuri said Waitiki land occupiers had to pay the subsidised cost since they were neither ordinary squatters nor poor landless Kenyans to necessitate Government to spend taxpayers' money to acquire land for them after they obtained the land illegitimately
- They said giving the land freely would have set a dangerous precedent with implications that it is right to invade private property

used as collateral.

"It is important for beneficiaries to note that a leasehold title is an authentic document that can be used as a collateral like the leasehold. Any information to the contrary is incorrect and should be rubbished," said the statement.

The CS and NLC boss noted 5,007 certificates of lease out of the total 7,807 are ready for collection but the remaining 28,000 have not been processed because information on identity card numbers was lacking, family disputes were yet to be resolved or beneficiaries failed to show up during adjudication and verification of plots.

### FREE LAND

A week ago, Joho said: "Coast people should be given free land by the Government like others elsewhere in the country. I am asking the beneficiaries of Waitiki land not to pay. It is our land and you should not pay."

But Prof Kaimenyi and Swazuri said given the peculiarity of the situation pertaining to the Waitiki land occupation, the State adopted an owner-government assisted settlement scheme approach which cannot be compared to the normal programmes that are carried out either for landless poor or internally displaced persons. "In this respect therefore, it not possible to expect that beneficiaries of such schemes can be treated on same terms," they said.

They fought off accusations that the State issued the Waitiki beneficiaries certificates of lease instead of freehold titles, saying even Evanston Waitiki owned the land on leasehold basis and so were the subsequent divisions.



## NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

The National Construction Authority (NCA) is a State Corporation under the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development established under the NCA Act No. 41 of 2011 with a broad mandate to oversee the construction industry and coordinate its development.

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) TENDER NO NCA/T/10/2015-2016

#### CONSULTANCY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS), CONSTRUCTION SITE MAPPING SYSTEM (CSMS) AND IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

#### Introduction:

The National Construction Authority (NCA) is a state corporation established by an Act of Parliament; the National Construction Authority Act No. 41 of 2011. The broad mandate of NCA is to oversee construction industry and coordinate its development. One of its key functions among others is to initiate and maintain a construction industry information system. The Authority invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified and experienced Systems Integrators to develop and implement an Integrated Geographic Information System (GIS), Construction Site Mapping System (CSMS) and Identification System (IS) to further automate its registration and compliance mandate.

#### Objectives:

The Authority requires a secure, scalable and highly available Integrated Web Based System that shall allow for mobile and online data upload and visualization of geo-referenced data on constructions and the key players within the construction industry. Additionally, the system shall facilitate the Authority field staff, contractors, sub-contractors, construction workers and the general public to carry out monitoring and evaluation of construction projects, file status reports, make various payments to ensure compliance to the Act and Regulations by all players within the construction industry.

#### The specific objectives of the solution are to:

Design, develop, implement, commission and support a robust solution that:

- Allows the Authority Staff, Contractors, Sub-contractors, Consultants, Site Supervisors, Construction Workers and the General Public to participate in collection, verification, moderation and sending of construction data while also using geo-visualization principles to present the information in geo-information database in an interactive way.
- Enables the Authority to map and monitor for compliance construction projects (including their most current status), final survey once a site is completed or closed and the personnel (identification, time and attendance details where applicable with accurate geo-positioning) involved in the construction industry.
- Incorporate an online data upload system using various channels/modes such PDA devices with functionality to authenticate itself to a centralized authentication system. This in turn will give a report on the uploaded information. The solution will also check the geospatial integrity of the uploaded data to ensure logical consistency of the data. The authentication system will then send a notification to the Authority to moderate the uploaded data and ensure that all the fields of interest are captured. The solution should also send a log of all previously attempted yet failed transmission for auditing purposes.
- Integrations with Enterprise Resource Planning System, Regulatory Construction Information System, Document Management System, Payment channels with an option to intergrate with future systems from other government agencies/ national initiatives such as TVET for upload of various details such as graduate/trained workers details.
- Training and Capacity Building for the Authority staff, Consultants, Contractors, Sub-contractors, Site Supervisors, Construction Workers etc.

#### Eligibility

Interested bidders must;

Provide Company registration certificate and a valid tax compliance certificate.

Provide Company Profile, CVs of key professionals/experts indicating educational background and experience in similar assignments. (attach documentary evidence).

Provide company's audited accounts for the last three years.

The firm will have demonstrable extensive experience in implementing such solutions. Such experience shall extensively cover the following domains:

- GIS solutions;
- Mapping solutions;
- Identification solutions;
- Systems intergrations.

Expressions of Interest clearly marked "Expression of Interest for Development and Implementation of an Integrated Geographic Information System (GIS), Construction Site Mapping System (CSMS) and Identification System (IS)" and Tender Reference Number as appropriate must be delivered at the Tender Box at the **National Construction Authority Offices, Ninth Floor KCB Plaza, Kenya Road Upper Hill Nairobi** addressed to;

**The Executive Director  
National Construction Authority (NCA)  
KCB Plaza, 9th Floor, Kenya Road,  
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So as to be received on or before **Thursday 18th February, 2016 at 11.00 am.**

The opening of the expressions of interest will take place immediately thereafter at the **National Construction Authority Offices, 11th Floor Board Room** in the presence of Tenderers/ Representatives who wish to attend.

**MANAGER SUPPLY CHAIN  
FOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**