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COLLAPSE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN UTAWALA, PLOT L.R.No. Nairobi/Block 115/352

Nairobi 18th April, 2022.....

The Institution of Engineers of Kenya has this morning visited the site of the collapsed building under construction in Utawala, along the Eastern Bypass, in Nairobi County. The IEK team was headed by The President Eng. Eric Ohaga, 2nd Vice President, Eng. Christine Ogut, Hon. Secretary Eng. Shammah Kiteme and Ordinary Council Member, Eng. Paul Ochola. Others accompanying the team were Dr.Eng. Issa Ismail and Eng. Samuel Charagu, Director National Building Inspectorate, State Department of Public Works, Eng. Samuel Abich and Eng. Chege Kago of Engineers Board of Kenya and Silas Ogengo from National Construction Authority.

We have established that the building collapsed yesterday, 17th April 2022. Detailed investigation of the collapsed building have commenced, and a report shall be issued in due course.

Building collapses in the country have been on the increase in recent times. As a professional body, IEK goal is to help developers, contractors, workers, construction engineers, project managers/supervisors, government agencies and regulatory bodies identify problems in construction, design, project management and management of site activities. Information collated from the ongoing investigation in this; and other cases of construction collapses elsewhere will help reduce future incidences.

As the Institution of Engineers of Kenya, we reiterate our commitment to ensuring public safety as a priority in the delivery of Engineering services.

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