



**News Release**

## **Kisumu Oil Jetty is technically sound to export oil to the region, says KPC**

**Wednesday, 13 March 2019** ... Kisumu oil jetty is technically sound to transport oil to the East African region once Uganda completes constructing their jetty in June this year, KPC has said.

This assurance comes after concerns have been raised with regard to the jetty's technical capacity to export petroleum products to the region.

"KPC has seen some erroneous stories in sections of the media claiming that the jetty has flaws that will undermine our plans of exporting oil to our neighbours. The jetty is technically sound and what we are doing now is closely consult with Uganda on how the two jetties will be operated in harmony," said Hudson Andambi, KPC acting Managing Director.

KPC boss said, in a statement to the media, that last year the Ugandan jetty contractor Mahathi Infra EA Ltd visited Kisumu oil jetty to familiarise themselves with the project and during this visit, issues to do with the operationalization of the two jetties were raised.

"Last week, cluster experts drawn from Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda under the Northern Corridor Integration Project visited the Kisumu jetty together with representatives from Mahathi to verify the status and were satisfied that the issues raised earlier had been addressed," Andambi said.

The jetty, which was completed last year and awaits to begin its commercial operations very soon when Uganda completes constructing hers, will boost the utilization of the lake to transport refined petroleum products and spur economic activities around the Great Lakes Region.

With the jetty now on board, KPC is set to regain the East African petroleum market share part of which has been lost to Tanzania's Central Corridor. The jetty is expected to deliver petroleum products to neighbouring Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Eastern DRC and parts of Tanzania.

The KPC chief said that the oil jetty is expected to create an efficient and commercially viable integrated marine fuel transportation system in the region and this is expected to reduce transportation costs for the oil marketing companies.

"The oil jetty will transform Kisumu into the region's petroleum export hub. The emerging opportunities both on the Lake and on land will in turn stimulate economic activity across the Great Lakes region with an increase in vessels inspiring other industries to take up this mode of transport," said Andambi adding that all jetty facilities are in place awaiting wet commissioning and operationalization.

"Dry testing on the facility was done and completed during construction phase. A test run will be carried out once the vessel is made available by Mahathi in June 2019 and media will be invited to witness the event," KPC boss concluded.