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## NOTICE

### CLARIFICATION ON WATER CONTAMINATION REPORT

Our attention has been drawn to an article under the header “**Drugs traces found in drinking water**” on Monday, July 4 2016 and subsequent editorial under the header “**Stop Water Pollution**” carried on Tuesday, July 5 2016 in the Daily Nation.

The Company would like to clarify that the findings of the study titled “*Occurrence Patterns of Pharmaceutical Residues in Waste Water, Surface Water and Ground Water of Nairobi*” is based on waste water and **NOT** drinking water sources from the catchments.

**Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company water sources come from rivers within the Aberdare catchments and treated to meet both local and international standards.**

The headline of the article on drinking water is misleading the Nairobi residents and consumers as our catchments are not exposed to drug contamination. This can be verified by National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) on pollution levels. Furthermore, the abstract highlighting the findings as published states clearly that the samples were taken from rivers within Nairobi which do not account as sources of water for distribution. Reference: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0045653516301102>

It is very unlikely that the pollutants stated in the study can be found within the water sources in the catchment areas providing water to Nairobi and its environs. However, the waste water treatment plants work with industries to ensure they meet the standards for effluent discharge into our sewer mains. NCWSC's Waste water Treatment plant in Ruai currently has the capacity to measure the presence of heavy metals and suspended solids as per the requirement of National Environmental Management Standards.

In light of the above, we seek to clarify the incorrect perception on drinking water. It is clear from the abstract on the research that the focus was on rivers and groundwater within Nairobi - having nothing to do with our main water sources -rivers in the catchments.

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