REMARKS BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR CAPTAIN WILLIAM K. RUTO DURING THE COMMISSIONING OF A HAZMUT TRUCK ON 17^{TH} MARCH 2025 AT THE PORT OF MOMBASA.

- Senior Managers present,
- Colleagues,
- Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with great pleasure that we gather here this morning for the official commissioning of the newly acquired HAZMUT truck.

The acquisition of this state-of-the art truck is a testament of KPA's dedication to enhancing our port operations, while prioritizing the safety of our employees, stakeholders, environment, and the communities we serve.

Hazardous materials handling and transportation is a critical component of modern logistics, and ensuring their safe handling requires cutting-edge equipment and trained personnel. While we have established procedures and safeguards in place, the unpredictability of accidents requires us to be prepared for the unexpected.

With a HAZMAT truck, we can ensure a rapid and effective response to spills, leaks, and any other emergencies involving hazardous materials. This capability minimizes risks to our workers, the surrounding community, and the environment. Moreover, a dedicated truck would allow us to contain incidents quickly, preventing costly disruptions to port operations.

This truck is equipped with sophisticated equipment designed to meet international standards for hazardous material handling and transportation. Furthermore, it aligns with our broader mission of maintaining compliance with national and international regulations governing hazardous material handling.

As we commission this vital asset today, I wish to also emphasize the importance of properly skilling our staff through continuous training to be able

to utilize this truck efficiently. This will ensure that responders are adequately prepared to act during HAZMAT emergencies and will minimize potential impacts on people, property and the environment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I conclude, mine is to remind each one of us of our commitment and a shared responsibility in upholding the highest safety standards in our port facilities as stipulated in our Strategic plan.

Let us be purposeful and utilize the equipment at our disposal as we continue to set new benchmarks for port safety.

Thank you and May God Bless you all.