



Press Release

KPC COMPLETES REPAIRS ON ITS PIPELINE FOLLOWING PRODUCT RELEASE INCIDENT AT KM 40 (SAMBURU)

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2020 ... Kenya Pipeline Company's (KPC) emergency team has completed repairs on its old Mombasa – Nairobi pipeline popularly referred to as Line 1 following an oil spillage at KM 40 (Samburu).

On 21st September 2020 at 1257hrs, the line stopped after a drastic pressure drop between Mariakani and Samburu in Kwale County. KPC emergency team was immediately dispatched and arrived at the site at 1300hrs and emergency procedures were immediately initiated including containment and recovery of hydrocarbons by reticulation of the product back to pump station (PS) 14 in Kipevu. This immediately stopped the leak. Repair of the leak point also commenced shortly after.

The repairs of the ruptured line were completed on Tuesday, 22nd September 2020 and the line normalized by 1245hrs on the same day. The clean-up of the site began immediately and is ongoing until the site is environmentally restored.

KPC wishes to assure the public that the incident has not in any way affected product availability both in the country and in the region. We have sufficient stocks in our various depots across the country.

Finally, KPC will continue to enhance the existing Right of Way (ROW) inspection through aerial and ground patrols to boost the safety of the pipeline.


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