

COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC) | SUMMARY OF LANDS AND COMPANIES REGISTRIES UPDATES

Summary of The Various Directives Issued by The Lands and Companies Registries

Following the confirmation of COVID-19 (*Coronavirus*) cases in the country and the directive by the Government of Kenya on preventing the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19), several government offices and registries have either closed or scaled down their operations and subsequently issued directives to try and mitigate the situation. Below is a summary of the directives so far issued (as at 20th March 2020) by the Lands and Companies Registries:

1. Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning directives issued on 16th March 2020

The Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning issued a Public Notice declaring that all land offices and registries across the country will be closed for a period of twenty eight (28) days with effect from Tuesday 17th March, 2020. The directive extends to services offered at the Survey of Kenya Headquarters, in Nairobi.

2. Office of the Attorney General and Department of Justice - Business Registration Service (“BRS”) Directive

The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Justice - Business Registration Service (“BRS”) also issued a public notice stating that it has suspended its services at Sheria House and the Companies Registry banking hall temporarily, with effect from 16th March 2020. The online services on brs.ecitizen.go.ke however continue to be accessible.

We will keep you advised on any developments with respect thereto.

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